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# NEWSLETTER

*The Commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day – 27th of January **#WeRemember***



## NATIONAL ARTISTIC CONFERENCE – TO MARK INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY – 27 JANUARY

For the seventh year, Ariogala hosted an event for the communities of Tolerance Education Centres to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This year, representatives from 15 educational institutions with existing Tolerance Education Centres participated in the event. Many of the participants of the conference in their presentations narrated the stories of the Jews who had lived in the following areas: in Jonava, Kalvarija, Klaipėda, Kupiškis, Biržai, and in Akademija, a small town of Kėdainiai district.



At the conference's opening, Arvydas Stankus, Principal of Ariogala Gymnasium, appreciated that every year Ariogala becomes more beautiful and changes as it welcomes its guests. In 2022, the Ariogala Memory Park was founded, commemorating historical personalities who have lived and worked in Ariogala.







The event opened with an artistic composition, "From 1847 to 1941..." presented by the Baisiogala Culture Centre. The composition without words, using only the idea of a shadow theatre, told the story of the Jews of Baisiogala, which began in the 19th century and ended in 1941, when all the Jews of Baisiogala were murdered.

Ronaldas Račinskas, Executive Director of the International Commission, reminded the participants of the date of 27 January, emphasizing that every year this conference is the occasion for remembering the Jewish communities and the history of the local Jews who have lived in Lithuania and that this was the best way to commemorate them.

Participants of the artistic conference joined the annual *#WeRemember* initiative launched by the World Jewish Congress.



According to Gertz Žakas, Chairman of the Jewish Community of Kaunas, who participated in the event together with members of the community, "the stories told by the students and the situations they enacted are like a monument to the people who once lived and were killed just because they were Jewish."

Read more:

<https://www.komisija.lt/en/national-artistic-conference-to-mark-international-holocaust-remembrance-day-27-january/>





# COMMEMORATION EVENTS IN LITHUANIA ON INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



*Pupils' visit at the Jewish Community of Šiauliai district*

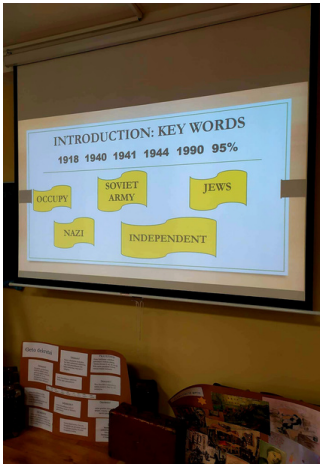


*The synagogue of Pakruojis*

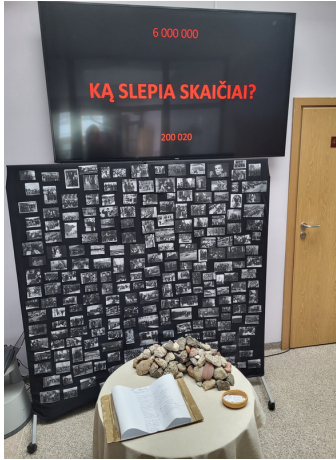


*Vilnius district Lavoriškės gymnasium*

From 23 to 27 January, Lithuanian schools with Tolerance Education Centres held commemorative events to remember the murdered Jews of Lithuania and to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day.



*Kaunas Jonas ir Petras Vileišiai School*



*Vilnius district Lavoriškės gymnasium*



*Šiauliai Gegužiai progymnasium*



*Mažeikiai Merkelis Račkauskas gymnasium*



*Kaunas Jonas ir Petras Vileišiai School*



*Kėdainiai „Ryto“ progymnasium*





Radviliškis Vaižgantas progymnasium



An event at the synagogue of Pakruojis



Kėdainiai „Ryto“ progymnasium



Kelmė Jonas Graičiūnas  
gymnasium

Integrated lessons, film screenings, and discussions were organized in educational institutions, as well as presentations of artistic productions and performances on the Holocaust to local communities.

Teachers used Yad Vashem – the International School for Holocaust Studies' methodological materials, documentaries available on the website of the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC, and the YIVO Institute's (USA) "History of Bebh" educational material for schools.

Some students and their teachers from the Centres for Tolerance Education visited the mass murder sites of Jews close to towns and townships.



The commemoration event at the Square of  
the Righteous Among the Nations in Šiauliai



Vilkaviškis Salomėja Nėris basic school



A commemoration event at the  
memorial of the synagogues  
square of Jurbarkas

## THREE NEWLY ESTABLISHED TOLERANCE EDUCATIONAL CENTRES JOINED THE NETWORK

Three new Tolerance Education Centres were established to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day on 27 January: Senamiesčio Gymnasium (Jonava), Vocational Training Centre (Kėdainiai), and the Baisiogala Cultural Centre in Radviliškis. Congratulations on joining the Tolerance Education Centres Network.



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