

Institute of Judaica Activity Report 2019

In 2019, the Institute worked on a number of important projects in more than 20 cities of Ukraine. Educational, research and social projects were devoted to research in the field of Jewish history and culture, dissemination of information about Jewish life in Ukraine among Jewish and non-Jewish audiences, work with teachers and students of Ukraine in the field of tolerance education.

1. Educational projects.

1.1. The project "Education of Tolerance and Combating Discrimination within Ukrainian Society by Studying Jewish History and Culture" was supported by the Human Rights Foundation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and supported by the Dar Charitable Foundation and the Ukrainian-Jewish Meeting Foundation in cooperation with the educational institutions of Mykolayiv , Ternopil and Ivano-Frankivsk regions.

The project was implemented during 2019 in three regions of Ukraine, in which 96 teachers from 26 cities of Ukraine took part in the teachers' seminars. 189 secondary school pupil- guides were trained, who worked at the three exhibitions in 15 cities of Ukraine with a number of visitor nearly 29 thousand.

The work was organized as follows:

The first stage included preliminary preparation and coordination of the project with government agencies (city and regional education departments, school principals, teachers).

The second stage included teachers' seminars, in which the participants got acquainted with the project and the exhibitions. The seminars included lecture cycles, excursions to three exhibitions, practical classes on in-depth study of the history and culture of Ukrainian Jewry. The practical part of the seminars consisted of trainings aimed at understanding various aspects of tolerance, learning ways of overcoming historical and social stereotypes, the ability to recognize methods and techniques of propaganda and manipulation of consciousness, as well as to actively counteract them.

The third stage included the guides' seminars, in which young guides got four-day training sessions the methods of organizing and conducting excursions, learned the skills of a guide, mastered in lectures and comprehended during the training a huge amount of information, learned to critically interpret information, recognize and counter and overcome propaganda. The group work allowed each participant not only to learn the actual material of the exhibitions, but also master the ability to conduct tours with visitors of different ages.

The fourth stage was the work of exhibitions in the cities of Ukraine, attended by students, teachers, parents, journalists, local residents, as well as local authorities. Young guides conducted tours, organized discussions, answered questions.

Project schedule:

Mykolaiv region

in January and February 2019, the exhibitions were held in Bashtansky district, Gorokhivka village, Voznesensk city.

In May, 2019 in Nikolaev three final educational seminars for schoolboys-guides of the Nikolaev area took place

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Ternopil region

18.02 - 16.03.2019 - Ternopil
April 8 - April 19, 2019 - Kopychyntsi
13.05 - 25.05.2019 - Zalishchyky
18.03- 95.042019 - Berezhany
22.04 – 10.052019 - Skala-Podilska township

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Ivano-Frankivsk region

Schedule of seminars in Ivano-Frankivsk

07 - 9.10.2019 - seminar for teachers
15 - 18.10.2019 - seminar for guides of the exhibition "Anna Frank. History lesson"
22 - 25.10.2019 - seminar for guides of the exhibition "Sources of Tolerance"
28 - 31.10.2019 - seminar for guides of the exhibition "Holodomor, Holocaust, Gulag"

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Guide reviews:

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Schedule of exhibitions in the cities of Ivano-Frankivsk region

15 - 30.10.2019 - Ivano-Frankivsk
02-07.12.2019 - Kolomyia
09-14.12.2019 - Burshtyn
16-21.12.2019 - Kalush
20-31.12.201 - Dolina

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When asked "Did this seminar live up to your expectations? How useful was it for you to be eliminated in the seminar?" the teachers answered:

- Yes, and even more than I expected. New knowledge, communication, methodological tools, desire to move forward, explore, learn, share knowledge.

- For all 100%! This seminar significantly expanded my worldview, my knowledge of the tragedies of the twentieth century.

- So. In a different way, she began to evaluate the word Judaism - what a misfortune, misfortunes were present in their lives. Now we are neighbors with them.

The project became a great school for young guides.

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2. "School on wheels"

July 18-22, 2019, a "School on Wheels" was held for young guides, organized by the Institute of Judaism together with the Massoret Conservative Judaism Community of Kiev. Young guides from different cities of Ukraine worked together with young people from the Massoret in the cities of Zhytomyr, Medzhibozh, Khmelnytsky, Kamyanets-Podilsky, Chernivtsi, Zalishchyky, Buchach, Satan and Skala-Podilsky. By the end of the trip there were many photos of Jewish places in Ukraine, as well as new acquaintances, unforgettable memories and short "diaries of modern travelers", written in the style of "message to a friend on a social network."

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3. Expedition for members of the Jewish communities of Ukraine and the Mnemosyne Club (together with the Halom Jewish Community Center).

Excursion-expedition to the Jewish places of Ukraine (Starokostiantyniv, Zalishchyky, Buchach, Ternopil, Ostrog).

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4. Educational excursions and lectures

It took place in the Lieberman House in Kyiv

- Excursion to the mansion of S. Lieberman - as part of the Creative Action to the 160th anniversary of the Sholom Aleichem Theater Festival, dedicated to the work of Sholom Aleichem.

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- Серія екскурсій «Єврейські адреси Києва» для різних груп.

- Серія лекцій в Київській центрі єврейської громади «Халом».

- Спільні проекти з Київською єврейською громадою «Массорет» (сімейний табір, лекції, екскурсії).

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

- International conference "Limud-2010" (J, Smilianska).
- Participation in international seminars and projects of the Community of Creative Judaica "Sambation".

6. Community programs

Mnemosina Club (led by J. Smilianska).

The Mnemosina Club continues its work for seventeen 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.

In 2019, travel-expeditions for members of the club's club in the Ukrainian cities of Ukraine were organized.

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7. Joint projects

The project "«Born in Shtetl»" is a joint project of the Institute of Judaism with the Regional Association of Jewish Communities of Ukraine and the Zionist Federation of Ukraine. The project worked in the cities: Skvira, Vasilkov, Smela, Brovary, Korsun-Shevchenkivsky.

The project «Born in Shtetl» is dedicated to the contribution of immigrants from Ukrainian lands to the creation of the state of Israel. Presentations of the project on the basis of the exhibition were supplemented by materials about people from the so-called «Place of the Association» – cities and towns that are members of the Regional Association of Small Jewish Communities.

The project was carried out by the Regional Association of Small Jewish Communities of Kiev and Cherkasy regions together with the ZFU the basis of the exhibition "State of Israel - Ukrainian Roots", prepared by the Zionist Federation of Ukraine in cooperation with the Kyiv Institute of Judaica for the 70th anniversary of Independence of the State of Israel.

The exhibition was presented in the cities: Korsun-Shevchenkivskyi, Vasylkiv, Stavyshe, Smela, Brovary and others.

The presentation also included information about people from these towns or villages who also contributed to the creation of the Jewish State.

The project "I come from the shtetl" is a joint project of the Institute of Judaism, the Regional Association of Jewish Communities of Ukraine and the Zionist Federation of Ukraine. The project worked in Skvyra, Vasylkiv, Smila, Brovary and Korsun-Shevchenkivskyi.

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8. Internet projects.

Web-site of the Institute of Judaica (E. Zaslavska) - <www.judaica.kiev.ua>

The site contains information about the work of the institute, its publications, programs and projects, as well as the table of contents and texts of the collections of the International Jewish Studies Conferences "Jewish History and Culture in Central and Eastern Europe", the magazine "Egupets" and some other books.

There is also news on the work of projects and programs of the Institute of Judaica and on some events in the life of the Jewish community of Ukraine.

The site is registered in more than 300 catalogs and search systems of Ukraine, Russia and other CIS countries. The information on the site is updated regularly. Attendance site - more than 2,000 a month.

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