

Activity report for 2015

Chevruta Caravan

Chevruta Caravan project was implemented in 5 cities around Serbia. It is a project based on reading and discussing Jewish traditional, modern and universal texts that are dealing with subjects that are relevant to students and young adults in Jewish community and in general society. Through the texts participants connect and learn from each other, exchange their cultural and religious backgrounds, get involved in the thinking and learning process that will lead to more responsible and more open society. Topics of Chevruta Caravan are dealing with challenging subjects such as: education, ecology, helping others, power of words, identity, being a stranger, inclusion, etc.

Knowledge=tolerance

As **part of the exhibition** of Federation of Jewish communities of Serbia “Portraits and memoirs of Jewish community of Serbia before Holocaust”, Haver Srbija delivered workshops during the exhibition for primary and high school students. Haver was responsible for all educational side of the exhibition- volunteer training; training for teachers and workshops. Exhibition visited 7 cities in Serbia through the whole year. In this was knowledge=tolerance project became a part of the larger project.

Workshops in school. During 2015. numerous workshops in schools took place all around Serbia. Schools were offered few options for workshop’s topics. Three major topics covered were in connection with Jewish tradition/culture; Discrimination and Anti-Semitism and Shoa. Team of Haver Serbia went to schools and delivered workshops on the topic chosen by teachers. Each workshop lasted one (45min) or two school classes.

Training for volunteers: there were two trainings with 20 participants. Between trainings volunteers got manual for volunteers, handouts and different materials that they worked on and they were encouraged to do all kinds of online researches and self-enrichments. Volunteers after the training are going together with Haver staff to schools to deliver workshops.

Midrasha

Midrasha is a project of Jewish community of Belgrade and Haver Srbija together with Synagogue “Sukat Shalom” in Belgrade is partner on this project. Midrasha project consists of courses that provide knowledge of Jewish culture, religion, history and Hebrew language. Different courses are taking place all year around with an aim for community to become a learning center of Jewish studies In Serbia and region, both for Jews and general public. There were courses each month that in total reached around 350 people.

Panel discussions (Living library)

Together with the representatives of other minorities and marginalized groups. Throughout the year Haver Srbija organized open discussions around discrimination in our society by exposing participants with representatives of groups that are discriminated.

Humanitarian actions

Throughout the year Haver Srbija organized few humanitarian initiatives for orphan children, migrants and asylum seekers and children with special needs. Initiatives included sport competitions, concerts, social time with vulnerable groups and money collected during these actions were used for purchasing goods that these groups need the most.

Set of workshops on methodology of informal Jewish education and Judaism

Participants were young new madrichim of the communities in ex Yugoslavia. This activity was planned in cooperation with Center for Informal Jewish Education in Belgrade, and it consisted of several workshops whose aim was to provide young madrichim with hadracha skills and basic Jewish knowledge.

Set of lectures and workshops on the topics of discrimination and Anti-Semitism in Serbia

In cooperation with leadership of students in ex Yugoslavia. These activities took place on students gatherings and its aims were to once more introduce Haver Srbija as an organization and to explore topics that the organization is dealing with same as to motivate students to get involved with the work of the organization.

Set of lectures and workshops for Woman club of Jewish community of Belgrade

In cooperation with Jewish Woman club in Belgrade, Haver Srbija delivered set of lectures/workshops around Jewish holidays, texts and other subjects for elderly woman club.

All the mentioned activities are ongoing activities of Haver Srbija that in some form continue in 2016 and will continue in 2017.

