

Activities of Haver Srbija in 2016

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.

Workshops in school. During 2016. 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. During 2016, 2055 students went through the workshops.

Workshops and activities outside of schools

Educational tours around Staro Sajmište (Judenlager Semlin). After the set of workshops around Holocaust, for teachers that choose to take their classes outside of school we organize educational tours around concentration camp in the center of Belgrade.

Also a group of active students has special preparations in order to be able to lead a tour for young visitors from Israel.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day. In cooperation with 3 high schools in Belgrade, Haver Srbija organized International Holocaust Remembrance Day for community members and general society. 30 students were involved in educational process during which they learned about local Holocaust history, met with survivors, visited concentration camp in Belgrade and produced materials for the exhibition and performance delivered on the 27th of January.

Training for volunteers: Participants are members of Jewish community During the training participants gained skills and knowledge necessary for delivering workshops in schools, write for our web site and

Face book, volunteer in different programs and events. 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. Part of the volunteers, after the training, joined and contribute to the workshops in schools. In 2016 we trained 7 volunteers from Jewish community.

Educators training. Haver participated and led a workshops on educators training organized by Ministry of Education in Serbia and by Gymnasium “Sremski Karlovci”.

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, through 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.