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Message from the EJF Chairman

Dear Friends,

At the European Jewish Fund, we look to support the pillars which are vital for Jewish life and community: education, culture, the social experience of coming together and how we can all contribute to our wider societies. All the projects the EJF supported fulfill this basic, yet simple ethos and give me a truly special joy.

That is because all these projects are concerned with so much more than just a passive response to our Jewish experience. They are linked to so much more than merely Jewish “existence” or “continuity” in Europe. They are about Jewish life, not just maintaining it, but enhancing and developing it, appreciating it, learning from it and flourishing within it.

Your projects are a part of the eternal Jewish story.

I thank all our grantees for enabling us to be part of this Jewish life in Europe and encourage you to provide further opportunities for us to assist all our communities in our collective mission.

Moshe Kantor

Chairman
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About the European Jewish Fund



The European Jewish Fund (EJF) was founded in February 2006 by Moshe Kantor to help

strengthen Jewish life and identity throughout Europe. Moshe Kantor firmly believes that assimilation is an existential and urgent threat to European Jewry, and must be addressed through programmes that reconnect Jews with Jewish life and values.

The EJF focuses especially on young people and connecting them to their Jewish peers. It supports a range of educational and leadership programmes that reinforce Jewish identity, and foster pride in religion, culture and sense of community. The supported projects are often dedicated to educating our young people about Jewish achievements in all aspects of life, ranging from culture to science to medicine.





Shoah Remembrance

Moshe Kantor and the EJV are committed to promoting educational programmes that ensure the lessons and memory of the Shoah live on. One of the EJV's founders, the World Holocaust Forum Foundation, holds together with the European Jewish Congress the "Let My People Live!" international forums. To date four of these forums have been held, the last two in cooperation with the President of the European Parliament:

January 2005 – The first forum, in Krakow, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

September 2006 – The second forum, in Kyiv, marked 65 years since the atrocity in Babi Yar.

January 2010 – The third forum, in Krakow, commemorating the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

January 2015 – The fourth forum took place in Prague and Terezin, commemorating the 70th anniversary since the liberation of concentration and death camps.

The EJV helps organise these high-level international gatherings to preserve historical memory and evidence, and encourage the international community to unite in the fight against hatred and xenophobia.

Mission



Promoting Jewish Identity

The European Jewish Fund, initiated by Moshe Kantor, is committed to strengthening Jewish identity. Its activities develop national pride and reinforce Jewish identity within communities. The EJV highlights and celebrates Jewish individuals and their remarkable contributions to European and global society and culture.

Bringing Jewish Communities Together

The EJV is a unique platform for donors and community leaders to come together to discuss and analyse the needs of European Jews. Annual EJV Advisory Council meetings foster dialogue between Jewish communities, with open exchanges of experience that produce cooperative solutions to shared challenges. The EJV supports and welcomes proposals and action plans for communal projects and regional and pan-European programmes. It also initiates programmes of its own to address issues concerning specific communities, or European Jewry as a whole. These EJV activities help strengthen the relationship between Europe's Jewish communities.

Objectives

The Association is established to pursue the following objectives:

Assisting Jews and Jewish Communities throughout Europe in promoting activities relating to European Jewry, Jewish Communities, and communal Pan-European organizations.

Supporting European Jewish culture, tradition and highlighting key Jewish contributors to society and their achievements in culture, art, music and science.

Supporting and contributing to Jewish institutions and organizations throughout Europe, including national, regional, sub-regional and communal.

Fighting antisemitism and other forms of religious, cultural and/or racial discrimination. Promoting respect, tolerance and cooperation between people of different national, cultural, ethnic, racial and/or religious backgrounds or affiliations.

Supporting organizations and institutions involved with Holocaust remembrance.

Securing human rights throughout Europe as stipulated by the International Bill of Human Rights of the United Nations, the European Convention on Human Rights and help implement human rights programs, including those in cooperation with UNESCO.

Developing closer ties between European Jewry, and its communal institutions, with the State of Israel.

Fostering educational, cultural and welfare related programmes and activities for the benefit of Jews across the world, including the State of Israel.

Organizing international conferences that openly discuss and help find solutions to the problems and challenges facing European Jewry.



Community Building

The European Jewish Fund (EJF) aims to ensure that the Jewish communities and Jewish life in Europe in general enjoys a long and bright future. EJF encourages and welcomes communal Jewish gatherings that foster dialogue between communities and its members with open exchanges of experience that produce common solutions to shared challenges.



Limmud

by The Federation of the Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic

CZECH REPUBLIC

Limmud is a yearly project in the Czech Republic that aims to bring people of all

ages and various Jewish backgrounds together in order to strengthen their Jewish Identity. This year, people gathered in a Jewishly orientated retreat and spent meaningful time together. They continued the tradition of a residential Limmud-type learning event for Jews and Jewish families, hence consolidating it even more.

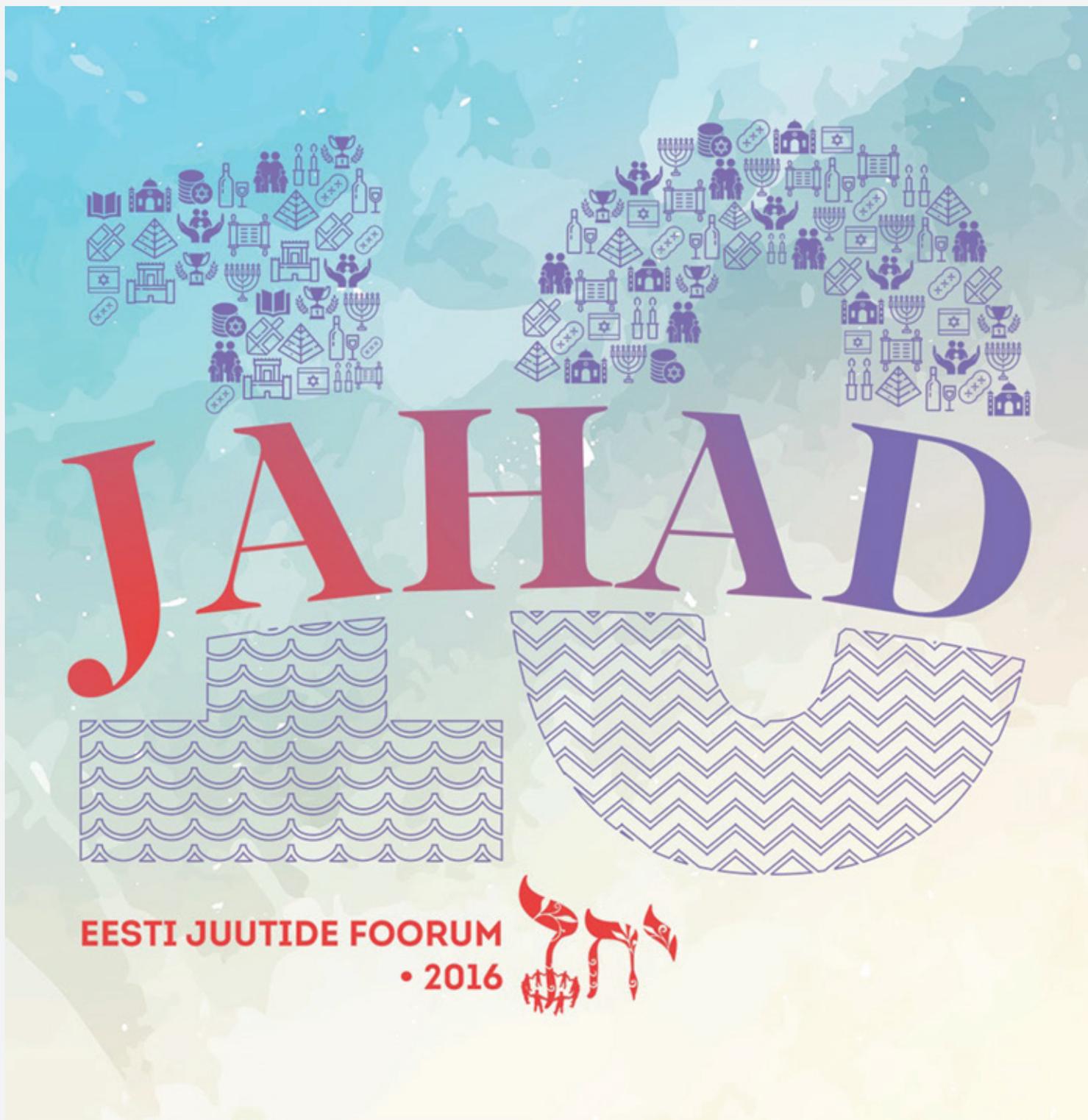
People were motivated to volunteer and together with the Limmud team they created a nice learning environment that inspired them all to act back to their communities.





The goal of the event was to bring people back to their roots and interests and for that the programme offered a wide variety of activities for children and adults: lectures, workshops, discussions, discos (both for kids and adults) one-woman show, sport activities, Challah braiding, Torah stories crafts, joint meals and Shabbat programmes.





Jewish Forum 'Jabad 2016'

The Jewish Community of Estonia

ESTONIA



The 10th Forum of Estonian Jewry "Jahad"

The goal of the Forum of Estonian Jewry "Jahad" is to bring together Jewish people of all ages and from all over Estonia and provide them with a place and opportunity to share their views, opinions, questions and problems regarding all areas of Jewish life in Estonia in an open and friendly atmosphere.

"Jahad" is a great outlet for the Jewish Community of Estonia to inform not only its members, but also its guests and potential participants about its activities and encourage their participation in future community events. The Forum serves as an excellent dialogue platform for Russian- and Estonian- speaking Jews and promotes their mutual cooperation.

The 10th annual Jahad Conference ("All Together") took place in Pärnu, Estonia on September 16-18, 2016. 500 people participated in this year's event including 90 children.

The Conference followed its traditional format with lectures, concerts, discussions, workshops and classes available during the Conference. This year the events were dedicated to Jewish culture and traditions, art, history, psychology, economics, health, politics etc. Educational lectures, seminars and round-tables were led by local and international speakers from Israel, Russia, USA, Germany, Poland, Norway, Latvia and Lithuania. Lectures and seminars were conducted in three languages – Estonian, Russian, and English. Every day there were also concerts and movie nights, which introduced the Jahad's participants to Jewish cinema and music.



The children's programme was equally varied. This year "Jahad" included a completely separate programme for children with art workshops, sport games, dance and music classes and other educative and entertaining activities organized by a group of young madrichs from the Jewish Community of Estonia with support of parents who volunteered to help out.

Every year new events and activities are added to the already busy programme of the Conference. In 2016 a charity cycling race was organized for the Jahad's participants. Money raised at this race were given to the Hesed social welfare center of the Jewish Community of Estonia and will be used to support elderly members who require special care.

To mark the 10-th anniversary of "Jahad" for the first time in its history sizable public events were organized outside of the main event area. Music group "Hortus Musicus" led by virtuoso Andres Mustonen



performed in Pärnu Concert Hall on September 17. After the concert at the same venue Estonian Minister of Culture Indrek Saar hosted a reception dedicated to the Day of Estonian Nations, which celebrates ethnic minorities. Around 400 "Jahad" participants and guests of the Conference took part in the event.

Due to the wave of violence currently spreading across the world, rising ethnic and religious tensions, and the importance of security rapidly gaining in urgency, a round table session called "Challenges of modern



Europe” was included in this year’s programme. Executive Vice-President of the European Jewish Congress Raya Kalenova took part in the discussions along with Executive Director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Europe Stefan Oscar, Baltic correspondent for Channel 9 (Israel) and RTVi (USA) Evgeny Erlich and economy expert Raivo Vare. Raya Kalenova also delivered opening remarks on the first day of the Conference.

The technical support of the Conference was provided via the “Jahad 2016” application available

for mobile devices. The application provided full information about the Conference including the programme, list of lecturers and speakers, media files and sponsors.

Other highlights of “Jahad 2016” included the beautiful Havdalah ceremony, art exhibition of Siima Shkop, presentation of a new book by Josef Katz about the history of Jewish Community of Estonia and informal meeting with the Ambassador of Israel H.E. Dov Segev-Steinberg.

“Jahad Conference 2016” received wide media attention; a number of local reporters, including ETV, ETV+ and Radio 4 attended the event.

Mini Limmud

LITHUANIA

The LJC and the EJF Mini-Limmud educational conference on Judaism and Jewish Culture took place on November 25 to 27, 2016, at the Tralis resort and Spa in the charming city of Trakai near Vilnius, Lithuania.

More than 270 Jewish Community members of various age groups and a notable number of Jewish culture enthusiasts participated at the event while lecturers from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Israel, Russia, Germany and Ukraine provided with a varied and rich educational-cultural programme. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Mini Limmud Organizational Team, 2016 event was an enormous success.

With each passing year, Mini Limmud conference gets bigger and better, proving itself as one of the most popular events among Lithuanian Jewish Community members.





Culture & Heritage

The Fund supports projects promoting positive aspects of Jewish life while also standing-up against threats to Jewish culture and heritage. The EIJ also continues to address assimilation through funding and supporting programmes that make a range of Jewish activity accessible to all and that develop pride in Judaism and in Jewish culture past, present and future.

'In the land of Israel' (CD Album)

Goncolszeker Ensemble

HUNGARY



Poems of Paul Celan, Nelly Sachs and Osip Mandelstam set to music by the

Göncölszekér Ensemble, performed in Hungarian.

Celan, Sachs, Mandelstam, three significant European poets, three authors of Jewish origin: their lives and oeuvres are intertwined in several ways. Osip Mandelstam (1891–1938), silenced by the Soviet totalitarian regime, died in a Siberian camp. Paul Celan (1920–1970) survived both the ghetto in his home town, Chernivtsi, and forced labour, but his parents perished in an internment camp in Ukraine. Just like Celan, Nelly Sachs (1891–1970), who managed to escape German deportation, also chose the sufferings of

Jews and the Shoah experience as the main subjects of her poetry.

Viewing it from a post-Holocaust perspective, the poems of Mandelstam, written in the 1930s, by which time the world had slowly grown dark, seemed to show the bright entirety of a lost but not abandoned life. In their post-war works, Celan and Sachs, who also had personal ties, blended the expression of deep grief with the ambition to restore human dignity, to achieve freedom and to rise. All this is underlined by constantly questioning Jewish tradition, using biblical language, emphasising the values related to the ideal of Israel and expressing physical and spiritual love. The poem of Hungarian-born Hannah Senesh (1921-1944) depicts the beauty of the seaside near the ruins of ancient Caesarea,

and, in a broader sense, it can be interpreted as a prayer for the land of Israel.

What are the ways that lead us to eternity? Is praying still possible? Can we climb the ladder of homesickness, can the night be healed and is there a key opening the house of silence? The songs span from the post-Holocaust mourning, the traumatised existence of Jews and, more generally, of the man of the 20th and 21st centuries towards a fresh start and the chance to continue.

Shalom Chaverim at Pohoda Festival

SLOVAKIA



Pohoda is a music and arts festival with an international acclaim, the most visited and

known event of its kind in Slovakia and the Czech Republic. The festival creates a unique celebration of freedom and tolerance, where the beautiful and varied cultures of the world can meet, communicate and share ideas.

The tent of the Jewish Community of Slovakia named “Shalom Chaverim” offered an attractive programme of lectures, workshops, talks and interactive activities tailor-made for the young audience of the festival and in the harmony with the philosophy of the event. Michael Szatmáry, a famous journalist, moderated all events and activities happening at the tent. Young people from the community were welcoming visitors dedicating their time and attention to their questions, opinions and suggestions. Rabbi Misha Kapustin was available

for informal counseling called “Talk to the Rabbi, free discussion about everything you may find interesting”. Other highlights included several practical workshops of dance and Krav Maga.

A very vivid and friendly informal atmosphere that the organisers managed to create provoked discussions engaging all the visitors of “Shalom Chaverim”. It offered a space for an open dialogue covering such topics as cultural cooperation, tolerance, antisemitism, plurality, democracy, contemporary Jewish life and culture, important Jewish personalities in the past and present Slovakia.

Over the course of the two days of festival, the “Shalom Chaverim” tent was visited also by many notable guests including H.E. Zvi Aviner Vapni, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Slovak Republic, Mor Severios Malke Mourad, bishop at the Syriac Orthodox Church and Igor Rintel, President of the Federation of Jewish Communities.

The restoration of the Choral Temple

The Federation of the Jewish Communities in Romania

ROMANIA



The Choral Temple was subjected to intense functional and artistic consolidation and restoration. The main hall was refurbished and re-opened at the end of 2015. The Choral Temple is located in Bucharest, Romania and it is a copy of Vienna's Leopoldstadt-Tempelgasse Great Synagogue, which was raised in 1855-1858. It was designed

by Enderle and Freiwald and built between 1857-1867. The synagogue was devastated by the far-right Legionaries, but was then restored after World War II, in 1945. The Jewish Choral Temple has over 150 years during which it housed constant Jewish prayers, but suffered degradations caused by nature and some by people. The Templ is an historical and architectur-

al monument of national and international heritage, included on the List of Historical Monuments in 2010 and is one of the few active synagogues in Romania.

The re-opening of the Choral Temple was a reason of joy and celebration attended by Jews and non-Jews alike.



Education & Leadership

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Paideia

SWEDEN

The European Jewish Fund Leadership Programme creates leaders and profession-

als for European Jewish communities through two complementing components: Leadership Development in the Paideia One-Year Jewish Studies Programme, and the development of concrete action in the Project-Incubator. The programme has two overarching goals: to actively promote the renewal and flourishing of European Jewish life and to encourage respect for cultural diversity in Europe.

Paideia has completed a highly successful year of academic studies combined with activism for European Jewish communities. Paideia has become a nexus of Jewish cultural, academic, and communal renewal, providing individuals with the knowledge, language, networks and skills necessary to become educated and contributing leaders in their communities and to experience and reinforce their connectedness with the Jewish people.

Through the EJF Leadership programme Paideia is creating a growing network of knowledgeable and dynamic Jewish leaders who will draw on their shared heritage and improved cultural fluency to foster understanding and inclusiveness within and beyond the Jewish world. Paideia graduates are equipped with



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leadership and entrepreneurial skills, a honed activist sensibility and an extensive support system of fellow alumni and professionals.

One-Year Jewish Studies Programme

The EJF Leadership Programme includes seven hours of teacher-led study per day under the instruction of world-renowned faculty from institu-

tions such as Hebrew University, Ben Gurion University and the Universities of Lund and Heidelberg. In addition to the courses of Jewish Philosophy & Literature and Hebrew, the fellowship includes workshops and skills training in Leadership and Community Development. A large number of community professionals, academicians and activists met with the fellows during the year.

The programme also includes a three-week mid-year study trip to Israel, which is conducted in cooperation with Yad Vashem and the Israel's Ministry of the Diaspora. The visit provides the fellows with a personal connection to Israel and helps them in their future work by forging strong and genuine ties between European and Israeli societies.

Eight students from seven different countries were enrolled as EJJ Leadership Programme fellows in the 2015-2016 One-Year Jewish Studies Program. They spent two highly intensive semesters in Stockholm, in a group consisting of a total of 25 students from all over Europe, studying in the most intensive programme of Jewish studies in Europe. In addition, the EJJ fellows have taken part in a curriculum of specialized leadership courses throughout the year, as well as worked on individual projects.

They have since returned to their respective communities with new skills in leadership and project development, with a thorough understanding of Jewish sources and how to interpret them and with a network of 550 fellow Paideia programme graduates, all working actively for building a strong Jewish presence in Europe. Some 120 of these graduates met at the 2016 annual alumni conference in Warsaw in May, held for four days at the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, where 6 Paideia graduates are currently working.

Several of the 2015-2016 fellows continued their studies at Heidelberg University in a joint MA programme, where they can obtain a 2-year MA degree through the courses at Paideia and in Heidelberg. Fellows were also active in various events and organizations during the year, such as Limmud - as volunteers and presenters; Glämsta, the Jewish Summer Camp; European Day of Jewish Culture and the Global Day of Jewish Learning.

Paideia Project-Incubator

The Paideia Project-Incubator is Europe's leading programme for fostering social innovation in the Jewish sphere. Over 200 projects have gone through the programme to date, reaching 100's of thousands of constituents. Each year, Paideia recruits individuals with great ideas for European Jewish culture, and throughout ten days helps them get their ideas into deliverable projects ready for launch.

The 2015 programme included 14 participants from 8 different countries who studied and learned from each other and from the programme's highly skilled and experienced staff. The participants were recruited during spring 2015, and were reached through extensive mailing lists, referred by Paideia graduates and fellows as well as by external organizations from throughout Europe, the FSU and Israel, as well as through the EJJ.

The Project-Incubator included the following elements: Leadership, From idea to impact, From vision to outcome, Mapping the environment, Project Planning, Community building, Goals and objectives, Budgeting, resources and resource development, Jewish Thought, 4 hours of individual tutoring per participant - project development and Jewish content. Methodology included

individual mentoring, networking sessions, peer sharing, Hevruta, individualized work, and workshops.

Follow-up programming

Paideia has also formed a number of programmes as follow-up opportunities for graduates. These include the Paideia Alumni Conference, the Paideia Paradigm Programme, virtual networking events, a monthly newsletter, Facebook group page, Degree-Giving Courses.



Further, Paideia publishes many of its lectures in an Online Public Lecture Series, at <https://www.youtube.com/user/Paideiavideo/feed>

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The College Hadracha

TURKEY

The College Hadracha project which started in 2007 under the umbrella of the Jewish

Community of Turkey proved to be again a fruitful and successful one. The project aimed to create an initiative where community youth have the possibility to explore and develop its identity while absorbing Judaism in its different aspects, such as history, religion, culture, literature, poetry, and philosophy. The goal of this programme was to create a

master programme which involved youth as volunteers in the community. The programme also provided fundamental tools in marketing, fundraising, and strategic communication.

The alumnus of the seminars took different responsibilities in many parts of the Community as the future leaders. The team leaders started to think about new projects according to the needs of the community. This year the database of 2 age groups was completed (18 to 23 and 24 to 40) and people started to receive regularly the

information about the programme.

The College Hadracha - Generation Next programme included several new projects and activities, such as: Leadership programmes, team-Building gatherings, the tourism project - A journey to our roots, the Sephard project - The Jewish Heritage in Europe, Witnessing the Holocaust Reality Project - Poland Educational Trips, Holocaust education and knowledge about antisemitism in Turkey, Fire-Up Project (University students group), Professional Trainings, GN



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The College Hadracha – Generation Next Team created a new data-base that will allow the community to get in contact via email, phone and Facebook Jewish people based on different categories (e.g. age, gender, marital status etc.)



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Continuing the Dialogue: Combating Antisemitism in Europe through legal and other means

ISRAEL



On 21-24 September 2016, a conference was held in Paris, titled “Continuing the

Dialogue: Combating Antisemitism in Europe through legal and other means”.

The International Association of Jewish lawyers and Jurists organized the event in collaboration with the Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry at Tel Aviv University as the academic advisor to the conference and sponsored by the European Jewish Fund.

During the event, many high-level speakers – academics, journalists, attorneys and dignitaries – provided lectures on present day issues relevant to combating anti-Semitism.

The topics included: defining antisemitism in the diplomatic and religious arenas, recent developments in the legal arena, and exchanging good practices and raising challenges in combating antisemitism.





The Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry

The Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry, inaugurated in May 2010 at the Tel Aviv University, provides an academic framework for the inter-disciplinary research of European Jewry – a dynamic and fascinating phenomenon - from the end of the Second World War until the present day.

ISRAEL

The Center includes the Moshe Kantor database for the Study of Contemporary anti-Semitism and Racism and cooperates with European Jewish communities and their leaders. The Center offers a platform for the diverse needs of researchers, students, governmental and civil service personnel, professionals, activists and the public at large, both in Israel and abroad.

The Center initiates, encourages and coordinates research projects, conferences, seminars, publications

and public events in the following areas: demographic processes and their ramifications; legislation against racism, antisemitism, hate crimes and hate speech (particularly Holocaust Denial); preserving the national memory and communal Jewish legacy, and its implications on the present-day; monitoring, analysis and study of contemporary anti-Semitism and racism worldwide.

The Center's staff has participated in a variety of local and international conferences (such as the ones the EU, IHRA, IAJLJ held), and presented

the annual anti-Semitism worldwide report that received wide media coverage for many years now, and published a large number of academic publications.

Selected activities in 2016

- ➔ On 24 January 2016, Prof. Dina Porat participated in a special session of the Israeli government on International Holocaust Memorial Day. During the session, the Ministry of Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs handed to the government a report on antisemitism in 2015 that was prepared in cooperation with the Kantor Center.
- ➔ The Kantor Center staff started working on the forth volume of Legislating for Equality - A Multinational Collection of Non-Discrimination Norms, endorsed by UNESCO. It will be dedicated to Asia and Oceania.
- ➔ On 1 March 2016, Prof. Dina Porat delivered lectures on the attitude of the Vatican to the Jewish People at the Jewish Community building in Vienna during an event attended by the Cardinal of Vienna. On the next day, she lectured at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Vienna.
- ➔ On 14 March 2016, Dr. Esti Webman delivered a lecture on "Antisemitism in the Arab and Muslim Worlds – Continuity and Change" during the Landmark German Parliamentary Conference in Berlin.
- ➔ On 28 March, 2016, Adv. Talia Naamat participated in the conference on battling the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, held in Jerusalem by Yediot Aharonot.
- ➔ On 2-6 April 2016, Prof. Dina Porat participated at an international well-attended conference titled "Anti-Zionism, Antisemitism, and the Dynamics of Delegitimization" at Indiana University.
- ➔ On 19 April 2016, Dr. Haim Fireberg participated in an event about antisemitism on the Internet. The event, initiated by the National Union of Israeli Students and the Magenta Foundation, took place at the Israeli Foreign Ministry.
- ➔ On 4 May 2016, the Kantor Center released its Annual Report on Worldwide Antisemitism 2015, in a press conference held at Tel Aviv University. The event received large worldwide press coverage.
- ➔ On 5 May 2016, the Kantor Center, in cooperation with Beit Hatfutsot and the Alfred P. Slainer Chair for the Study of Antisemitism and Racism, held an event in memory of the late Dr. Felix Zandman, titled "Adolf Eichmann and Amon Göth - 70 Years Perspective". The guest of honor was Jennifer Teege, the granddaughter of Amon Göth.
- ➔ On 25 May 2016, Prof. Porat participated at a meeting of IHRA (The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) in Bucharest, during which the Working Definition of Antisemitism was adopted.
- ➔ On 8-9 June 2016, Prof. Porat and Adv. Talia Naamat took part in a conference at the Israeli Foreign Ministry about restitution of Holocaust victims' assets.
- ➔ In July, Ms. Katharina von Schnurbein, EU Commission Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism, visited the Kantor Center and was briefed about its work.
- ➔ On 18 September, a booklet on legislation against BDS, written by Adv. Talia Naamat, was distributed during a conference on 21-24 September 2016 in Paris on "Continuing the Dialogue: Combating Antisemitism in Europe through Legal and Other Means", with the Center, the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists and EIJF as partners.
- ➔ On 6-8 November 2016, the Center was a partner to a conference held in Vienna University on Moslem antisemitism.
- ➔ On 24 November 2016, the Center was partner to an event held in memory of Elie Wiesel Z"L, in Tel Aviv University.
- ➔ On 22 December 2016, the Center held an annual Wallenberg event. The guest lecture was delivered by Prof. Deborah Lipstadt.
- ➔ During 2016, the Center published its bi-monthly "Kantor Center and Database Bulletin", edited by Dr. Irena Cantorovich.
- ➔ The position papers, written under the Center's auspices, and edited by Dr. Mikael Sheinkman, are about to be published by the Academic Studies Press in the USA.

Jewish Education & Youth 2015/2016



PORTUGAL

The Jewish Community of Lisbon (CIL) is heir to the legacy of one of Europe's oldest and

most significant Sephardic Jewish communities. It was founded during the Middle Ages, abolished by the Inquisition in the 15th century, and reestablished in the early 1800s. Since then, it has been a very small, struggling community, only enlarged during World War II due to the influx of European Jews on their way to other countries throughout the world.

The aim of this project is to provide Jewish education with an emphasis on young people, in order to build and develop their Jewish identities and prevent further assimilation. The Informal Education Project (initiated in 2002) was founded, organized, and supervised by the Executive Director of CIL. The target group are children and adolescents from 3 to 16 years old. Objective: The organized youth movement (Dor Chadash) is based on a system and classical model used in many countries, of educational self-governing, the principle of education through peers and personal example, thus guaranteeing continuity and stimulating new generations through

systematic, informal educational activities. The contents of the activities are focused on subjects such as Judaism and Jewish identity, including contemporary Judaism, Jewish religion and culture, Zionism, socializing in community life, recreation, and entertainment. Approximately 30 to 40 activities are held annually, and about 55 participants were registered in 2015/2016. Weekly activities are held on Sundays, and on average, some 40 to 45 young people participate each week.

Activities include:

- ➔ Celebration of all major Jewish holidays, as well as Yom Hashoah and Yom Haatzmaut
- ➔ Occasional kabbalat Shabbat with the participation of the whole family
- ➔ Summer Camp (Machané) organized for children above 7 years of age, with average participation of 40 children each year (9 summer camps were held in the last 7 years)
- ➔ Annual courses in leadership for Dor Chadash members above 16 years old
- ➔ Outings, conventions, and exchange programs with youngsters from other European Jewish communities (mainly Madrid)

Formal Education (initiated in 2006) was founded and administered by a professional coordinator of the Jewish Education Department. Classes are held in formal classroom environment in the synagogue library and the main office. The target group is of all ages (from 7 years old to adults). The course content covers Bar and Bat Mitzvah, Hebrew language, basic concepts of Judaism (Torah, Tanach, Jewish Holidays, Life cycle of Jewish life) and the Jewish Culture.

11 courses were administered in 2015/2016 with 65 individual students participating.



EUJS – Summer U 2016

EUJS

For over 30 years, the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS) has been bringing

together hundreds of young Jews from across Europe and beyond for a week of learning, connecting and fun. EUJS' Summer University – better known as “Summer U” - has become one of Jewish Europe's most successful annual youth programmes and a great memory for the thousands of people who have participated over the last decades. As every EUJS programme, Summer U is organised by students, for students and puts special emphasis on peer to peer education.

This year, EUJS and its partners gathered 350 young Jews from Europe, Israel, South Africa, North and even South America. This diversity amongst participants created a unique atmosphere: for a whole week Summer U's attendees enjoyed each other's company, discussed, learned about the different realities they come from and thus broadened their horizons. We were especially proud to award an unprecedented number of scholarships to new participants and thereby bringing in new perspectives, especially from FSU-countries. A “Professional Development Track” was built around three main



subjects: networking, fundraising, international institutions.

This Summer U also marked a new chapter with regard to international cooperation between Jewish organisations: for the first time the whole staff of JDC's “Gesher” joined EUJS Summer U. Both groups got the opportunity to learn from each other and were able to strengthen their partnership immensely.

A Delegation of 50 activists was personally welcomed during a General Audience at Peter's Square and met Pope Francis in a memorable encounter. Since an earthquake shaken that region during their visit,

the delegation visited the synagogue of Rome and organised a joined prayer for the victims of the earthquake. The Gala Dinner became a reason for raising money that went to support the victims in rebuilding their houses.

Summer U enabled young Jews to experience Jewish peoplehood, discuss current issues and explore their Jewish identity. It offered an exciting environment that forwarded a positive Jewish identity, created lasting friendships and wonderful memories.



EUJS - EU Activism Seminar

EUJS

The EU Activism seminar has become a pillar of European Union of Jewish Students' (EUJS)

training for the future of Jewish activism. In combination with its Ambassadors to the UN Seminar, EUJS offers a unique opportunity to experience international institutions at first hand and empowers students to raise their voices within these platforms.

In 2016, with the support of the European Jewish Fund, EUJS brought together 20 Jewish students activists from various countries to Brussels for

the second time. The week-long programme provided an in-depth understanding of the institutional mechanisms within the European Union including the division of prerogatives between the European Parliament, European Commission and European Council, the roles and responsibilities of intergroups, the reach and limitations of EU authority.

The seminar offered the participants an understanding of lobbying as a concept and Jewish lobbying in particular. Guest speakers elaborated on key issues addressed by lobbyists for Jewish causes including how to tackle antisemitism and how to place it with other forms of minorities discrimination such as Islamophobia and antigypsyism as well as how to address issues related to the BDS movement.

The participants gained a unique networking chance to interact with EU representatives including European Commission's Coordinator on combatting antisemitism Katharina von Schnurbein, intergroup members, spokespeople, interns of lobbying agencies and embassies, other young Jewish leaders as well as the local Jewish community.

The seminar also gave the participants an opportunity to influence the agents dealing with Jewish-related topics by sharing their personal experiences as Jewish students.

The participants were introduced to various political parties within the EU in order to let them see the broad spectrum of political work in Brussels which inspired many to get engaged by starting a job within the Jewish political sphere, applying to work for EUJS or for internships in various organizations and institutions in Brussels.



Shoah Memory

EJF is committed to promoting educational programmes that ensure the memory of the Shoah lives on and the that lessons of the history are learnt. The EJF helps organising high-level international gatherings to preserve historical memory and evidence and encourage the international community to unite in the fight against Antisemitism and any forms of intolerance.



Holocaust Education with Jewish and non-Jewish Students

Union of Jewish Students of United Kingdom and Ireland

UNITED KINGDOM

In October 2014 representatives from universities across the United Kingdom met at an intensive seminar

to consider how they can educate their contemporaries about the Holocaust and its relevance today. This seminar was one part of UJS's pilot programme in partnership with HET (Holocaust Educational Trust). The pilot programme included students hearing the testimony of Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke and visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau on a one day visit to see for themselves the horrors that took place there. UJS took student leaders, including Presidents and Vice-Presidents of NUS and Students Unions, whom in turn were key in supporting follow on activity on campus.

During the seminar, the participants were encouraged to reflect on what they had seen during their visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau and to consider how the Holocaust can be commemorated on campus. The student representatives, including Robbie Young, NUS LGBT Officer and NUS Vice-President Piers Telemacque, also discussed contemporary issues such as antisemitism and denigration of the Holocaust on campus.

The programme is something that I never thought I'd take part in, or find so moving. It really challenged me emotionally, seeing a single room where the entire population of my university could have been murdered was truly eye opening, the sheer number of the victims of the Holocaust is so hard to comprehend, and it is so important that we make a stand to make sure something like that never happens again

President, Leeds Trinity Students' Union, participant in the first pilot trip

As the number of antisemitic incidents rises across Europe, it is imperative that our generation make it a priority to educate ourselves on the memory of the Holocaust. We have launched this project to ensure that Holocaust commemoration does not become a Jewish endeavour, but a social responsibility

Maggie Suissa, Campaigns Director

In March 2015, student leaders took part in a second two day intensive trip to Poland to explore Jewish life in pre-war Poland and to visit the Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. The trip was conceived by UJS in collaboration with the HET so that student leaders would be better placed to educate their contemporaries about the Holocaust and its relevance today

The second part of the trip focused on a visit to the town of Oswiecim, where before the Holocaust more than 50 per cent of the population were Jewish, and then a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau so the group could see for themselves the horrors that had been committed there. Throughout the visit, the student leaders took the opportunity to reflect on contemporary issues such as antisemitism on campus and other recent genocides that have occurred.

"This trip is so important in ensuring the student movement has a real understanding of this part of our history; that we see and acknowledge where antisemitism exists and how we can challenge it on our campuses and internationally. I was completely blown away by the whole experience, not just getting a visceral and emotional insight into the persecution of the European Jewish population during the Holocaust but pre-war Jewish life in Europe. With antisemitism on the rise again in the UK, there is a huge challenge to the student movement to stand against it, and in the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz to say very clearly, never again. I'm completely humbled by the experience, and hugely grateful for this opportunity

Toni Pearce, NUS President

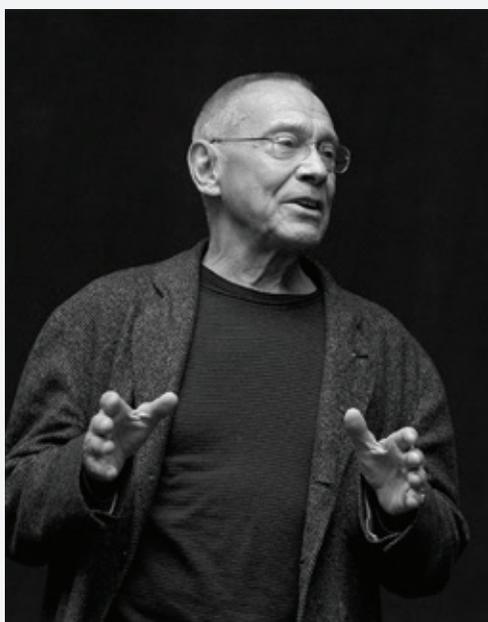
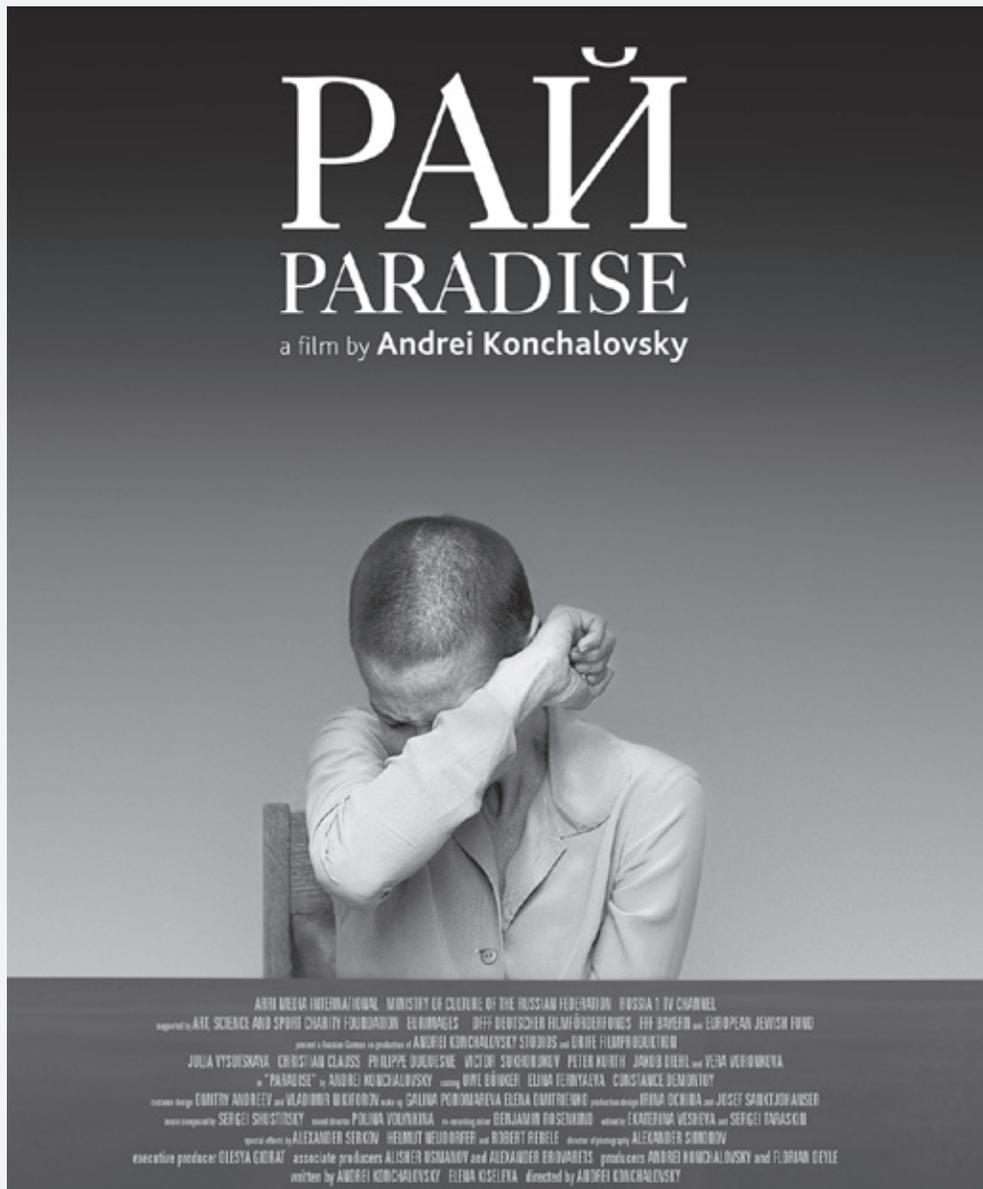
Paradise - Movie

The European Jewish Fund is proud to have supported the making of the movie 'Para-

dise'(2016) directed and written by Andrei Konchalovsky. The movie is telling the story of a generation through the fictional character of one person and is emphatically touching upon human relations in times of the Shoah. 'Paradise' is a drama portraying the relationship between a concentration camp prisoner and a SS officer while depicting the brutality and gloomy image of the camp in a docu-testimony style. On the background of human fate-and love- the movie reminds us how important it is to uphold our humanity, and how easy it is loose moral and ethical guidance in times of war.

'Paradise' won the Silver Lion at the 73rd Venice International Film Festival. In December 2016 it was short-listed in the nine 'Best Foreign Language Films' to be considered for the 89th OSCAR Academy Award.

Andrei Konchalovsky is a renowned film director and winner of the Prime-time Emmy Award for Outstanding Directing for a Miniseries The Odyssey (1997), the Silver Lion at Venice International Film Festival for Best Director for the movies Paradise (2016), The Postman's White Nights (2014) and House of Fools (2003), the Cannes Festival – Grand Prize of the Jury for Sibiriada (1979) and many more awards and numerous nominations.



Born in 1937, his creative activities were very much influenced by his experiences during WWII. Reflections about war and the Shoah are an important part of his heritage and source of inspiration to draw universal lessons for humanity. He wrote screenplays and made movies with a very deep understanding and sensibility towards human life - and human tragedies. The works of Konchalovsky have a deep moral and ethical meaning, emphasizing tolerance and reconciliation as important features of our societies.



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