

# Institute of Judaica Activity Report 2018

This year the institute continued work on several projects, and also started several new ones.

## 1. Educational projects

### 1.1. “School of young guides”, 2018

**Supported by the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund (The Netherlands).**

The project includes educational tours of the Jewish places of Kiev, as well as trips to the Jewish places of Ukraine and trainings for future guides. Lecturer-coaching course for young lovers of Jewish history.



## 1.2. “Exhibition as an educational tool. The lessons of the 20<sup>th</sup> century tragedy in Ukraine. Attempts to comprehend”

In 2018, the project was held in the Luhansk region, seminars - in the town of Severodonetsk.



Jointly by Institute of Judaica and Charitable Foundation "Dar", for teachers and student-guides, based on exhibitions «Holodomor, Holocaust, Gulag: 3 tragedies on the 20<sup>th</sup> century Ukraine. Totalitarian regime against the people and man», "Anna Frank. History Lessons and "Sources of Tolerance", with visual materials, eyewitness accounts, and other relevant materials. Carried out in Lugansk region: Severodonetsk, Shchastya (immediate battle area).

**10-12 April 2018:** 3-day seminar for teachers in Lugansk regions in the town of Svurodonetsk within the project.

**17–20 April 2018:** A series of trainings for the training of children-guides within the framework of the project.

**5 - 10 May, 2018:** Settlement Shchastya (immediate combat area)

The exhibition "HOLODOMOR, HOLOCAUST, GULAG - tragedies of the twentieth century on the Ukrainian land" was held in the Shastiynsky regional comprehensive sanatorium boarding school of the I-II degrees. Crimes of a totalitarian regime against the people and man ".

Supported by Department of Education and Science Department of Luhansk Oblast State Administration.

### 1.3. Project "Education of Tolerance and Discrimination Against Discrimination in the Ukrainian Society through the Study of Jewish History and Culture".



**12.2018 - 02.2019 - Nikolaev region.** A series of educational workshops for the project for teachers and schoolchildren of the region. The project was prepared with the assistance of the Human Rights Fund of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

The Institute of Judaica, with the support of the Human Rights Foundation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, is implementing the project **"Education of tolerance and the fight against discrimination in the Ukrainian society by studying Jewish history and culture"**. The project is based on exhibitions "Holodomor, Holocaust, Gulag - three tragedies on Ukrainian land in the twentieth century. Totalitarian regime against the people and man ", " Anna Frank. Lessons from History "and" The Origins of Tolerance ". Exhibitions contain documents, photographs, eyewitness accounts, and other materials related to the three largest tragedies of the twentieth century.

In 2018, the project was held in the Nikolaev region on the basis of the Nikolaev regional institute of postgraduate pedagogical education and Ternopil region of Ukraine.

<http://judaica.kiev.ua/en/node/265>

## 2. Exhibitions

### 2.1. Exhibition "**State of Israel - Ukrainian roots**".

The Zionist Federation of Ukraine, in cooperation with the Kiev Jewish Institute, presented the exhibition "The State of Israel - Ukrainian Roots", dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel. The exhibition consists of twelve posters, each of which reveals the direction of the development of the Jewish state such as the army, medicine, town planning, agriculture, energy, etc. through the prism of biographies of those who, born on the territory of today's Ukraine, came to Palestine and their ascetic labor closer to the creation of the Jewish state. The project sponsor is the World Confederation of United Zionists (WCUZ).

The production of the exhibition "Holodomor, Holocaust, Gulag - Three Tragedies on Ukrainian Land in the 20th Century. Totalitarian regime against the people and man "in English - in conjunction with the charity center "**DAR** "



### 3. Educational excursions and lectures

– A series of excursions within the framework of the project "School of Young Tour Guides".



- **Educational and training excursion connected with the life of Janusz Korczak in Kiev** with fragments of the history of Kiev Jewry. Within the framework of Korchak's Week.

- A series of excursions within the framework of the Sambatsion community programs.- Series of excursions under Limud-2018 programs.

- A series of lectures at the Kyiv Jewish Community Center HALOM

- Joint projects with the Kyiv Jewish community "Massoret" (family camp, lectures, excursions)

<http://judaica.kiev.ua/ru/node/245>

## 4. Seminars

- A three-day educational seminar for teachers within the framework of the project "Lessons from the tragedies of the twentieth century on Ukrainian soil. Attempts to comprehend. Exhibition as an educational tool. " Participants - 30 teachers of schools of Nikolaev and the region.
- Three four-day workshops for three groups of schoolchildren within the framework of the project "Lessons from the tragedies of the twentieth century on Ukrainian soil. Attempts to comprehend. Exhibition as an educational tool. " Students got acquainted with exhibitions and learned the skills of the guide. Participants - 66 schoolchildren of schools in the Nikolaev region.

## 5. Participation of the Institute of Judaica in international projects, seminars and conferences

- Joint Expedition of the Jewish Institute with the Sydney Jewish Museum with the participation of Professor Konrad Kwiet
- International conference "Limud - 2018". (J. Smilianska)
- Participation in seminars and projects of the community of creative Judaism "Sambatsion", Ukraine. (J. Smilianska)
- International conference "Sefer" (Russia, Moscow). (J. Smilianska)
- International Conference of Teachers and Project Managers in the Diaspora - Western Europe. Germany, Frankfurt am Main, December 2018 (E. Zaslavska)

## 6. Общинные программы

### 6.1. Mnemosina Club *(president: J. Smilianska)*

The Mnemosina Club continues its work for nineteen years since September 2000 with the purpose of activating the creative potential of the Hesed wards. Each event is held in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Each member of the club writes his note in a harmonious melody, uniting those who came to share their new finds in the archives. Those who brought interesting information, or wrote their memories of any period of their lives, about a street in our city or about the place of their childhood, and those who thankfully listens and aptly comments on what is happening.

Members of the club take an active part in organizing the search for documents and photographs, working in archives and libraries, doing research in the field of Jewish life in Kiev from the mid-nineteenth to the beginning of the twenty-first century, preparing materials for club meetings, exchanging information, recording their memories of events related to Jewish history of modern times.

Members of the Mnemosina Club take part in the archival programs of the Institute of Judaica.

## **7. Internet projects.**

**Preparing the text for an article in Wikipedia: The History of the Jews in Kyiv**  
(J.Smilianska)

**Web-site** (E. Zaskavska) – [www.judaica.kiev.ua](http://www.judaica.kiev.ua)

The site contains information on the work of the institute, its publications, programs and projects, as well as the contents and texts of the collections of the International Judaism Conferences "Jewish History and Culture in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe", the magazine "Eugupets" and some other books. There are also news about the work of the projects and programs of the Institute of Judaism and about some events in the life of the Jewish community in Ukraine. The site is registered in more than 300 directories and search engines of Ukraine and other countries. The information on the site is regularly updated.

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