



The International Commission
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SEMILAR FOR TEACHERS IN COOPERATION WITH CENTROPA

From 19 to 21 February, a seminar for teachers was held in Kaunas, organised by Centropa in cooperation with the Secretariat of the International Commission. The three-day seminar, "Methods of teaching the history of Lithuanian Jews and the Holocaust using Centropa materials," was aimed at teachers and educators who have already participated in Centropa events.

Twenty-six teachers and educational staff from all over Lithuania took part in the event. The seminar was organised on Centropa's (Austria) initiative in cooperation with the Secretariat of the International Commission and with the support of the Claims Conference and the European Commission. [More](#)



THE CIVIC INITIATIVE "THE LIVING FLOWER OF THE NATION"

On the occasion of the 34th anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's independence – March 11, 1990 – 253 Lithuanian educational institutions (schools, kindergartens, etc.) joined the organized civic initiative "The Living Flower of the Nation."

This year, on the eve of the celebration, members of the educational communities creatively used the colors of the Lithuanian and Ukrainian flags to create photos and collages. [More](#)

COMMEMORATION OF THE DAY OF THE RESCUERS OF LITHUANIAN JEWS

For the second year in a row, Lithuania commemorated the Day of Rescuers of Lithuanian Jews on 15 March. The commemorations in Vilnius began early in the morning. More than 120 Vilnius schoolchildren and their teachers visited the Jewish Culture and Information Centre, where they learned about the stories of the Jewish rescuers, and Yad Vashem, the International Holocaust Remembrance Centre in Israel. They had the opportunity to immortalise the names of the Lithuanian Jewish rescuers in a specially created symbolic place of the Righteous Among the Nations.

On that day, representatives of 3 Lithuanian regional schools came to Vilnius on the initiative of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Secretariat of the International Commission. The students and their teachers not only visited the new Museum of Litvak Identity and the exhibition on the Jewish Rescuers at Vilnius City Hall but also took part in the official event commemorating the Day of the Rescuers of Lithuanian Jews, held at Vilnius University. Students from Alytus, Marijampolė, and Utena read the names of the Jewish rescuers together with politicians, diplomats, members of the Lithuanian Jewish community, students, and public figures.

The Day of the Rescuers of Lithuanian Jews events were also held in other cities and towns at Tolerance Education Centres. [More](#)



THE 175TH TOLERANCE EDUCATION CENTRE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT ANTANAS BARANAUSKAS BASIC SCHOOL IN ANYKŠČIAI.



➤➤➤ A WORKSHOP IN KĖDAINIAI

Kovo 28–29 d. Kėdainių karšto muziejaus Daugiakultūriame centre vyko dviejų dienų seminaras „Metodinės medžiagos ir muziejinių vertybių panaudojimas ugdymo procese“ mokytojams ir muziejininkams, kurie 2023 m. vasarą dalyvavo stažuotėje Izraelyje, Yad Vashem – tarptautinėje studijų apie Holokaustą mokykloje. Seminara metu buvo aplankyta Holokausto aukų vieta Daukšių kaime, dalyvauta edukacinėje ekskursijoje po Kėdainių daugiakultūrį miestą, aptarta, diskutuota apie stažuotės metu įgytas žinias, parsivežtos metodinės medžiagos panaudojimą, lankytus muziejus ir memorialines vietas Izraelyje. Renginį organizavo Tarptautinės komisijos sekretoriatas kartu su ilgamečiu partneriu – Kėdainių krašto muziejumi. [More](#)



➤➤➤ VARĖNA HOSTS TRADITIONAL SONG FESTIVAL "SONGS FROM THE EXILE"

On 19 April, the traditional song festival "Songs from the Exile" was held at the Varėna Cultural Centre. It is a traditional spring event held to commemorate the songs sung in exile and in the gulags.

"Songs from the Exile" was an engaging event where representatives of 16 schools showed their performances. The performances were not only traditional renditions, but also contemporary interpretations with new arrangements. The diversity of the event was further enhanced by the inclusion of a song by Ukrainian resistance fighters, performed in Ukrainian by students from Troškūnai Gymnasium.

The festival "Songs from Exile" was organised by the Secretariat of the International Commission in cooperation with the Tolerance Education Centre of the Ažuolo Gymnasium in Varėna. 2024 was the tenth edition of the Song Festival. The first one took place in Vilnius in 2014, and since 2015 it has been held annually in Varėna. [More](#)



➤➤➤ IN MARCH 2024, A NEW INTERNATIONAL PROJECT WAS LAUNCHED, CO-FUNDED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

On 1 March 2024, an international project, "Combating Holocaust denial and distortion through active citizenship, remembrance, and education," was launched. The project will run until 28 February 2026 and is co-funded by the European Union under the CERV programme. The international project will enable teachers from Lithuania, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania, and Sweden to participate in various educational activities such as workshops and conferences.

The project is co-funded by the European Union's CERV programme. It is also funded by the Olga Lengyel Institute (New York, USA) and the Goodwill Foundation (GVF) in Lithuania. [More](#)



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➤➤➤ LITHUANIAN SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "LITVAK LITERATURE ON THE THEATRE STAGE" PROJECT

The Secretariat of the International Commission invites schools and tolerance education centres to participate in a literary and artistic project to learn more about Litvak (Lithuanian Jewish) literature. School communities interested in the idea of the project are invited to read Litvak works (fiction or non-fiction) and perform them on stage using artistic means such as dance, drama, shadow theatre, singing, music, stage language, and stage movement. The most creative and informative productions of literary works will be invited to present at the final project event at the Baisogala Cultural Centre in November 2024.

The project is initiated by the Secretariat of the International Commission in cooperation with the Tolerance Education Centre of the Baisogala Cultural Centre and the Jakovas Bunka Charity and Support Foundation. The project is co-funded by the Goodwill Foundation (GVF). [More](#)



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