
Commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Lithuanian educational institutions

- The 9th and 10th graders of **Papilė Simonas Daukantas** gymnasium in Akmenė district marked the International Holocaust Remembrance Day by attending film screenings. Discussions followed the screenings. Kristina Puzarienė, teacher and coordinator of the Tolerance Education Centre.
- An integrated history and Lithuanian language lesson #MesPrisimename/ #WeRemember was organised at **Jotvingiai Gymnasium in Alytus**. During the lesson, a problematic topic was discussed: "International Holocaust Remembrance Day: do we understand the causes of the tragedy, and have we learnt our lessons?" The lesson was organised by history teacher Virginija Svinkūnienė and Lithuanian language teacher Rima Bartkienė.
- Lessons (history, Lithuanian language) were held at **Putinai Gymnasium in Alytus** on International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The information was provided by Vilija Baguckienė, teacher and coordinator of the Tolerance Education Centre.
- A commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day was held in **Alytus** on 26 January at 2 p.m. at the **Audiovisual Arts Centre**, 9 Kauno Street. A traditional artistic programme was prepared by the **Tolerance Education Centres of Alytus educational institutions operating in Adolfas Ramanauskas-Vanagas Gymnasium, Putinai Gymnasium, Jotvingiai Gymnasium, Piliakalnis Pro-Gymnasium, Sakalėlis Primary School and Drevinukas Kindergarten**. They presented a performance "Batistinis in Kasriliškės". The director, Arvydas Kinderis, helped to prepare the programme.
- In **Gargždai Vaivorykštė Gymnasium** organized the lesson "Stops", the idea of which was "brought" by teacher Ingrida Jančauskienė from the Centropa Seminar in Vilnius in October 2023. Twelfth-grade students presented the lesson to the second-grade students. The students chose topics based on the audio-guide stops in Paneriai, Vilnius Ghettos, and the theatre. At the same time, history teacher Ingrida summarised the material prepared by the students, talked about stereotypes, and suggested activities from the list recommended by Centropa. An information stand was set up in the gymnasium foyer with information on 27 January, why it is commemorated, etc. TEC coordinator Ingrida Jančauskienė.
- On 26 January, an integrated history, civics, and ethics lesson entitled "The Holocaust - a crime against humanity" was held at **Senamiesčio Gymnasium (Jonava)**. During the event, the participants were told about the events of the Second World War and the Holocaust, presented a project about the Jewish writer Grigorijus Kanovičius, who lived in Jonava during the interwar period and read excerpts from the book "Rescued in Potato Sacks" by S. Abramovičius and J. Zilbergs, telling about the children rescued during the Holocaust. The information was provided by Laima Statkevičienė, history teacher and coordinator of the Centre for Tolerance Education.
- History, art, and foreign language classes on the Holocaust were held at **the Art Gymnasium of Kaunas**. The gymnasium is an art school, so the students worked on drawings and posters for International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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- For a whole week, until 27 January, tenth graders of **Šlienava Primary School in Kaunas district** gave presentations on the Holocaust, which they prepared in groups. The topics of the presentations were the history of the Vilnius and Kaunas Ghettos, the granting of the status of Righteous Among the Nations, and the history of Paneriai and Kaunas IX Fort. History teacher Asta Skatikienė.
 - On 26 January 2024 at 2 p.m., an event was held at **St. Ignatius College in Kaunas** to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day. A film was shown, followed by a discussion.
 - The International Holocaust Remembrance Day was commemorated at **Vaikystė kindergarden in Kėdainiai**. Pre-school children were introduced to Jewish symbols and paid tribute to the victims.
 - At **J. Graičiūnas Gymnasium (Kelme)**, integrated history and English lessons were held to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day. During the integrated lessons, methodological materials prepared by Yad Vashem - the International School for Holocaust Studies - were used, exhibitions were displayed, and visual documentaries were shown on the gymnasium's TV.
 - **M. Račkauskas Gymnasium (Mažeikiai)** commemorated the International Holocaust Remembrance Day and held history and civics lessons. The school community joined the civic initiative #WEREMEMBER.
 - On 26 January, 7th-grade students of **Vladas Jurgutis Gymnasium in Palanga** commemorated the International Holocaust Remembrance Day at the "Commemoration of the International Holocaust Memorial Day in cooperation with the Jewish Community of Palanga." Participation in unveiling a plaque in memory of Professor L. Gutman in Palanga". Daiva Latožienė, coordinator of TEC activities at Vladas Jurgutis Gymnasium in Palanga.
 - On 26 January, **Prienai Regional Museum**, Justinas Marcinkevičius Public Library (Prienai), and students from Balbieriškis and Pakuonis schools joined the global #WeRemember campaign.
 - On 25-26 January, history teachers at **Lizdeika Gymnasium in Radviliškis** conducted lessons for the 2nd-grade students on the tragedy of the Jewish people during World War II. The history and civics lessons focused on the historical aspects of the event, as well as on human nature, attitudes, and behavior under extreme conditions, the will to survive, and the power to resist evil. History teacher A.Savickienė and Lithuanian language and literature teacher L.Verbickienė lectured on "The Holocaust. How could a human being do this?"
 - Students of **Pavenčiai School - Multifunctional Centre (Kuršėnai region)** took part in the commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust. The event was organised by the Cultural Centre of Šiauliai Region Municipality. The commemoration took place in Padarba forest, at the monument to the murdered Jews of Kuršėnai - Gaudžių village, Kuršėnai eldership.
 - At **Vincas Kudirka Gymnasium (Šiauliai)**, the memories of Holocaust survivors from the Jewish community of Šiauliai region (footage) were shown to students in grades 5-8 and discussed with the students. Teacher Rita Samoškienė.
 - A group of students from **Vydūnas Gymnasium (Šilutė)** took part in the commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day on 26 January, visiting the memorials in Švėkšna and Žemaičių Naumiestis to pay tribute to the victims of the Holocaust. A documentary about the Holocaust was shown in the school during breaks. Teacher Žydrūnas Mickeliūnas

- The International Holocaust Remembrance Day was commemorated at **Ateities Gymnasium (Telšiai)**. Eighth graders watched and discussed films and the book "The Diary of Anne Frank". The history teacher told the students about the life of the Jews in Telšiai. The information was provided by librarian Vanda Kuzienė.
- On 25 January, the exhibition "Shoah. Holocaust. How could a human being do this?", prepared by Yad Vashem - International School for Holocaust Studies, was opened. The exhibition was visited not only by students of **S. Nėries Gymnasium** but also by representatives of **Ažuolas Gymnasium (Vilkaviškis)** and **Santaka Gymnasium (Pilviškiai)**.
- On 26 January, foreign language teachers at **Vilnius Ryto Gymnasium** commemorated International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Information provided by Vilma Riabovienė, Head of TEC
- **Vilnius Kačialovo Gymnasium** commemorated the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The ethics and history lessons included film screenings and discussions about the Vilnius Ghetto, the fate of people during the Nazi occupation of Lithuania, and the politics of totalitarian states. Teacher Eugenijus Sachanevičius.