

THE LIST OF THE COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS HELD IN LITHUANIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COMMEMORATION IN HONOUR THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST :

1. On 27 January, Lithuania commemorates the International Holocaust Remembrance day together with the United Nations. According to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Linas Linkevičius, by preserving the memory of the victims of the Holocaust we must build a secure future for humanity without anti-Semitism, discrimination and hatred on the basis of race, ethnicity or religion.

“Lithuania, as a member of the United Nations Security Council, will contribute to the goal of consolidating joint efforts to stop ethnic and religious conflicts which, unfortunately, could not be avoided also in the 21st century,” the head of the Lithuanian diplomacy stressed.

When commemorating the Holocaust victims, L.Linkevičius invites Lithuanians to remember also the deeds of the rescuers of Jews – Righteous Among the Nations and anti-Nazi resistance fighters.

2. The Tolerance centre of Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum in cooperation with the Embassy of Austria and International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania on 23-rd of January 2014 organized commemoration of the International Day of Commemoration in honour the Victims of the Holocaust. The demonstration of the **documentary film “Call me a Jew”** (by Austria, Israel) took place at the event.

3. Poster exhibition "Keeping The Memory Alive" on the theme of Holocaust was on the display in the Tolerance Center on 23rd of January. For more information visit: www.jmuseum.lt

4. The international Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania organized the following commemorative events on the International Day of Commemoration in Honour of the Victims of the Holocaust :

- a) The traditional national conference for teachers and students for the fourth year in a row will be held in Radviliskis Vaizgantas Progymnasium on 27-th of January. More than 200 teachers and students from 18 different schools of different towns of Lithuania participated in the commemoration. This year the conference participants presented different student creations such as: video films, performances, pageant plays. The topics addressed in the creations: the Holocaust in Lithuania and in Europe; the history of the Jews in Lithuania; famous Lithuanian Jews and their destiny; rescuers of Jews during the Holocaust. During the event the artistic performances by K. Sakovicus book “The Diary of Paneriai” and by I. Meras book ”The deuce lasts only a blink” were presented. The contests of the video films and posters created by the students took place at the event.

- b) On the International Day of Commemoration in Honour of the Victims of the Holocaust a large number of schools organized special lessons on the Holocaust, watched films, had discussions, meetings with the survivors and Jewish community members (exact numbers of the events will be reported after the 27th of January).
- c) As each year on January 27-th school teachers were organized different educational activities. The most active are the schools which have The Tolerance Education Centres, established by the initiative of the International Commission ten years ago. Currently there is a network of 93 active Tolerance Education Centres. One of them is Radviliskis Vaizgantas Progymnasium Tolerance Education Centre which hosts the national conference for teachers and students annually.

5. In Petrasiunai (district of Kaunas) on January 27th on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Honour of the Victims of the Holocaust the **memorial (stela) for commemoration of the victims killed on 31st of August 1941 was unveiled**. 125 Jews were murdered by nazis and their local collaborators in Petrasiunai on that day: 23 children, 72 women and 30 men were among the victims.

6. On January 27th Lithuanian Jewish Community and The Center of Jewish culture and information in cooperation with the Institute of Italian Culture commemorated the International Day of Commemoration in Honour of the victims of the Holocaust and organized the presentation of the book written by **prof. Cesare De Michelis “Non-existent manuscript. Minutes of the Zion Sages”** and the conference.



Contest of posters at Radviliskis Vaizgantas Progymnasium



Watching video films created by the students



General view of the Conference at Radviliskis Vaizgantas Progymnasium



Creating Posters related to the Holocaust theme at Radviliskis Vaizgantas Progymnasium



Award for the winner, given by Mr. R. Racinskas, Director of International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania

At the school
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