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Seminar for Education Professionals on the History of Lithuanian Jews

A seminar for teachers and education professionals was held in Vilnius on March 12–14. The seminar, titled “A World We Must Remember: 20th-Century Jewish History in Lithuania and the Holocaust,” was designed to introduce the teaching materials, biographies of Holocaust survivors, and educational films compiled by the organization Centropa.

The seminar, which focused on the history of Lithuanian Jews, was attended by teachers, museum curators, and educators from Alytus, Anykščiai District, Jurbarkas, Kaunas City and Kaunas District, Klaipėda, Kaišiadorys, Pakruojis, Radviliškis, Lazdijai, and Vilnius.

The educational event was organized by Centropa in cooperation with the Secretariat of the International Commission. The seminar was supported by: the Claims Conference, the Goodwill Foundation, and the European Commission [More](#)



The civic initiative “Living Flower of the Nation”

As Lithuania’s Independence Restoration Day approached, 175 Lithuanian educational institutions joined the civic initiative “Living Flower of the Nation”. The idea behind this initiative is to creatively use the colors of the Lithuanian flag, to form a composition of participants dressed in different-colored clothing or various details and symbols, thereby commemorating a date of great importance to Lithuania and sharing a photo of the creative outcome. [More](#)

The commemoration of the Day of Lithuanian Rescuers’ of Jews

On March 13, an event dedicated to honoring Jewish rescuers was held in Vilnius at the Choral Synagogue. During the commemoration, students from the Krakės Mikalojus Katkus Gymnasium presented an artistic composition titled "A Promise in Krakės." The event, organized by the Lithuanian Jewish Community, the Secretariat of the International Commission, and the German Embassy, was attended not only by students and teachers from Vilnius "Sietuva", Jonas Basanavičius, Martynas Mažvydas Progymnasiums and Simonas Daukantas Gymnasium, but also by a group of teachers and education professionals participating in a seminar in Vilnius organized by Centropa.

From March 13 to 18, more than 60 educational institutions across Lithuania organized commemorative activities for Jewish Rescuers Day, including lessons, film screenings with discussions, excursions, and more.



Vilnius “Rytas” Pro-gymnasium

Plungė „Rytas“ Basic School



Mažeikiai Nursery-Kindergarten “Saulutė”



Alytus St. Benedict Gymnasium

Klaipėda Nursery-Kindergarten
“Traukinukas”

The civic initiative “Living Flower of the Nation”

A Lecture On The Righteous Among The Nations In Prienai

To share information about the Righteous Among the Nations, Ingrida Vilkienė, the International Commission's Coordinator of Educational Programs, visited Prienai at the invitation of the Prienai Regional Museum, the Prienai Cultural Center, and the University of the Third Age. Accompanying her was publicist and social activist Rimantas Stankevičius. He has written a book about the rescuers of Samuel Bak: Juozas Stakauskas, Vladas Žemaitis, and Sister Marija Mikulska. More than 150 people attended the event commemorating the Day of Lithuanian Rescuers of Jews. [More](#)

The communities of Šiauliai Gegužiai Progymnasium and Šiauliai "Saulėtekis" Gymnasium implemented the international "Butterfly Project"

On Lithuanian Jewish Rescuers Day, the international "Butterfly Project" carried out by students from Šiauliai Gegužiai Progymnasium and Šiauliai "Saulėtekis" Gymnasium was presented at the "Laiptai" Gallery of the Šiauliai Cultural Centre, along with a one-day exhibition dedicated to the memory of children murdered during the Holocaust. During the project, students sculpted clay butterflies, carefully decorated them, and dedicated each one to the memory of a specific child who perished in the Holocaust. [More](#)



A New Tolerance Education Center In Marijampolė



The Marijampolė Vocational Training Center joins the network of Tolerance Education Centers operating in Lithuania; this educational institution is now home to the 183rd Tolerance Education Center. [More](#)

Faina Kukliansky, Chairwoman of the Lithuanian Jewish Community, at an event in the Choral Synagogue in Vilnius



Molėtai Gymnasium



Kupiškis Museum



I. Vilkienė in Prienai



The commemoration of the Day of Lithuanian Rescuers' of Jews



Activities Of The International Project IMAGINE Implemented With Students In 2026

On March 26, students from three Tolerance Education Centers in Marijampolė visited Vilnius to participate in activities organized as part of the international project IMAGINE, implemented by the Secretariat of the International Commission. The day began with more than 60 students visiting the Paneriai Memorial, where they learned about its history and the lives of three Jewish women who survived the Holocaust. After discussing the tasks and exploring the Paneriai Memorial, the students visited Vilnius's Old Town, which had been a Jewish quarter before World War II and was linked to the history of the three Jewish women—Fania, Masha, and Chasia. The tour of the former Vilnius Ghetto ended with a visit to the ghetto hiding place at the Vilnius Jewish Culture and Information Center.

The international project IMAGINE is being implemented in seven European countries from 2025 to 2027. The project is coordinated by the organization Centropa and, in Lithuania, is being implemented by the Secretariat of the International Commission; it is funded by the European Commission. [More](#)

An Event In Vilnius To Commemorate Chiune Sugihara

This year marks 40 years since the death of Chiune Sugihara. On March 30, an event was held to honor the Japanese diplomat who extended a helping hand to people, mostly Polish Jews fleeing Nazism. Ingrida Vilkienė, coordinator of the International Commission's educational programs, read a speech written by Emanuelis Zingeris. He is a signatory of the Act of Independence of Lithuania, Chairman of the International Commission, and Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania. In the speech, Zingeris recalled the monument "Moonlight," erected in 1992 in Sugihara's memory on Pamėnkalnio street. The event commemorating Japanese diplomat Sugihara was organized by the Embassy of Japan in cooperation with the Vilnius Gaon Museum of Jewish History, the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, and the International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania. [More](#)

