

## IWalk “Hidden Children, Survivors of the Holocaust in Brussels” Application Now Available in French and Dutch



On the occasion of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, 80 years after the Liberation of Camp Auschwitz–Birkenau, and the wider liberation of Europe, the House of European History has launched French and Dutch versions of ‘IWalk Brussels’. The free application provides a guided walking tour in the Marolles and city centre areas of Brussels, which have hosted significant Jewish communities at various times of history. The route is displayed via an interactive digital map on a smartphone, combining physical landmarks with compelling survivor stories.

IWalk Brussels invites you to step into the stories of Michel, Sonia, Hélène, and Gilbert—Holocaust survivors whose families originated in Poland, Hungary and Romania. Their survival strategies in German-occupied Brussels during the Second World War involved, for example, taking on false identities, hiding with foster families, evading round-ups and avoiding bombings. The IWalk Brussels tour combines their historical locations in the city, with the survivors’ photos, written stories and video testimonies. It involves six stops along a 2.2km route, starting on Rue Lenglentier, Marolles, and ending in the Grand Place.

Laurence Bragard, formal learning manager at the House of European History: *“Through this update, French and Dutch speakers in Brussels and beyond can now access this immersive tour in their native languages, at their own pace, and in a personal and impactful way. This makes the app even more relevant for schools and the wider public, and reveals previously hidden stories and memories in well-known parts of the city.”*

IWalk Brussels was funded by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and developed by the House of European History learning team in collaboration with the USC Shoah Foundation’s and Zachor Foundation’s team of educators. It is freely downloadable from [Google Play](#) and [Apple Store](#).

The House of European History is also marking International Holocaust Remembrance Day with the event [A WWII hidden child shares their story](#), with former “hidden child in Belgium” Regina Sluszny. Eighty-five year old Regina Sluszny is a Holocaust survivor who will share her story both in French and Dutch on Saturday 25 January in the museum.

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**Images:** for [download and media use are available here](#).

**About [House of European History](#)**

A place to debate, question and reflect on Europe's history. From myths and memories to the chaos and cohesion of the 20th century, the House of European History takes visitors on a journey along the path of Europe's history and challenges them to contemplate its future. A project of the European Parliament, the House of European History is located in the beautifully renovated Eastman Building in leafy Park Léopold. Tailored resources are available for schools, families and groups, offering a fascinating experience for all. Entrance to the museum is free.

**About [USC Shoah Foundation](#)**

The USC Shoah Foundation preserves and amplifies the voices of the past to build a future that remembers. The Visual History Archive (VHA) is home to more than 56,000 testimonies of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust, the Armenian Genocide, and other historical events of genocide, crimes against humanity, and related persecution, including contemporary antisemitism. It is the largest such collection in the world. Testimony empowers humanity. The VHA, which is indexed, fully digitized, and searchable, engages scholars, researchers, policymakers, and educators in building conversations and fostering insights and practical solutions to confront antisemitism, strengthen democratic values, and remember the Holocaust.

**About [Zachor Foundation](#)**

Zachor Foundation is an educational NGO based in Budapest, Hungary that draws attention to dangerous phenomena like racism, antisemitism, and prejudice through formal and non-formal education using personal stories including testimony from survivors and witnesses of genocide. It offers educational programs and educational materials as well as professional development developed in-house or in collaboration to equip educators with the tools and methods to address marginalization and prejudice in all educational contexts. Educational materials related to teaching about the Holocaust are prepared based on the educational recommendations of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance).

**About the [IHRA](#)**

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is the only intergovernmental organisation with a mandate focused solely on the Holocaust and the genocide of the Roma. Its priority is to counter distortion and safeguard the record of the Holocaust and the genocide of the Roma by strengthening political commitment, setting standards and developing tools, and building an international community. The IHRA was initiated in 1998 by former Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson as the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research (ITF). Its network currently consists of 35 Member Countries, 9 Liaison Countries, and 10 Permanent International Partner Organisations. Each delegation is made up of at least one governmental representative and leading subject-matter experts in the field.

