**I AM MERA ABRAMOVICH FROM MARIAMPOL, LITHUANIA**

I was born in 1925 in Kovno. There I lived with my family. My mother died when I was 8 years old. I also had brothers... but they were shot at the start of the war. In 1941, I escaped deep into Russia. That’s how I survived that war.

The fate of the Jews who were left in my town was terrible. Those who did not save themselves were all shot. All put in one grave, all together, children, men, women and elders. Everybody was undressed, naked, and shot.

The hole was covered with lye. Those who witnessed this told us that for three days after that the earth in this grave was raising up and down and there was moaning coming out of the grave. There were more than 8000 people in there.

This is the fate of the Jews of my town. Today there are only 6 Jews remaining. Such is our history.

I am grateful to you for your help.

With respect, Mera