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Zionist Federation of Ukraine (ZFU)

Programs and projects of the Zionist Federation of Ukraine (ZFU) in 2023.

The Chairman of the board is Gershon Bilorytskyi

The Executive director is Olena Zaslavska

With the beginning of the Russian invasion, the ZFU switched to military lines, without stopping its main – educational and educational activities.

1. Political activity – statements and speeches

1.1 Appeal of the Zionist Federation of Ukraine in support of the State of Israel in the war with the terrorist organization Hamas

The statement was signed by the leadership of ZFU and sent to all interested organizations and individuals. The appeal was presented in three language versions – Ukrainian, English and Hebrew.

The full text of the statement is at the link:

<https://votezion.org.ua/zayava-sionistskoyi-federatsiyi-ukrayiny-z-pryvodu-terorystychnoyi-atomy-na-derzhavu-izrayil>

1.2 Olena Zaslavska. Speech at the 38th World Zionist Congress. Jerusalem, Israel. April 2023.

On April 20, 2023, a meeting of leaders and delegates of Zionist federations took place within the framework of the 38th World Zionist Congress. Representatives of 36 countries took part in the meeting. Olena Zaslavska, executive director of the Zionist Federation of Ukraine, took part in the event as a special guest. The speech was held in Ukrainian with translation into English, Hebrew and Spanish.

Full text of the speech at the link: <https://votezion.org.ua/o-zaslavska-vystup-38-mu-vsesvitnomu-sionistskomu-kongresi-yerusalym-izrayil-kviten-2023-r>

2. Projects of general public importance

2.1 A collection of poems by Yehiel Fishzon “Which World War? Poems of War”

The publishers of the book are Zionist Federation of Ukraine (ZFU) and Diye-Slovo Studio with the financial support of the Zionist Federation of Ukraine (ZFU) from the Religious Community of Traditional Judaism “MASORET”, Oleksandr Karpilovsky, private sponsors.

The Project Manager, artist and designer is Olena Zaslavska.

Translators – Valeriya Boguslavska, Svitlana Sunytsia.



In September 2023, the Diye-Slovo Studio published a collection of poetry by the Israeli born in Kyiv Yehiel (Eugen) Fishzon “Which World War? Poems of war”. The collection consists of thirty poems devoted to the theme of the war in Ukraine. The first poem was written on February 24, 2022. An integral part of the project was the release of a series of postcards with illustrations from the book and the author's poems.

On October 21, the first presentation of the publication took place in Kyiv, at the Sixties Museum. The book presentation was attended by: author Yehiel Fishzon, publisher, designer and artist of the book Olena Zaslavska, translators Valeriya Boguslavska and Svitlana Sunytsia, journalist Yuriy Korogodskyi, NAUKMA student Yuliya Ponomarenko.

The annotation to the book says: “With the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, the world ceased to be the same. A full-scale war in Europe, confrontation between blocs of states, crimes against humanity dictate new literature for us. The cannons spoke, but so did the muses. This collection of poems by Yehiel (Eugen) Fishzon, an Israeli born in Kyiv, is one of the first responses to what is happening and an attempt to look into the near future”.

More details at the link: <https://diyeslovo.org.ua/ru/node/165>

2.2 The project “Psychology of trauma – Israeli experience”

The project manager is Olena Zaslavska, executive director of ZFU.

Teachers – Gila Petrov, Svitlana Tarasova, Lyubov Moshinska, Anna Groisman (Trauma Coalition, Israel).

Supported by: the JReady platform of the Sohnut Jewish Agency (Israel), the World Movement “Israel Beiteynu”, the World Movement Eretz HaKodesh.

The project consisted of three parts

“The psychology of trauma – the Israeli experience”. Part 1

The first part is a series of lectures and seminars united by the common task of presenting the work of Israeli specialists in working with traumatic experiences to Ukrainian psychologists, as well as to everyone who is interested in this topic.

Alex Gershanov, the Center's leading specialist, Svitlana Tarasova, a psychologist at the rehabilitation center in Sderot, Gila Petrov and Lyubov Moshinska, psychologists of the Trauma Coalition, took part in the project.

Despite the lack of light, 190 to 120 participants attended each lecture in Zoom.

“Simple, clear and effective if you know how to use it. For Israelis, self-help and support for others is a character trait. Now we Ukrainians are learning new knowledge about trauma therapy. I thank the organizers for the opportunity to gain knowledge about crisis response,” said Roman, one of the attendees of the project's lectures.

“The psychology of trauma – the Israeli experience”. Part 2

The second part of the project took place from the end of May to the middle of July 2023. 65 professional psychologists and 65 volunteers and social workers took part in the project. Training on the topics of “working with stress”, “first aid for psychological trauma” and “burnout prevention” was conducted by psychologists of Trauma Coalition (Israel) L. Morshinska, Gila Petrov and Anna Groisman and Svitlana Tarasova.

The work took place in 4 groups, a total of 32 academic hours were spent with each group.

“The psychology of trauma – the Israeli experience”. Part 3

November 2 – December 22, 2023

On November 2, 2023, work on the third part of the project “Psychology of trauma – Israeli experience” began.

The project has been in operation since the end of November 2022. Unlike the first two parts, where there was an opportunity to involve volunteers and social workers in the training, only experienced psychologists participate in the third. This is due to the fact that the continuation of the project includes practice and supervision.

The organizer from the Ukrainian side is the Zionist Federation of Ukraine with the informational support of the Diye-Slovo media studio. From the Israeli side – the Trauma Coalition (Israel) (with the support of the JReady platform (Israel).

Before the start of the project, each participant was required to assemble a therapeutic group and during the training to hold meetings with the group once a week to practice new skills and new practices.

The acquired experience and questions were discussed at the next initial session.

8 educational meetings for 3 academic hours each were held (24 hours in total) and 16 practical hours. A total of 40 academic hours.

16 experienced psychologists from Kyiv and the region, Kharkiv, Dnipro and the region, Kryvyi Rih, Ternopil, Odesa, etc. took part in the work of the project. Theoretical meetings were held online, practical meetings were held offline.

The groups with which the project participants worked were of different directions, namely:

- Teenagers. The main problems of the group: limited communication, bullying, stress, panic attacks, misunderstandings with parents
- Military servicemen, sappers of various directions.
- Women with children.
3 women live in the border zone (up to 25 km away), 2 live in Kharkiv, 3 are displaced from war zones, but live in Odesa, which is also dangerous; one moved to Ivano-Frankivsk, where there are adaptation difficulties, 1 moved to Kyiv, adapted.

Problems – anxiety, exhaustion, lack of understanding of future prospects, living in unusual conditions, problem of employment, education of children online (problems). One of the women has a 10-year-old child with cancer in remission, one has cancer in remission, one has an older son fighting in the National Guard, another has a civil husband who is also a soldier.

– A group of educators who survived the destruction of the city, endless air alarms. Frequent trigger problem.

– Two groups under the “Children and War” project have a total of 15 teenagers, including IDPs and orphans.

– In groups of teachers, the number of problems is minimal.

– A group of psychologists. Difficulties – not everyone was involved in the work, some participants said that they would like the meetings to last 2 hours.

– 8 female teachers from among IDPs who have been working in our lyceum for the second year. The main problem was emotional burnout due to the increase in workload due to the transition to blended learning and the complex behavior of teenagers.

Group 1. Women affected by military operations, online. The group is stable, the participants are open, and there is a high degree of trust (previous work with them helped). They worked with the development of the emotional sphere, used many practical tools of body-oriented therapy. Work with kindness, activation of internal resources responded.

Group 2. Teenagers aged 11-16 who lost their father in the war (in-person). Main problems: insufficient communication and social skills; high level of anxiety. All the practices suggested by Gila were used. At the end of the third week of work, children who could not show themselves in the group at all expressed themselves. They even tried to show a sense of humor.

– Student group, 11 people, including 3 boys and 9 girls. These are first-year students, future specialists in social work, social teachers. Our meetings were held online. Students were interested in the meetings, as they showed professional interest. At the meetings, we studied techniques for overcoming intrusive memories and finding resources, self-hypnosis, and self-kindness. Technicians worked on themselves. Attention was drawn to emotional burnout, compassion fatigue, STEP, Wonder and You.

Problems of the group – some students noted their emotional swings, sometimes a loss of meaning. There were students who survived the occupation, but coped with it quite well, now they feel confident, which is strengthened by the fact that they became students and left the border

settlement.

– The group consists of women of Jewish nationality, aged 60+, approximately 50% IDPs from Kharkiv, 50% from Poltava, stressful and anxious state, due to events in Israel – there are children and grandchildren, due to events in Ukraine – shelling, separation from home.

– A group of IDPs from the city of Mariupol, a mixed composition of women and men aged 39 to 78. The total number of people in the group is 16, but, taking into account that people work, 6-10 people attended each meeting. The group was formed last year, when the YaMariupol Center was created. I have been working with the group since March 2023.

The main problems for internally displaced people are:

- integration in a new place;
- creation of new social ties and restoration of lost and/or broken ones;
- psychoemotional consequences of received psychological injuries and losses.

Feedback from course participants:

– In your course, I received extremely valuable knowledge that expanded my ideas about self-regulation. This course gave me the opportunity to discover a variety of practices that can be used both for myself and for a group.

Your house technique for returning to the “here and now” was a revelation to me. It helped me focus on the moment and separate myself from stress by being in the present moment. Also, the practice of attention to detail was beneficial for me and the group.

I was very impressed with your approach to the individuality of each person, emphasizing the importance of self-care and support, which are extremely valuable aspects of your course.

The atmosphere you created was based on mutual support and your willingness to share knowledge. Your willingness and style to convey information and ability to create such a positive environment was extremely important to me. Your professional approach and attention to each participant helped to feel important and to find useful knowledge.

Thank you for your dedication, for the energy you put into your classes, and for sharing your experiences with us. It was an incredibly rewarding and inspiring experience for me. I hope to join your next course. Thank you!

– Perfectly. Didactic nature of the course with separate supervision.

– Very informative, resourceful, understandable and useful.

– Very good course. There is an opportunity to practice techniques immediately in a group, it was very valuable that your personal well-being comes first.

– Perfectly! Constant involvement in the learning process gives a higher percentage of assimilation.

– I want to say that it was a supportive course for me, since in parallel I led a group in which there was a lot of intrusion, memories, tears. And yes, when I was at a support meeting with Gila and colleagues, I was in balance. Questions were considered very accurately in the group, and there was always a sense of unity, someone's questions were triggered and we analyzed them in the group – I found an answer, I was heard – I spoke about my pain. We worked in teams, in pairs. Thank you very much for such a valuable support.

– Very timely and very valuable. The course gave an opportunity to recharge, recover, and also helped to create a program for other psychologists! Huge gratitude!

– Many thanks for this course. I really liked the format of simultaneous training and supervision. Group discussions have given me many new techniques for working with teenagers and adults. The warm atmosphere of meetings and new techniques contributed to the removal of emotional stress from professional activities. Each meeting inspired further work and provided new solutions in professional activity.

– Many thanks to the organizers, Mrs. Olena, and the presenter, Mrs. Gili, for such a format. It was a really supportive group for me. And answers to questions and new techniques. Working in the group coincided with my experience of losing a loved one. I personally felt care and support from Gila, which is very valuable for me. I will be grateful if there are still such courses and the opportunity to participate in them.

– This course was added to the treasury of my knowledge, skills and experience. It was necessary and useful to me.

– I really enjoyed the course. I am grateful to the organizers and Gila Petrov for the opportunity to receive highly professional and much-needed supervision meetings for psychologists.

– Huge gratitude to you, Elena and Gila for organizing the work. Each technique is easy to use and effective. I like the form of conducting the course, the opportunity to receive answers to questions that arise at work and quick response to challenges.

Special thanks for the need to lead groups by course participants. I had the opportunity to put into practice all the techniques offered during the training – this is very valuable.

Now I am trying to organize face-to-face support groups in my city, I have already found a place. Thanks for the inspiration.

Participants' answers to the question: "Do you have a desire to continue your studies in this format: theory, answers, practice. If so, what topics or specific techniques are you most interested in?"

- Yes, we have desire. Didactic character. Work with loss. Psychogenealogy. Moral trauma. New verified studies in Israel.

- Of course, there is a desire. Unfortunately, the war continues and problems are growing both for military women and their children and for civilians – the cry of the soul, fear and powerlessness from the news of friends and relatives.

- There is a desire to learn, the form is very effective. There is a need to provide qualified assistance to veterans and military personnel, widows. Another category is women who were raped by the occupiers.

- Yes, I want to continue my studies. I am interested in working with loss in war (loss of parents for teenagers, loss of brothers and sisters for the military). Also, work with trauma (children – parents).

- Yes, I am interested in this format. Gila's presentation of the material is impressive. Topics that interest me are the experience of loss by adults and children, their support. If a person has pathological grief, what to do, as well as techniques for flashbacks in the civilian population.

- Yes. I am most interested in working with losses, prevention of burnout, specifics of counseling military personnel and their families.

- I will be happy and grateful for the opportunity to continue my studies. I am interested in everything related to the challenges that arise today and will appear after the end of the active phase of the war: the deepening of the consequences of traumatization, a high level of anxiety, the "delayed life" syndrome, the effect of collective trauma. I am also interested in working with soldiers returning from the war, preparing families for their return.

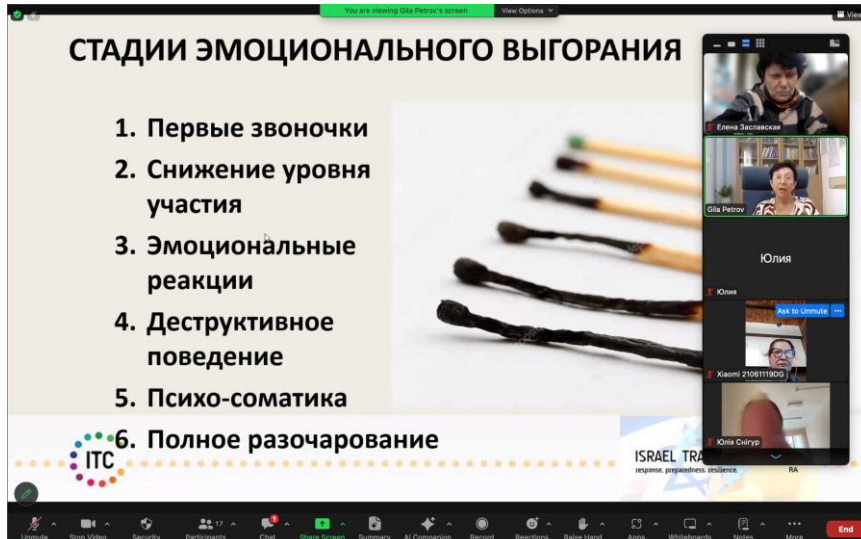
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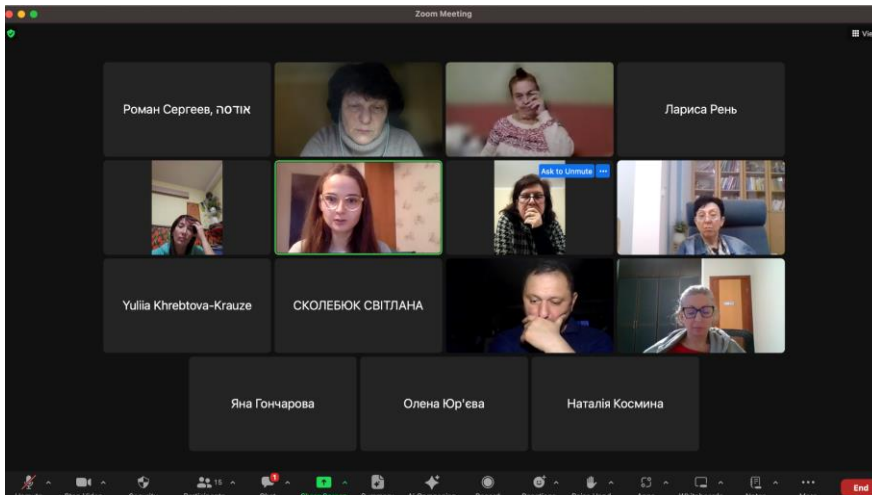
Project participants need to conduct training on the following topics:

1. Irreversible loss in the family, grief.
2. Peculiarities of working with children who have lost relatives.
3. Working with soldiers returning from the war, preparing families for their return.
4. Working with released prisoners, especially women.

Based on the experience already gained in one and a half years (II half of 2022 – 2023), we can say that the program, which was built so that the participants had the opportunity to practice, was the most effective, because the project participants were able to practice the knowledge acquired in real work, and then also ask all the questions that arose in the process of working with groups.

Screenshots of the classes:





More details at the link: <https://diyeslovo.org.ua/ru/node/167>

2.3 Exhibition of creative works of participants of the "Circle of Hope" project at the Sixties Museum in Kyiv

The project manager is Olena Zaslavska

The exhibition opened at the end of December 2023.



Learn more about the CIRCLE OF HOPE project at the link: <https://votezion.org.ua/proyekt-kolo-nadiyi>.

2.4 Meetings within the framework of the "Circle of Hope" project in 2023

1. Evgenia Pukshanska. **The result is a unique project at the level of global psychological practice. Interview with the founder of the psychological support project for victims of Russian aggression "IRIS", Israel.**

3. Evgenia Pukshanska. **How to survive wartime and maintain mental balance.**

4. Conferences and discussions

3.1 Conference "Ukraine-Israel: history of mutual relations"

The event was dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the declaration of Independence of the State of Israel.

The initiator and manager of the project is Olena Zaslavska

The organizing committee – journalists Nataliya Malinovska, Yuriy Korogodskiy

Videographer – Alfiya Shevchenko

With the support of the Department for Work with Israeli Citizens Abroad of the World Zionist Organization (WZO) and the World Movement Israel Beyteynu and World Movement Erez haKodesh.

Many citizens of Ukraine consider Israel to be an example of stability and courage in the struggle for independence of their state and do Israeli citizens feel the same connection between countries? Has anything changed since the full-scale invasion of Russia on February 24?

It was on May 14, 16 and 18, during three online meetings of the Conference "Ukraine-Israel – the history of mutual relations", historians, journalists, scientists and public figures talked about the history of establishing relations between the two countries, about relations between Ukraine and Israel, how Russian propaganda is countered in Israel, as well as how Jewish organizations helped and are helping refugees from the east after February 24, and psychological support projects for citizens of Ukraine.

The main topics for discussion at the conference:

- The history of the development of relations between the two countries in the late 80s – early 90s of the 20th century;
- History of establishment of diplomatic relations between countries, establishment of economic, cultural and political ties;
- The first Jewish organizations in Ukraine in the late 80s – early 90s of the 20th century and their role in the revival of Jewish life in Ukraine;
- Ukraine and Israel today;
- Israel and the Jewish community of Ukraine.

Conference dates:

05/14/2023 Opening, plenary session, diplomatic section

05/16/2023 Round table: Information front: breaking stereotypes

05/18/2023 Section: "Jewish organizations from the late 1980s to today"

Moderators of the event: Nataliya Malinovska, Yurii Korogodskiy.

The event was greeted by:

Gusti Yehoshua-Braverman, Head of the World Zionist Organization (WZO) Department for Relations with Israeli Citizens Abroad

Viktor Kiktenko, Director of the Institute of Eastern Studies named after A. Yu. Krymsky NASU

Olga Gerasimyuk, Head of the National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting

Participants of the event:

Oleg Bai, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary;

Evgeny Magda, political scientist, director of the Institute of World Politics;

Ihor Semivolos, director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies;

Serhiy Danilov, deputy director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies;

Vyacheslav Likhachev, historian, political scientist;

Anna Zharova, co-founder of the public organization "Israeli friends of Ukraine";

Artur Fredekind, founder of the Jewish community of Dnipro;

Rostislav Holtsman, journalist, Israel;

Nadia Yermakova, Ariel University, Israel

Vladyslav Hrynevych, head of the Ukrainian representative office of the Canadian non-governmental organization "Ukrainian-Jewish Meeting";

Echiel Fishzon, social activist, writer, Israel;

Zhenya Pukshanska, psychologist, Israel, and others.

The information partner of the project is the "**Diye-Slovo**" Studio.

Conference materials are posted by the organizers on various media resources:

<https://diyeslovo.org.ua/ru/taxonomy/term/40>

<https://votezion.org.ua/mizhnarodna-konferentsiya-ukrayina-izrayil-istoriya-vzayemovidnosyn/>

3.2 Project "Ukraine and... a year after the full-scale invasion"

A series of meetings with historians, journalists, human rights defenders, analysts and volunteers.

Project partner: "Diye-Slovo" Media Studio.

[Ukraine and Japan a year after the full-scale invasion](#)

[Ukraine and Israel a year after the start of the full-scale invasion](#)

[Ihor Semivolos. Ukraine and Arab countries before and after a full-scale invasion](#)

[Yuriy Korogodskiy. Jewish communities of Ukraine during full-scale Russian aggression](#)

3.3 Round table "Jewish-Muslim relations on the territory of Ukraine"

Partners of the event: Center for the Study of Interethnic Relations of Eastern Europe, the "Diye-Slovo" media studio, the International Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Jewish Studies in cooperation with the Institute of Oriental Studies named after A. Yu. Krymskyi of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, "Diye-Slovo" media studio.

Judaism and Islam have hundreds of years of peaceful neighborhood and interaction on the territory of Ukraine. In Ukraine, since 1991, relations between Jews and other peoples have been considered most often in the context of "Ukrainians (Orthodox, Greek Catholics)-Jews (Jews)". Relations between Jews and Muslims (mainly Turks) remained mostly on the margins of scientific and popular discourse. At the same time, the Muslim population (Crimean, Volyn and Donbas Tatars) lives (lived) in many regions of Ukraine, which had its own interesting historical experience of living in the neighborhood with Ashkenazi and non-Ashkenazi Jews (Karaim, Krymchaks, Sephardim, Subbotniks). What was this relationship like? What questions should be studied by scientists and reflected by civil society in Ukraine? What are the "problematic issues" in this Ukrainian history and how are they (not) instrumentalized against the background of Russian aggression against Ukraine, conflicts in the Middle East, and the political situation in the West? These and other issues were discussed during the event.

The event was attended by:

Martin-Olexandr Kisliy, Candidate of Historical Science, National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.

Yuriy (Amir) Radchenko, Candidate of Historical Science, Center for the Study of Inter-Ethnic Relations of Eastern Europe, New Europe College Fellow.

Mykhailo Yakubovych, Candidate of Historical Science, Freiburg University (Germany), Coventry University (Great Britain).

The information partner of the project is the "Diye-Slovo" Media Studio.

5. EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

4.1 International interdisciplinary certificate program in Jewish Studies in cooperation with the Institute of Oriental Studies named after A. Krymsky of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

Academic Director – Kateryna Malakhova, Phd

Administrative Director – Olena Zaslavska

The program provides basic knowledge of Jewish history and culture; its goal is to promote development of Jewish studies in Ukraine and to form a community of specialists in this field in the future.

The program is intended for students of humanitarian disciplines who plan to specialize in the field of Jewish Studies, for people who already have previous education but would like to continue their studies in this specialty, as well as for a wide range of interested people who wish to expand their knowledge and improve their qualifications in this field directly.

Learn more about the program on website: <https://cpjudaica.org.ua>

Interview:

Olena Zaslavska – currently interest to Jewish Studies is growing in Ukraine. Conversation with “Ukrainky”.

Olha Mavrina, Olena Zaslavska – the uniqueness of the first youth conference on Jewish Studies is in targeting a student audience.

On September 3-4, 2023, the International Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Jewish Studies and the Zionist Federation of Ukraine (ZFU) in cooperation with the A. Y. Krymsky Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine held the First International Youth Scientific Conference on Jewish Studies.

4.1 Lecture project "History of the State of Israel. Survival in a hostile environment"

Initiator and Project Manager – Olena Zaslavska

Lecturers: member of the Expert Council of the Center for Civil Liberties Vyacheslav Likhachov (Kyiv) and director of the International Center for Jewish Education and Field Studies Artem Fedorchuk (Israel).

Project partners: International Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Jewish Studies in cooperation with the A. Y. Krymsky Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, "Diye-Slovo" media studio, International Center for Jewish Education and Field Studies.

Supported by the Department of Irigoon and Connection with Israelis Abroad (WZO) and the world movement "Israel Beyteynu" and world movement "Erez haKodesh".



The project consisted of 12 lectures and one advisory meeting.

In total, 173 people were registered for the project, 93 became active participants in the project, 66 participants attended all lectures and received the appropriate certificate.

Project description:

In recent years Israel has been perceived by many in Ukraine if not as a model, then at least as a country whose experience deserves careful study.

Indeed, many parallels lie on the surface. The idea of creating an independent state arose among Jewish intellectuals in approximately the same Central and Eastern European political context and approximately when the formation of the Ukrainian national movement began.

Several decades later, both peoples experienced the dramatic tragedies of genocide.

Since its inception, the Jewish state has successfully resisted a much larger enemy, which considers the very fact of Israel's existence unacceptable.

The ability to guarantee security and stop encroachments on its territory and lives of its citizens certainly attracts Ukrainians to Israel first of all. But, of course, not only military victories shape the image of the Jewish state.

Israelis have managed not only to develop culture, science and economy in an impressive way, but also to preserve political pluralism, democracy and freedom of speech, despite all security threats.

Undoubtedly, this side of the Israeli reality is also of great interest to Ukrainians. In the course of the project, formation of political Zionism, struggle for statehood, declaration of independence, and actual political history of the state's development were considered.

Special attention was paid to the consideration of success factors – where success was achieved, and analysis of mistakes where, as it seems to us from today's perspective, more could have been achieved.

4.2 Lecture course "Barbarossa Week"

Lecturer – Michael Bronstein, historian (Israel)

Host – Yurii Korohodskyi

The cycle, which consisted of 8 lectures, is an attempt to answer one of the most interesting questions in the history of the 20th century: why was the Red Army so shamefully defeated in the first 1-2 weeks of the summer of 1941?

The relevance of this topic lies primarily in the fact that "Barbarossa Week" demonstrates the Russian "philosophy of strategy", which is clearly visible in the war that Russia has unleashed in Ukraine. And here again we will focus on the facts, and not on "speculative theories".

We ask the question not why, but how. The "how" is the facts, the "why" is a version of the explanation, the facts must precede the explanation. Now there is no doubt that Hitler was simply ahead of Stalin by 2-3 weeks, but this knowledge, undoubtedly important, requires detail, without which it is impossible to understand the problems of the Red Army in June 1941.

We are not talking about "small mistakes", but about "systemic problems", which can be understood only by analyzing the "lessons" of the First World War, the processes between the wars (1920-30s) and the first stage of the Second World War (1939-1940). We also talked about military concepts of the parties, and about "schemes" of the beginning of the world wars.

4.3 Educational project "Museum of Life Polin"

Project manager:

From the ZFU – Olena Zaslavska,

From Polin museum – Oksana Chala.

Partners of the project – "Diye-Slovo" media studio and Museum of Polish Jews Polin.

The online work of the Polin Museum was conducted for the Ukrainian public for the first time. The first meeting of the project took place online at the end of October 2023 as an introduction to the Museum. The project continues in 2024. On January 21, 2024, the second meeting of the project took place.

The Museum's educational department is preparing a special program for Ukrainian visitors, which it plans to present online as part of the project.

For more details:

4.3 Lecture meetings

Partners – "Diye-Slovo" media studio and International Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Jewish Studies.

1. Nataliya Horbach. Holocaust: artistic discourse of Ukrainian prose
2. Professor Zeev Hanin. "War" aliyah and war in Israel
3. Zhenia Pukshanska (Israel). How to survive wartime and maintain mental balance
4. David Fishman. The Book Smugglers of the Vilnius Ghetto: resistance of the Jewish intelligentsia to the Nazis
5. Vyacheslav Likhachov. The situation in Gaza in a geopolitical context. Open interview.
6. Yevhen Minko. The Bailis Case, the Holocaust and Stalin's Terror in Jewish Dreams
7. Yurii (Amir) Radchenko. The Karaite population, the OUN(m) (the Organization of Ukrainian nationalists (Melnykivtsi)) and the Holocaust in Kyiv

6. Interviews and speeches

- Olena Zaslavska. **Relations between Ukraine and Israel, psychology of trauma and work of the Zionist Federation. June, 2023.**

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The Zionist Federation of Ukraine (ZFU) was formed in December 2001 based on principles of the Jerusalem Program of the World Zionist Organization.

Since January 2017, the organization has been officially registered in Ukraine and conducts independent program activities and is today one of the most active federations in Europe.

Recognizing and accepting the Jerusalem Program, the ZFU will align its activities, first of all, with its following principles:

- *the unity of the Jewish people and the central place of Israel in Jewish life;*
- *the reunification of the Jewish people in its historical homeland – Eretz Israel;*
- *strengthening of the State of Israel, which is based on the prophetic vision of justice and peace;*
- *preserving the identity of the Jewish people through the development of Zionist upbringing and education in Hebrew and Yiddish, as well as Jewish spiritual and cultural values.*

The main goals and tasks of the Zionist Federation of Ukraine are comprehensive promotion of the unity of the Jewish community of Ukraine, approval and implementation of the right of Jews – citizens of Ukraine to identity and their own national culture, improving the image of the Jewish community in Ukrainian society, development of Ukrainian-Jewish and Ukrainian-Israeli relations. The ZFU develops intercommunal youth, educational and cultural programs.

In 2020, the Zionist Federation of Ukraine (ZFU) continued strengthen and expand its activities. New programs were opened, existing programs continued and expanded their work.

With the beginning of the Russian invasion, the ZFU switched to military tactics, without stopping its main educational and educational activities.