

## Ashes from Belzec. Willie Glaser's travels in Poland 2008 Part VI: Montreal (Canada)

In the cemetery of my synagogue is a Holocaust memorial and every year before the Jewish holidays the synagogue has a memorial service there. On Sunday, October 5, at 1.00 P.M., there was a Holocaust memorial service and the burial of the ashes.



The box for the ashes; I painted the box myself



Me just before the ceremony of burial



Getting ready for memorial service; the candles are electric, previously the wind always blew them out



I brought the box to the cemetery in this blue "Gebetsmantelsäckchen" (small bag for the prayer coat). I am sitting on the base of the memorial



Just about getting ready to lower the box into a little grave



The box in the little grave



Throwing earth into the grave with a little scoop (everybody present did that)



The grave is now full with earth. On the next day the cemetery workers prepared a foundation and the stone was placed



Preparing to give a short speech. The man with the black hat is my rabbi



Giving the speech. There were about 200 people present, but because there are graves close to the monument, not many people could stand near the burial site



**Holocaust memorial on the cemetery of my congregation**

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