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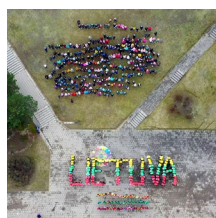
The civic initiative *The living flower of the nation*



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Puskinas gymnasium



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Vilnius "Rytas"
progymnasium

In celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the restoration of Lithuanian independence, 175 education institutions of Lithuania joined the civic initiative *The living flower of the nation*.

The civic initiative was held for the seventh year in 2020 to celebrate March 11 in a happy and creative way. Teachers, educators, pupils and children of all education institutions were invited to create live picture formations - a flower of the nation and to make photos for the record.

The civic initiative *The living flower of the nation* has been taking place in Lithuania since 2014. This event is initiated by the International Commission together with the authors of this idea - Kastyčio Ramanausko kindergarten in Panevėžys.

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National project *Getting to know Jewish cultural heritage for Tolerance education centers and general education institutions*



At the beginning of 2020 a national project was launched in Lithuania - the artistic expression contest *Getting to know Jewish cultural heritage*. The project is aimed at the school communities of Lithuania to encourage pupils to have interest in Lithuanian Jewish history, culture, cultural heritage and to apply artistic expression means for expressing acquired knowledge and understanding.



The pupils sent their works to the project organizers until the end of February. More than 100 works from 42 Lithuanian schools were submitted for the contest. The jury selected 60 works to be exhibited in the Multicultural center of Kedainiai Regional Museum.

The national project *Getting to know Jewish cultural heritage* is organized by the International Commission for the evaluation of the crimes of the Nazi and Soviet occupation regimes in Lithuania together with the Multicultural center of Kedainiai Regional museum, commemorating the of the Vilna Gaon and the history of the Jews of Lithuania.

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Teachers got introduced to the topics of Lithuanian Jewish history at the workshop in Kaunas



On 17-18 February a workshop *Getting to know Lithuanian Jewish history* was held for teachers in Kaunas. 40 teachers from Lithuanian mainstream institutions participated in the seminar.

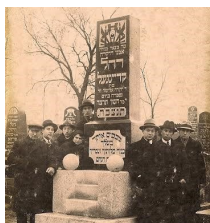
The two-day workshop/seminar included lectures for teachers on Jewish traditions, celebrations, and their life in Shtetls until World War II, the Holocaust. The history and causes of anti-Semitism were analyzed by dr. Linas Venclauskas. The causes and phases of the Holocaust were presented by a historian dr. Arūnas Bubnys. The participants of the workshop visited Kaunas Choral synagogue, where they got introduced to the traditions of Judaism and the decorative elements of the synagogue.

The seminar was organized by the Secretariat of the International Commission for the evaluation of the crimes of the Nazi and Soviet occupation regimes in Lithuania in partnership for the event with the International Yiddish Cultural Center of the World Jewish Congress in Vilnius.

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NEWS FROM TOLERANCE EDUCATION CENTERS

Tolerance education center of the gymnasium in Kalvarija started implementation of a project *A lost community*



Tolerance education center of the gymnasium in Kalvarija started implementation of a project *A lost community*. The team of the Tolerance education center began collecting data on Jews, who had lived in Kalvarija. The team from the gymnasium is working with the database of the archives in Yad Vashem to find information on the Jews, killed during the Holocaust. The project is planned to be completed in autumn, with the first commemoration stone (Stolpersteine) in Kalvarija embedded in the pavement. A list of the Jewish victims of Kalvarija will be prepared and set out at the new premises of the town library. Family stories of the Jews of Kalvarija, which were discovered will be posted on Facebook.

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A new Tolerance education center was established in the gymnasium of Lavoriskes

