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Seminar for Teachers on "XXth Century Jewish History and the Holocaust" Using Photographic and Video Material

The seminar was organized by Centropa, which invited teachers and educators interested in the history of Lithuanian Jews. The three-day seminar offered the participants lectures, educative field trips, and methodological activities based on the unique material collected by Centropa about Lithuanian Jews: biographies, photos, documentaries, and educational films.

The seminar was attended by 26 teachers, museum professionals, librarians, and NGO representatives from all over Lithuania. The seminar was the first introduction to the Centropa organization and the material it collected on the Jews who lived there. [More](#)

Photo Wojciech Wojtkielewicz

On November 8, Jonas and Petras Vileišiai School in Kaunas organized a seminar, "The Tree of Life in Kaunas Ghetto"

The event commemorated the Great Action of 28-29 October 1941 in Kaunas ghetto and the liquidation of Kaunas ghetto in 1944. There were historical presentations and the opening of the sculpture to commemorate the the Great Action event that took place in Demokratų Square. (The sculptor Gediminas Gedonis). The unconventional history lesson was organized by the Tolerance Education Centre of Jonas and Petras Vileišiai School of Kaunas in cooperation with the Secretariat of the International Commission. [More](#)





The closing event of the 2024 project "Litvaks' Literature on the Theatre Stage" in Baisogala

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Among the guests were the Mayor of Radviliškis Municipality, Kazimieras Račkauskis, the Ambassador of the State of Israel, Hadas Wittenberg Silverstein, representatives of the Jewish community of Šiauliai County, school principals and teachers from various tolerance education centers in Lithuania. [More](#)



A new Tolerance Education Centre was established at the Meilė Lukšienė Education Centre in Marijampolė.

This is the 176th Tolerance Education Centre in Lithuania.

The International Day of Tolerance was celebrated in Lithuania in mid-November

This year's initiative was called "Winds of Change," inviting people to talk and discuss historical personalities and events that have led to the emergence or growth of tolerance or intolerance in different societies. Almost 1 200 educational institutions organized their International Day of Tolerance celebrations. [More](#)



Ukmerge children's nursery-kindergarten "Ziogelis"



Klaipeda "Medeines" school



Mazeikiai Kazimieras Jagminas Primary School



Vilnius "Rytas" Progymnasium



Getting to know the Wannsee Museum at the International Seminar in Berlin

An international seminar for European teachers and educators took place in Berlin on 22-24 November, with the participation of 23 teachers and educators from 18 European countries. The participants were educators who had taken part in seminars organised by Yad Vashem, the International School for Holocaust Studies in Israel. [More](#)

The unique story of Saadia Bahat at a meeting with Vilnius teachers

On 27 November 2024, a meeting was held with 96-year-old Saadia Bahat, a Holocaust survivor. The meeting was attended by teachers from Vilnius, who had the unique opportunity to hear Saadia Bahat's story in Lithuanian. Saadia Bahat presented his book "From Childhood Paradise to Hell and Back to Paradise" to the participating teachers. [More](#)

