



Spring Newsletter



March – April, 2021

Participants of the poster contest "On What Was Lost" were assessed

At the beginning of 2021, the Secretariat of the International Commission launched a project, "On What Was Lost." The creative poster contest targeted Tolerance Education Centers and all Lithuanian schools to mark the International Holocaust Remembrance Day - January 27. Eighty-four students from 22 Lithuanian schools presented their works in the contest "On What Was Lost."

For more information, press here: <https://www.komisija.lt/en/participants...>



Adriana Radvilovič, Vilnius Juzefas Ignacijus Kraševskis gymnasium



Emilija Krulikovskaja, Vilnius Simonas Konarskis gymnasium



Gudas Radvilas, Kaunas Art gymnasium



Milana Falevič, Vilnius Naujamiestis school



Laura Dilytė, Vilnius „Rytas“ progymnasium



Širvintai Art school



Kaunas Jonas and Petras Vileišiai school



Plungė kindergarden
„Saulutė“



Kybartai „Rasa“ school

The civic initiative "The Living Flower of the Nation"

As the commemoration of March 11st approached, the Secretariat of the International Commission invited all Lithuanian educational institutions to participate in the annual civic initiative "Living Flower of the Nation." This year, 235 educational institutions participated: schools and kindergartens. The initiative is intended to joyfully and creatively mark the day of restoration of Lithuania's independence.

For more information, press here:

<https://www.komisija.lt/en/the-civic...>

Lectures for teachers of Tolerance Education Centers are held online

As the quarantine conditions continue, the communication with teachers is arranged online. The Secretariat of the International Commission organizes lectures for teachers, which are given by various lecturers. In February through April, teachers of Tolerance Education Centers participated in the courses of the following lecturers: dr. Arūnas Bubnys, assoc.prof.dr. Algirdas Jakubčionis, dr. Simonas Jazavita, Frederik Drachinsky, dr. Vilma Gradinskaitė, Julik Gurvič, dr. Daniel Romanovsky, dr. Alfredas Rukšėnas, dr. Lara Lempertienė, prof. Šarūnas Liekis.

Some of the lectures offered by the Secretariat of the International Commission are organized together with partners: YadVashem - the International School of Holocaust Studies in Israel and the International Yiddish Center of the World Jewish Congress in Vilnius.



Students were introduced to the 1949 mass deportation operation "Priboi" from Lithuania

At the end of March, the Secretariat of the International Commission invited the teachers of the Tolerance Education Centers to acquaint the students with the repressions/deportations carried out by the Soviet occupation authorities against the inhabitants of the occupied countries. The teachers of the Tolerance Education Centers organized various activities to introduce the topic of deportation to their students - introducing them to the tragic stories of people and their destinies.

For more information, press here: <https://www.komisija.lt/en/tolerance...>



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Screening of the film "Nana" and discussion with Lithuania's teachers and students

On April 1, The Secretariat of the International Commission, in cooperation with the Embassy of the United States of America in Vilnius, hosted a screening of the film "Nana" and a discussion with Lithuania's teachers and students who are in Tolerance Education Centers. "Nana" is a documentary about Holocaust survivor Maryla Michalowski-Dyamant. The event was opened by the Ambassador of the United States of America to Lithuania, Robert S. Gilchrist, and the representative of the US Embassy on the Holocaust issues, Ms. Cherrie Daniels. After the film screening, there was an interactive meeting with the film's director Serena Dykman. The event was attended by more than 100 students, teachers, and educators.

Yom HaShoah - Commemoration of Heroic Resistance to Nazism and Remembrance of the Holocaust Victims

This year, Yom HaShoah fell in Israel on April 8; it marks the uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto when a group of people then imprisoned in the ghetto heroically stood against the Nazis. This year, in commemoration of Yom HaShoah, a partner of the International Commission's Secretariat, the European March of the Living Organization (EMOTL), invited young people, teachers, and other organizations' representatives from various countries to take part in a virtual initiative to remember that it is possible to resist the aggression, the evil powers just like the Warsaw Ghetto prisoners did. The initiative was named: never means never (<https://nevermeansnever.com/>). Many teachers and students from Tolerance Education Centers in Lithuania took part in this virtual initiative.



Screening of an educational film on the subject of Jewish history in Warsaw

On April 28, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Vilnius, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the International Commission, invited the teachers of the Tolerance Education Centers to the screening and discussion of an educational film "Muranow - Northern Quarter." The film was created at the initiative of the POLIN Museum in Warsaw and is intended for pupils, students, and teachers. The film aims to introduce the life of the Jewish community in Warsaw before WW II, the imprisonment of people in the ghetto, the history of the ghetto uprising, and the fate of those who survived the Holocaust after the war. A large group of teachers and educators from all over Lithuania attended the event.





Alytus „Sakalėlis“ primary school Tolerance Center has already started to implement three projects

Thirty-one project on the history of Jews will be implemented in Lithuania's schools in 2021

Thirty-one projects on the history of local Jews and their destiny during the Holocaust will be implemented in Lithuanian public education schools in 2021. In the autumn of 2020, a two-month international workshop, "Training on the Holocaust and Human Rights Violations," was organized by the Olga Lengyel Institute from the United States of America (abbreviated as TOLI), together with the Secretariat of the International Commission and the Lithuanian Jewish Community. The workshop was attended by 40 teachers and educators from all over Lithuania. The event was held online. After the workshop, teachers were able to apply to TOLI for some funds to support projects about their local Jewish community, its fate during the Holocaust, and the perpetuation of historical memory. Thirty-one projects have received support and will be implemented in 21 schools during 2021.



More information about the International Commission and its partners activity:

<https://www.komisija.lt/en/>

Project "The Road of Memory 1941 - 2021" will start at the beginning of the coming summer

Together with its established Tolerance Education Centers and other partners, the International Commission initiates a national project, "The Road to Memory 1941 - 2021". The events of this initiative will take place in Lithuania from June to December.

For more information:

<https://www.komisija.lt/en/mem..>

