

Activities of Haver Srbija in 2017/2018.

Falafel-Festival of Israeli LGBTI movies

On the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia for the first time this year we organized Falafel , a two day long, film festival in Belgrade. The festival builds bridges and promotes Israeli, Jewish and LGBTQI culture and communities. Program of the festival consists of the movie screenings, panel discussions, Israeli cuisine, photo exhibition and cultural/social activities. The program actualizes various social issues, in the context of the fight against prejudice, discrimination, anti-Semitism, homophobia and xenophobia and encourages the audience to develop critical thinking on the issue of these topics.

Aims of the event are to: Raise public awareness in Serbia about multilevel discrimination of different minority groups through the promotion of Jewish/Israeli/LGBTQI culture and cinematography; Encourage local Jewish community to be more inclusive; Encourage networking between different minority and marginalized groups in order to work together in confronting and preventing discrimination; Raise the level of knowledge about Jewish and Israeli culture; Promote diversity and create inclusive environments; Encourage activism and promote equality among and for the members of Jewish community, LGBTQI activists and general society.

Festival is organized in partnership between Haver Srbija and the Israeli Embassy in Belgrade, Cultural - educational center KEC, organization that works on the improvement of the human rights of LGBTI members in Serbia; Merlinka film festival and individual activists from Jewish community, LGBTQI community and general society.



HAI

Hai is an educational and art project that collects various artists from Serbia. During the project artists gain knowledge about Judaica and Jewish culture and tradition. After the educational part of the project artists are producing art that includes Jewish symbols or are used during holidays. In the end of the project exhibition is organized in order to support artists and production of Judaica in Serbia. Aim of the project is to introduce Jewish cultural heritage to wider public and encourage artists from Jewish community and general society to create art of this type. There were 32 artists, professional and amateur that participated on the project.



Knowledge=tolerance

Project *Knowledge=tolerance*, has an aim to confront prejudices, stereotypes, discrimination, xenophobia and anti-Semitism among **primary and high school students in Serbia**. The educational sessions and activities include subjects connected to Jewish life and culture, Holocaust education, anti-Semitism and discrimination designed in the spirit of anti-prejudice and diversity education. During activities, which are using the methodology of informal education, special emphasize is put on the teachings around Holocaust with an aim to learn from this face of history in order to understand dangers of prejudices, discrimination and anti-Semitism. Goals of educational sessions are to facilitate dialogue and sharing of experiences in the area of religion and culture; to recognize, respect and understand religious, cultural, gender and identity diversity; to confront prejudice and discrimination and to develop individual skills for creating inclusive inter-cultural environments. Mission of the project is to encourage and empower school students to actively participate in creating more educated, tolerant, open and responsible society.

During the school year 2017. project activities reached around 3700 participants (students, teachers, volunteers, general public).

Workshops in school. Numerous workshops in schools took place in several cities around Serbia. Three major topics covered during workshops are 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.



Art, literature and multimedia contest for school children around Holocaust and culture of remembers collected 135 pieces from 23 schools around Serbia. As part of the contest an educational day was organized in Belgrade that included tour of the Jewish museum, synagogue, lecture, workshop and proclamation of the contest results. In 2018 as part of the commemoration held in January and exhibition was organized from the best pieces from the contest of 2017.



Workshops and activities outside of schools

Educational interactive tours around Staro Sajmište (Judenlager Semlin); Jewish cemetery, Synagogue and Jewish district. After the set of workshops around Holocaust, for teachers that choose to take their classes outside of school we organize educational tours around mentioned places. Tours are led by volunteers of the organization and by school students that went through preparation.

Commemoration event is a public event organized on the occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The event gathers students, teachers, schools, Jewish community and general public. Content of the event is built together with the teachers and includes testimonies, literature, student made movie specially made for this occasion and choir. Students are involved in educational process during which they learn about local Holocaust history, meet with the survivors, visit a place where concentration camp was in Belgrade and prepare recital for the commemoration event. The event itself includes recital and school choir that sings in Serbian, Hebrew, Yidish and Ladino. More than 60 students took part in the implementation of the event. There were two events of this type in 2018. Both events took place in public spaces.



Training for volunteers: Participants are members of Jewish community and students from general society. During the training participants are gaining skills and knowledge necessary for delivering workshops in schools, write for organizations' web site and social media platforms and skills and knowledge that enables them to volunteer on different programs and events. Between trainings, volunteers are provided with handouts and materials that develop their knowledge further. During 2018., 23 new volunteers were trained.



Educators training. Haver participated and led a workshops on educators training organized by Ministry of Education, by the Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory and NGO Centropa.



Also in the fall of 2018. Haver Srbija organized two trainings for teachers, reaching in total 40 participants. Training was organized in partnership with following organizations RKI, Finland, Dea Dia Serbia and Labris, Serbia.



Midrasha

Midrasha is a project of Jewish community of Belgrade in cooperation with Haver Srbija. 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. Courses take place each month and gather approximately 30 participants.



Panel discussions (Living library)

In cooperation with the representatives of other minorities and marginalized groups, thought the year Haver Srbija is organizing open discussions around discrimination in our society by exposing participants with the representatives of other minorities and/or marginalized groups in Serbia. Main aims of these gatherings are to create personal contacts, learn about difficulties people face because they don't belong to majority and in this way create allies among participants who will stand strong against any discrimination in our society.



Together against discrimination

Haver Srbija became a part of the network that gathers with an aim to confront discrimination against LGBTQI members. As part of this network we participate in different actions, events and conferences, we initiate actions and publicly speak about the rights of LGBTQI members.



Set of workshops on methodology of informal Jewish education and Judaism

Participants are 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 for Woman club of Jewish community of Belgrade

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

Family seminar for Jews from Ex-Yugoslavia

Haver Srbija participated on the 5 day long family seminar during which we delivered educational workshops around Shabbat, Holocaust, Nature and Judaism. During the seminar we also promoted Haver's souvenirs shop created by young artists in Serbia who through art learn about Jewish culture and tradition.

Web site (www.haver.rs)

Haver's web site is a platform that next to providing basic information about Haver and its activities also serves as a place that offers basic information about Judaism, local history and present of Serbian Jewish community, suggestion of books with Jewish themes etc. There are several volunteers that write and edit texts for the website.

All the mentioned activities are ongoing activities of Haver Srbija that are continually developing.