



NEWSLETTER

The Commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day – 27th of January
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An artistic conference to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day

On 26 January, Ariogala hosted a conference for the communities of the Tolerance Education Centres, "Children in the Holocaust." The event participants were students and teachers from 13 Lithuanian schools who presented artistic sketches and compositions based on the stories of Jewish children described in the book "Saved in Potato Sacks."



The conference was attended and welcomed by foreign diplomats from Israel and the United States of America: Ambassador Hadas Wittenberg Silverstein, Deputy Ambassador of the State of Israel, Erez Golan, Deputy Ambassador of the State of Israel, William Kendrick, Political Counsellor of the U.S. Embassy in Lithuania. The conference was attended by the Chairman of the Kaunas

Jewish Community, Gercas Žakas, and members of the community, the Director of the Public Institution "North Jerusalem" Anna Avidan, the Vice-Mayor of the Municipality of Raseiniai Mingaudas Tamaliūnas, the Head of the Education Department of the Municipality of Raseiniai Modesta Gailė, the Chairman of the Biržai Jewish Culture and History Society Vidmantas Jukonis.



The artistic conference dedicated to the International Holocaust Remembrance Day has been held since 2011. This was the eighth time the event took place in Ariogala and was attended by 120 students and 22 teachers from 13 general education institutions.

The traditional event was organised by the Secretariat of the International Commission together with the Tolerance Education Centre of Ariogala Gymnasium. More the information in [webpage](#).



Commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Lithuanian educational institutions

From 22 to 26 January, Lithuanian schools held lessons and events to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

For more than ten years, the Secretariat of the International Commission has been inviting general education institutions and tolerance education centres to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day

by organising commemorative ceremonies, specialised lessons, film screenings and discussions, and by creating drawings, posters or installations.

For more information on activities in schools, click [here](#):





Screening of the film "The United States and the Holocaust" on the occasion of International Holocaust Remembrance Day



On January 31, the U.S. Embassy in Lithuania and the American Reading Room at the National Library presented the documentary film "The USA and the Holocaust" (directed by Ken Burns). The event was dedicated to the school communities of the Vilnius region to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Read more about the event [here](#).

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On February 7, the Kaunas IX Fort Museum hosted a teacher seminar on "The story of the escape of 64 prisoners in 1943: an authentic historical narrative and the use of the Museum's exhibition". Ya'arit Glezer, a guest from Israel, shared the story of her father's escape, one of the prisoners of Kaunas IX Fort, Pinia Krakinovskij.

Participants of the seminar not only heard a lived story but also got acquainted with the new Escape exhibition, which tells the story of a unique event during the Holocaust in a modern and emotional way. Read more about the seminar [here](#).



Citizenship lesson in Vilnius Simonas Daukantas Gymnasium

On February 6, a civics lesson - a meeting with Ya'arit Glezer, a descendant of Holocaust survivors, took place at the Vilnius Simonas Daukantas Gymnasium. During the meeting with the students, the guest from Israel shared the story of her parents and her father, who was brought by the Nazis to Kaunas Fort IX, where he fell into a group of prisoners - corpse burners. The students learnt about the escape organised by the prisoners on December 25, 1943, when all 64 prisoners escaped from Kaunas IX Fort.

Read more about the civics lesson [here](#):

