



NEWSLETTER

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THE STUDENTS PRESENTED THE WORKS OF LITVAKS' LITERATURE IN THE 2ND READERS' CONTEST.

On October 23, a contest for student readers was held at the Kaunas IX fort museum, where students read works by Lithuanian Jews (writers, poets, and publicists). The readers' contest has been held for the second year. This year, due to the current situation, the organizers limited the number of participants, although many students from all over Lithuania wanted to participate in the contest. The event was attended by students with teachers from 32 Lithuanian schools. The event was organized by Kaunas IX fort museum together with the secretariat of the International Commission and Kaunas Jewish community.



LECTURES BY HISTORIANS HELD REMOTELY FOR LITHUANIAN TEACHERS

In the autumn of 2020, a series of remote lectures was started for teachers, organized by the Secretariat of the International Commission. The teachers have already attended lectures by prof. Saulius Sužiedėlis, dr. Linas Venclauskas and assoc.prof.dr. Algirdas Jakubčionis. The Secretariat of the International Commission organized part of the lectures, together with YadVashem, the International School for Holocaust Studies in Israel, and the International Yiddish Center of the World Jewish Congress. It is planned to organize lectures for teachers remotely until springtime in 2021.



LITHUANIAN TEACHERS PARTICIPATED IN AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY THE TOLI INSTITUTE AND THE SECRETARIAT

An international seminar, "Teaching about the Holocaust and Human Rights Violations," was held in October-November, with 40 Lithuanian teachers' participation. The seminar was held remotely and in various forms. Lecturers from Lithuania, Poland, and the United States delivered lectures to the teachers: prof. Saulius Sužiedėlis, prof. Šarūnas Liekis, dr. Vadim Altskan, dr. Lara Lempertienė, and lecturer Kataržyna Laziuk. The seminar participants had a virtual meeting with Assia Raberman, a Holocaust survivor. Oana Nestian-Sandu organized methodological classes, and Ingrida Vilkienė presented educational activities implemented by the Secretariat of the International Commission. The international seminar was organized by the TOLI Institute (the USA) together with the Secretariat of the International Commission and the Lithuanian Jewish Community. The event is partly funded by the Goodwill Fund.



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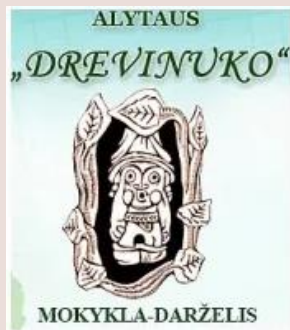




SEMINAR - DISCUSSION ON TOLERANCE AND INTOLERANCE

On October 8, a seminar-discussion "Tolerance in the society. Why do we need more of it?" was held in Balbieriškis. The meeting was attended by the public of Balbieriškis town.

Emanuelis Zingeris, Chairman of the International Commission, welcomed the event and spoke about tolerance in Lithuanian society. The event was organized by the Secretariat of the International Commission together with the Lithuanian Social Business Association and 2 Tolerance Education Centers in Balbieriškis.



NEWS FROM TOLERANCE EDUCATION CENTERS:

✓ In the autumn of 2020, 2 new Tolerance Education Centers were established: "Sangrūda" Gymnasium in the municipality of Kalvarija and "Drevinukas" School in Alytus. Currently, the network of Tolerance Education Centers consists of **150** educational institutions.

✓ In 2020, educational projects on perpetuating the history of Lithuanian Jews were implemented in Lithuanian schools. These projects were organized by teachers who participated in an international seminar organized by TOLI and the Secretariat in 2019. Project activities took place in 13 schools.

[For more information on the projects implemented, see the Commission's website, under TUC news.](#)



EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

In 2021, on the occasion of Freedom Defenders' Day, January 13, the Secretariat of the International Commission will invite everyone to take part in the annual civic initiative **"Memory Is Alive Because It Testifies."**

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