

Newsletter

Five new Tolerance Education Centers opened this autumn

This autumn, the Tolerance Education Centers were established by Pagėgiai Algimantas Mackus, Molėtai and Sakiai "Žiburys" Gymnasiums, Panevėžys "Šaltinio" Pro-gymnasium and Pakruojis Synagogue – Pakruojis District Municipality's Juozas Paukštelis Public Library.

International seminar "Holokaustas – kaip atspirties taškas" (*"The Holocaust as a starting point"*) in Vilnius

On October 18–20, an international seminar for teachers, "Holokaustas – kaip atspirties taškas" (*"The Holocaust as a starting point"*), took place in Vilnius, attended by 40 teachers from Lithuania and Poland. The seminar was organized by Memorial de la Shoah in cooperation with partners from Lithuania and Poland.

For more information:

<https://www.komisija.lt/en/international-seminar-the-holocaust-as-a-starting-point-in-vilnius/>.



Lithuanian educators heard a symphony dedicated to Chiune Sugihara

On 4 November, the Kaunas State Philharmonic hosted a dress rehearsal of the world premiere of "Atnešantys šviesą" (*"Bringing light"*), attended by more than 400 educators and students.

The Yad Vashem Institution – the World Centre for Holocaust Research and Commemoration – invited the Secretariat of the International Commission to invite Lithuanian teachers and students from Tolerance Education Centers to a dress rehearsal of the symphony "Atnešantys šviesą" (*"Bringing light"*), dedicated to the memory of Chiune Sugihara. More than 400 people (teachers, students, museum staff, librarians, and representatives of various institutions) attended the event at the Kaunas State Philharmonic. The guests were able to see the exhibition "Pasaulio tautų teisuoliai" (*"Righteous Among the Nations"*) organized by the Yad Vashem Institution.



Lecture by historian Algirdas Jakubčionis in Skaudvilė on Russian history and its hostile politics

On 7 November, the Skaudvilė Region Museum hosted a lecture by Algirdas Jakubčionis, a member of the International Commission for the Investigation of the Crimes of the Soviet Occupation, on the history of Russia and its hostile politics. The community of the town of Skaudvilė attended the event.

For more information:

<https://www.komisija.lt/en/historian-algirdas-jakubcionis-talking-about-russian-history-and-aggressive-politics-in-a-lecture-to-the-skaudvile-community/>.



Teachers' meeting with a new Director of Yad Vashem and the Israeli Ambassador to Lithuania

On 8 November, teachers and educators met with the new Director of Yad Vashem, Dani Dayan, and the Ambassador of the State of Israel to Lithuania, Hadas Wittenberg Silverstein, at the Vilna Gaon Jewish Museum.

The meeting with Lithuanian educators who participated in internships at Yad Vashem, the International School for Holocaust Studies, was an initiative of the Embassy of Israel in Lithuania and the Yad Vashem institution. The meeting aimed to exchange views on the benefits and the meaning of internships. 362 Lithuanian teachers have already participated since 2003.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Embassy of Israel and the Yad Vashem Institution, the Chairman of the International Commission Emanuelis Zingeris and the staff of the Secretariat of the International Commission, the Vice-Minister of Education, Science and Sport Ramūnas Skaudžius, representatives of the Vilna Gaon Museum of Jewish History, and 22 teachers and education staff from various Lithuanian educational institutions.

For more information: <https://www.komisija.lt/en/teachers-meeting-with-the-new-director-of-yad-vashem-and-the-israeli-ambassador-to-lithuania/>.



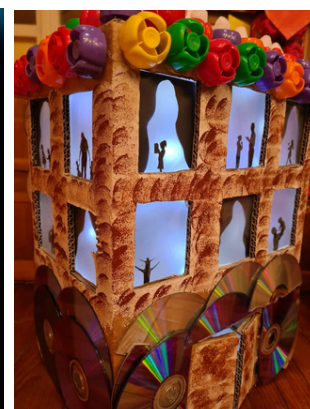
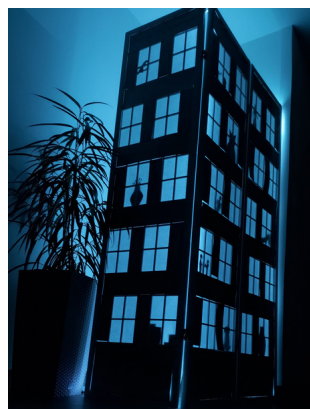
Observing the International Day for Tolerance – 16 November – in Lithuanian educational institutions

On 16 November 2022, International Day for Tolerance was celebrated in many Lithuanian schools and pre-schools. More than **1,200** educational institutions responded to the International Commission for Tolerance's call to mark the date creatively and excitingly by taking part in the civic initiative "TOLERANCIJOS NAMAS" (*"A TOLERANCE HOUSE"*).

In 1995, UNESCO recognized 16 November as International Day for Tolerance. At the initiative of the International Commission, Lithuania has been observing this day since 2003.

For more information:

<https://www.komisija.lt/en/celebrating-international-day-for-tolerance-in-lithuanian-educational-institutions/>



Events of the Tolerance Education Centers:

The history of the local Jewish community and rescuers of Jews in Pakruojis

At the end of September, an event was held at the Pakruojis Synagogue to commemorate the fate of the local Jewish community during the Second World War and to remember the local luminaries – the rescuers of Jews. The book “Holokaustas Lietuvos provincijoje 1941 metais” (*“The Holocaust in the Province of Lithuania in 1941”*) by historian Arūnas Bubnys, published by the International Commission in 2021, was presented to the audience in remembrance of the Holocaust that took place in Pakruojis region. The exhibition of the Vilna Gaon Museum of Jewish History, “Išsigelbėjęs žydų vaikas pasakoja apie ŠOA” (*“A Rescued Jewish Child Talks About the Shoah”*), was displayed to raise awareness on the topic of Jewish rescuers.

For more information:

<https://www.komisija.lt/en/remembering-the-local-jewish-community-and-the-rescuers-of-jews-in-the-region-of-pakruojis/>



Traditional event “Laisvės kelias” (*“Path of Freedom”*) at Druskininkai “Atgimimo” School

On 24 November, the Partisans Song Festival “Laisvės kelias” (*“Path of Freedom”*) took place at the Druskininkai “Atgimimo” School. This is the 12th time the event has taken place, and this year students from 24 Lithuanian schools participated.

The traditional event was organized by the Tolerance Education Centre of Druskininkai “Atgimimo” School.

For more information:

<https://www.komisija.lt/en/traditional-event-laisves-kelias-path-of-freedom-at-druskininkai-atgimimo-school/>

More information about the events of the International Commission:

www.komisija.lt/en

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