



Activity Report

The idea of establishing the NGO Haver Srbija was the result of a lengthy cooperation between the leaders of the Haver Foundation in Hungary and the leaders and founders of Haver Srbija. The reality and the daily life in the countries are very similar and it was felt that an organization dealing with the subject of anti-Semitism and attempting to provide an antidote to the prevailing prejudice and discrimination in Serbia was needed.

The aims and goals of the two organizations are the same. Both organizations advocate a struggle against prejudice, discrimination, anti-Semitism and xenophobia and foster inter-cultural dialogue, developing individual skills for creating inclusive inter-cultural environments and spreading tolerance through informal education.

The planning process of establishing Haver Srbija started in August 2012 with the help of the Haver Foundation. The experience of the Haver Foundation was shared and adopted to the Serbian reality and that resulted in the official establishment of the NGO Haver Srbija in January 2013.

Since then Haver Srbija has begun to develop a network among different Jewish communities and organizations in Serbia as well as with NGOs whose goals fit into the working framework of Haver Srbija.

Since its establishment Haver Srbija has organized two seminars, which are described in the application form:

The first seminar was a 2-day seminar held in April 2013. This seminar was organized in cooperation with two other organizations, CEJI (A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe) from Brussels and the Haver Foundation from Budapest. The seminar gathered 22 participants, half of whom were members of the Jewish community in Serbia and half of whom were non-Jewish students. The aim of the seminar was to introduce the work and to experience the methodology and topics that the Haver Foundation in Budapest and Haver Srbija are dealing with, as well as to experience Diversity Tour trainings run by CEJI. The seminar was very successful and the feedback from the participants was positive.

The second seminar was a one day event initiated and organized by the Roma organization "New World" (Novi Svet) and Haver Srbija in cooperation with the Center for informal Jewish education of the Jewish Community of Belgrade and Jewish youth from Serbia. The seminar's participants were students from the Jewish community and students from the Roma organization. The aim of the seminar was to create an inter-cultural dialogue between the two groups of students, to offer learning about Judaism and Roma culture and to get to know each other on personal level as a way of breaking prejudices and stereotypes that are common to members of both communities.

Over the summer, the process of planning activities for high school students is taking place together with the preparation of a course in basic Judaism course for both Jews and non-Jews alike.