

Introduction

Goals

1. Learn about Nazi mistreatment of Jewish cemeteries as sites of physical and cultural genocide
2. Collaborating/Partnering
3. Remembering (Do Justice)
4. Restoring (Social Order)
5. Reconciling

Achievements

1. Changing dynamic interchange between the Polish and Jewish communities
2. Developing groups of people, who collaboratively preserve and care for Jewish cemeteries
3. Facilitating long-term care and preservation of Jewish cemeteries
4. Building communities of memory that facilitate the restoration of relationships, healing, and reconciliation

Conclusions

1. Collaborative partnerships preserve Jewish heritage
 - They lead to cultural stewardship
 - Poles become cultural stewards
2. “Truly preserving the memory of [a] Jewish community can only be accomplished together“
3. Partnerships expose people to ideas and viewpoints to which they “might not otherwise ever have had any exposure”

4. “[Partnership] elevates us all and makes us all better”
5. “Partnership creates a project that is “going to make a difference long after we are not here anymore”
6. As an organization, the Matzevah Foundation plays a role in moral matters - we speak for those who have no voice today.