



NEWSLETTER 10

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Dear Friends of the Jewish Museum in Vilnius,

5767 Shana Tova! Mazl Tov!

We congratulate all of you, and in particular our dear brethren and sisters in Israel, with Rosh-ha-shana, we wish you "gezunt und glik". We mourn the victims; we express our deepest condolences to their families and hope, like any Jew and non-Jew in the world, for a proper and safe solution to be found at long last.

Within the range of our possibilities we do what we can as we continue our hard work on people's education, and this includes lectures, research and books, exhibitions and films, conferences and commemorative events.

We thank you, dear friends of our museum, for your support, otherwise we wouldn't be able to report on most of our work. Our greatest gratitude goes to Gene Le Pere, our long-term supporter, to family Blumenthal, to Martin Feldman, Howard and Esther Margol, to the charitable foundations of the Beare family, Victor Winston, prof. Myra Sklarew and quite a circle of others each of whom should be addressed, no doubt, heartily and individually, if only we're able to extend our feelings for as much space as they truly deserve it.

As we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of our Newsletter, we decided to extend it from the previous eight pages in the past years, to a twelve-page edition.

This year we mark the work of our Austrian volunteer Stefan Pierer as our important achievement. He had prepared a lecture on Tolerance and anti-Semitism and combed the entire Lithuania, giving presentations in 32 schools! There were some schools where students have never ever given a thought to these subjects and that is, why it is so important. Also we had a re-union of all our volunteers from Austria on the 13-14 of September, here, under the auspices of our museum and the Austrian Embassy. We eagerly embraced everyone as true members of our museum family.

No less important educational effort was the republishing of the enlarged version of our guidebook, which is quite in demand on 100 memorable sites of the unique Yerushalayim de Lita. As for the new media needed to reach our audience we are working at present on a new film on the Righteous Gentile – Helene Holzman.

For the possibility to do this we thank our anonymous sponsor and the "Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research". Besides, our Department of the Righteous Gentiles has prepared for the State Award documentation on 54 people.

Many thanks to our staff for all the important tasks accomplished and to all who care about Jewish life in Lithuania.

Markas Zingeris (Director),

Rachel Kostanian (Vice Director)

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Visit of Mr. Moshe Katzav President of Israel



President Moshe Katzav honored the Jewish Community of Lithuania by his presence in the Coral Synagogue and on the mass execution site of Paneriai on the Day of the Genocide of Lithuanian Jews, where his speech made many to cry...

The President also expressed a wish to visit the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, by what the staff of the museum felt very honored and privileged, having in mind the short time he had.

We hope the President found satisfaction of what he saw in this beautifully restored former Jewish theater (Naugarduko 10), full of unique artifacts. We were honored to find the President's entry in our guest-book:

22nd September 2005

"Honor and recognition for the Lithuanian Jewish community in Vilnius, which continues the glorious Jewish cultural and religious traditions, which resists the misrepresentation of the historical truth, develops and persists, honor and recognition for the community, which preserves the greatness of the past, shrines of faith and traditions and works envisaging the succession of Jewish traditions."

Happy New Year!
Moshe Katzav

Markas Zingeris, the Director of the museum, and his Deputy, Rachel Kostanian, guided him through the exhibitions in the Tolerance Center, where the whole Jewish history and daily life of Jews in Lithuania is shown. Despite that he also saw the unique artifacts of religious and daily life.

During his stay in Lithuania President Katzav also attended the commemoration of Jewish victims of the Shoa in Lithuania in the Taharat Hakodesh Coral Synagogue, Vilnius.





New Books

Flashes of light in the Darkness



In her new book "Flashes of light in the Darkness", the author Rachel Margolis, ghetto inmate and partisan who was very active and a driving force in the process of recreating the Jewish museum in the year 1989 describes the experiences of her childhood and youth, the development from a little girl who is afraid to sleep alone in a dark bedroom, who needs somebody to be near. She is crying when the train drives in a tunnel. The writer's talent is to make the narration very convincing. Later, the former little girl enters the world of adults, which becomes darker and darker – WWII brings famine and death with it, the ghetto plunges the people into come-down and hardship. As she loses all her family she became a fighter against all evil. Her ideas, her truth notion and her positive view are her weapons and the most convincible metaphorical sense of the book by Rachel Margolis, her flashes of light in the darkness of the cruel reality.

The Book is published in Russian language, but will soon be translated to German and English.

It has 480 pages and can be purchased at our Museum for 30 LIT (9 EUR, 11 USD).

Yiddish Course

From July 31st to August 25th 2006, the 9th Summer Program in Yiddish of the Yiddish Institute at the Vilnius University took place. Approximately 80 participants from all over the world decided to improve their Yiddish language skills in Vilne, the "Jerusalem of Lithuania". Apart from a 60 hours/week academic program, various lectures, excursions, guided city tours, discussions and cultural events took place, in which the employees of the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum participated. Director Markas Zingeris, Vice Director Rachel Kostanian, Head of Collection Roza Bieliauskiene and Dr. Rachel Margolis held lectures, lead guided tours through Jewish Vilne, the mass execution site of Panerai and the area of the Vilna Ghetto. Participants of the summer program were guided through the museum's Holocaust exhibition and the Tolerance Center, which also hosted concerts of Yiddish songs.





Jews of Klaipeda

On March 23rd the exhibition "Jews of Klaipeda" was opened in our Tolerance Center with a lecture by its author Prof. Ruth Leiserowitz. The exhibition consists of some 80 documents and photographs showing Jewish life in the Memel/Klaipeda region from the beginning of the 19th century to World War II. The Goethe Institut Vilnius and our museum organized the event; the exhibition was set up with funds from the government of Germany and the Lithuanian Litvak Fonds.

Back to the Beginning

On July 4th the exhibition "Back to the beginning: an artist from South Africa's quest for her Lithuanian heritage", by Tanya Gavron was opened. The artist was born in Pretoria (South Africa), but is Lithuanian by heritage and by citizenship. The artist stated that her family's return to Lithuania has provided her with an unequalled wealth of inspiration. This creative stimulation has led to a transition in her art work: away from largely socio-politically motivated expressions to a variety of subject matters – landscapes, cityscapes, still life and portraits. The exhibition shows this transition very well: it examines and integrates the socio-cultural and ecological changes and contexts the artist has experienced. It shows politically motivated pieces of art from South Africa, portraits of her family and other people, but also art produced in Lithuania showing Lithuanian nature. The 90 art works combine painting, drawing, photography, new media, design and the artist's own words and thoughts.



YIVO – 80 years anniversary



Because of the 80th anniversary of the Yiddish Scientific Institute, the YIVO, an exhibition was opened in the museum's branch in the Former Tarbut Gymnasium. Dr. Carl Rheins, the Executive Director of the YIVO in New York, held a lecture in the Jasha Heifetz hall of the Jewish Community.

The exhibition was completed by Genrich Agransovski and designed by Genrich Kostanianas and shows a multitude of documents, letters and notes about conferences and meetings, reports of exhibitions and discussions ranging from the period of the founding of the YIVO in the mid 1920ies to the year 1940. The YIVO was established after an initiative of the famous Yiddish scholar Nachum Shtif on the 25th April 1925 in Vilnius. In 1941, with the German invasion, it was shut down

to be used as horse's stables and in 1942 Jewish cultural treasures were plundered there by Alfred Rosenberg's special squad "Einsatzstab Rosenberg". Nevertheless YIVO continued its work in New York.



...On the occasion of the ten-year anniversary of Austrian volunteers working here at the Jewish Museum a Symposium was organized by our directorate and volunteer Stefan Pierer, together with Dr. Vilma Gradinskaite, our secretary of research. It was held at the Tolerance Center on September 13th. Since the foundation of Gedenkdiens in 1992 until now 10 volunteers from Austria have worked 14 month each in the Jewish State Museum in Vilnius, instead of joining the Austrian army.

To celebrate this wonderful idea, a Symposium was planned with the genuine assistant of the current Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Michael Schwarzinger. Herby we want to thank our sponsors and participating institutions:

- Anne Frank House Amsterdam, especially Norbert Hinterleitner
- Embassy of Austria, Ambassador Michael Schwarzinger
- Organization Gedenkdiens
- The Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum
- Vilnius Yiddish Institute, Ruta Puisyte
- Zukunftsfonds der Republik Österreich (Future Fund of the Republic of Austria)



Thanks to that it was possible to invite lecturers from Austria as well as famous Lithuanian Historians. Mr. Markas Zingers, Director of the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, opened the Symposium, afterwards Mag. Hannah M. Lessing, Secretary General of the National Fund and the Austrian Settlement Fund hold her lecture '*Austria confronting her past*'.

At midday Dr. Egidijus Aleksandravicius, Head of the Center of Lithuanian Diaspora Studies, followed with his speech '*The Holocaust and the Traumas of Lithuanian Memory*' where he talked about the humiliation the Lithuanians experienced before Nazi invasion during one year soviet rule and how this could be a cause for the special cruelty of the Holocaust in Lithuania.

In the afternoon Dr. Arunas Bubnys from the Vilnius Institute of History talked about '*Changes in Lithuanian historiography and education on Holocaust.*'

That followed an oration of Mag. Gregor Ribarov, former Austrian volunteer in Berlin and now Chairman of the Organization Gedenkdiens, titled '*Gedenkdiens – Perceptions beyond the final stroke*'. Mag John Evers, Historian and technical coordinator of the organization Gedenkdiens then talked about the image, change and future of voluntary services '*From shirkers to small and cheap ambassadors? Image, change and future of Gedenkdiens in Austria – some aspect*'.

The Symposium was rounded up by Ms. Rachel Kostanians, Vice Director of the Jewish State Museum, speech '*The Jewish Museum and the activity of the Gedenkdiensleistenden*' and the speech of Mag. Norbert Hinterleitner, Anne Frank Haus, Amsterdam : '*The cooperation of the Anne Frank Haus Amsterdam and the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum Vilnius from 1998 – 2004*'. The Symposium was closed by a round table with the former Austrian volunteers, moderated by Ruta Puishyte of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute.

All the former Austrian Volunteers stayed here in Vilnius for another three days; among other things a trip to Stasiuncai Village with the museum staff was organized. We shall report on the reunion of the former Austrian "Gedenkdiensleistende" with a special edition within the next weeks.



In Cooperation with the Tolerance Center following Events have been organized:

- On 11th October 2005 a commemoration of the Metropolitan Andrej Septicki, who saved several Ukrainian Jews in the times of the Holocaust and protested against the cruel happenings took place. It was organized by the Ukrainian Embassy in Vilnius, by the Jewish Community, the Vilnius-Ukraine Community and the Vilnius Greek Catholic Sv. Trejbes Church. Jurij Pankiv, redactor of "Kolynovi hrona" – the Ukrainian radio in Lithuania – held a lecture there.
- On 20th November 2005, the Chatzkel Lemchen memorial room was opened in Pylimo 4.
- On 6th December 2005 the book "Minorities Rights" was presented by the General Director of the issuing institution, the Department of National Minorities and Lithuanians living abroad, A. Petrauskas. The authors of the articles presented in the book delivered lectures as well.
- On 9th December 2005 a charity event organized by Lithuania's first lady Alma Adamkiene took place.
- Various events took place during the visit of the "Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research" to Vilnius from February 12th to 15th. The members of the group visited the Paneriai Holocaust Memorial and were guided through our Holocaust exhibition by Vice Director R. Kostanian. The exhibitions of the Tolerance Center branch were visited as well, afterwards a composition performed by school students and a musical performance took place there.
- On March 21st, the theater play of students of the Vilniaus Uzupis Gimnazija, "Mylėk savo artimą" took place. In the play, the students raised the topic of copying with minorities, prejudice and racism in Lithuania. It was about the Vilna Ghetto, previously the students visited our Holocaust Exhibition.
- On April 26th, the Vilnius Yiddish Institute, the Lithuanian Film Makers Union, the Embassy of Ireland and our museum organized the premier of "Shalom Ireland", a film about Jews in Ireland.
- On May 1st, a celebration of the Independence Day of Israel, was organized by the Israeli Embassy. The Israeli Ambassador to Latvia and Lithuania, Mr. Gary Koren delivered a speech.
- On May 5th, Prof. A. Bendavid/France held a lecture about "Lithuanian Judaism and the Vilna Gaon".
- On May 9th, an event to commemorate the Europe Day was organized by the European Commission and the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum.
- On May 31st, the Turkish Embassy organized a meeting with the Director of the Istanbul Jewish Museum Aviduz Haim Guleryuz.
- On July 5th, a concert of the Israeli Philharmonic musicians Alexander Stark (violin) and Bella Shteinbuk (piano) was held. Their program consisted of plays of E. Gryg, B. Pigovat, R. Mozes, S. Feigin, E. Bloch and F. Kreisler.
- On August 21th Rachel Margolis presented her book "Flashes of light in the Darkness" in the Tolerance Center. Apart from herself also known Litvaks like Solomon Atamuk, Fania Brantsovsky, and others hold short lectures and Yiddish songwriter Maria Krupoves performed live songs.
- On September 13th a Symposium on the occasion of the 10th year anniversary of Austrian volunteer service in the Museum was held.



Educational Project

“Lecture about the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and Tolerance”

The educational project implemented from November 2005 to June 2006 by the Austrian volunteer (“Gedenkdiener”) Stefan Pierer is the continuation of a very similar project, carried out by the Austrian volunteer of the year 2004/2005 Johannes Langer. The project consists of a series of open lectures and discussions at Lithuanian schools, which aim to inform students about the Holocaust/Shoa, especially in Lithuania and about anti-Semitism and stereotypes - back in history and nowadays. Through the project, we want to achieve more awareness of existing stereotypes and intolerance, the students' critical and independent thinking about some aspects and problematic fields of the Lithuanian/European society should be strengthened and therefore a stronger civil-society be developed.

All in all 29 schools all over Lithuania were visited in which 32 lectures were held, 747 students participated in them. The lecture itself was held in an open, friendly and juvenile style, attention was put on the use of modern media as well: a presentation by projector and short parts of films were used. As the lectures were conducted in English, the language barrier and the restraint of the students often represented a difficult point.

The reactions to the project were very positive. For the students, the information received was important; additionally they appreciated the juvenile and diversified style of the lecture and the use of modern media in it. The knowledge of the participants differed very much, depending both on the grade the students attended, the school they were in and of course personal interest as well.



Sometimes, stereotypes of the “differentness” and wrong, generalized perceptions of the “the Jews” were to be recognized. Stereotypes against other marginal groups of society, such as homosexuals and “gypsies” – Roma and Sinti – were often raised.

In quite a number of lectures, insufficient or even non-existing conscience about the presence of intolerant and anti-Semitic voices and groups in Lithuanian politics and media was recognized. The necessity to build up/to strengthen a tolerant civil society was not always seen or sometimes seen just in minor dimensions. The image of an extremely tolerant Lithuania with no need for action in this point was from time to time to be found.

But most of the time, other opinions were raised as well: voices, which recognized the problems in the

Lithuanian/European society, which did not negate them and which are ready to undertake small and very personal steps to the right direction. So, some participants' realization of their own stereotypes and of the need to be active in the process of turning Lithuania into a more tolerant and open country showed the success of the project.

The whole educational project could just be realized because of the appreciated support of the American Center, the Organization “Operation Jabotinsky”, and the Austrian Embassy in Vilnius. It was the second cycle of the museum's educational project. The number of schools visited could be nearly doubled, an increase of 60 % in the number of participants was reached. Michael Kieber, the new Austrian volunteer in the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, will conduct the project's third cycle in 2006/2007.



Lithuanian Media



Rachel at work at the Vilnius Gaon Jewish State Museum.

The magazine "Vilnius Monthly", which claims to be the only magazine created by and for the international Lithuanian, has printed a copious story about the Jewish Lithuania of today, as well as a historical review over the past 600 years in its issue of August 2005.

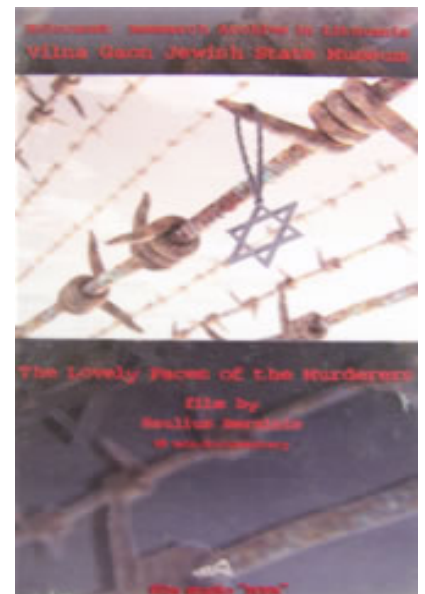
It contains a historical outline of Vilnius, explains how Vilnius got its sobriquet "Jerusalem of the North" and shows how deep the roots of Jewish Lithuania actually are. There is also an interview with Rachel Margolis, a holocaust survivor who works at the Gaon Jewish State Museum every summer, an interview with former museum director Emmanuel Zingeris, as well as a short column about his brother Markas Zingeris, who is now the current director of the Gaon Jewish State Museum.

Films

The Lovely Faces of the Murderers

Last year an important step in our museum's activities was marked: the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum co-produced two films. The film projects were completed together with the Lithuanian film-maker Saulius Berzinis. The first film, named "Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum – the bridge between past and future" showed the broad range of activities of our museum, its achievements and the people behind them. The movie had its premier in the Tolerance Center on May 18th, the International Museum Day.

On June 21st, the premier of the second film project took place: The documentary "The lovely faces of the murderers" shows many interviews with Lithuanian criminals, collaborators, bystanders – all average persons, with typical, "lovely" faces. With the film we hope to shape Lithuanian public consciousness about the happenings during Nazi occupation and to achieve a more tolerant and open society.





Department of the Righteous

During the last year the Department of Righteous led by Danute Selcinskaja proceeded their important work: search for families of rescued and rescuers. Being in contact with many rescued people all over the world and doing research often brings difficulties with it, as it is hard to get exact biographical data and to specify the circumstances of the rescue stories. Working together with the Department of Righteous of Yad Vashem, (represented by Katya Gusarov) brought great result. In the year 2005, 76 Righteous have been awarded with the certificates from Yad Vashem. Now the department is preparing the ceremony of awarding Lithuanians with the Life Savior's Cross, at the Presidential Palace in September – on the eve of the Genocide on Lithuanian Jews.



Another big event took place some months before: on June 15th 32 Lithuanians have been awarded with certificates from Yad Vashem in the Jewish Community Center.

The commemoration was organized in cooperation between the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, the Jewish Community and the Israeli Embassy in Lithuania and Latvia and attended by a great number of people.

The Chairman of the Jewish Community, Mr. Alperavicius, opened the ceremony, a speech by Israeli Ambassador Mr. Gary Koren followed. In his

opening words, Mr. Koren stated, "the community symbolizes those who survived the Holocaust, including those who were saved by the Righteous." He thanked the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum for its support in the process of search and identification of Righteous Gentiles, especially Head of the Department of Righteous Mrs. Danute Selcinskaja, "whose dedicated efforts contribute substantially to the success of every award ceremony." – As there were already several previous ceremonies early the same year, one of them in the Museum's Tolerance Center.

Yad Vashem Authority followed: "Yad Vashem" means in Hebrew language "memory" and "name". Those words stand for the main idea behind Yad Vashem: as "every person has a name and so should all the nameless victims of the Holocaust. Not less important is the task of identification of the people who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust and recognition of them as "Righteous Among the Nations". Those people did not only save persecuted Jews, but human dignity, which was lost in a sea of horror, despair and terror. For their heroic deeds in those most difficult times, they were recognized this day.



Markas Zingeris, Director of the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, assured that "the Jewish Museum will do everything possible to save the memory of the Righteous so that their example may inspire present and future generations willing to learn from history."

Engraving the names on the Commemoration Wall in Jerusalem will complete the whole process of recognition as a "Righteous among the Nations". The emotional ceremony ended with speeches by the awarded and rescued people and by Member of Parliament Mr. Stankevicius.



Michailas Erenburgas

1929-2005

On the 12th of August we usually would be preparing to congratulate Michail with his birthday – this time it would have been his 76th. But unfortunately, we lost him on the 26th of June.



He left Evidence of unfinished work like material for a book dedicated to the Rescuers according to a project "The Survived of the Catastrophe" on the Düsseldorf Jewish Community.

The feeling of the nation's fate and its history never left him. He was always devoted to this, just as he was to anything he had a connection with – to a friend, to his work and particularly his family. Strong like a monolith. Strong temper, strong spirit, deep feelings. Happy were those whom he loved.

We were happy too when he came to our museum in 1990 to work with his first exhibition, bringing along his core theme: human manifestations, the search for "human" in people.

He was also searching for moral resources and roots within a man. When working in Siauliai Pedagogical Institute, he heard about something to which he later had devoted himself for a long time. These were students' stories about saving the Jews. He started making notes and searched for these saviors of Jews.

When planned to meet with someone, no matter whether it was night, winter or rain outside, he'd stand up and carry on. He considered people who were risking their lives while hiding the doomed during the horrible war years, to be elevated above fear, even above deadly danger.

The exhibition organized by him and Siauliai Jewish Community in 1991 titled "The Rescuers of Jews" was the first exhibition on this topic in Lithuania. Since then these two words gained a deep meaning, as though accreted with a body – information that has been thoroughly gathered by the employees of the Rescuers' Department of the museum.

Our Dear Friend, your toil did not vanish. We are continuing the series of the publication of the book "Hands Brining Life and Bread" initiated by you, the "Gallery of the Righteous" established through your efforts is still working and the search for the Righteous as well as paying honor to them is still practiced. You would be happy to know that the museum closely cooperates with the Department of the Righteous of Yad Vashem Institute. The flag that had fallen from your hands was taken over and has been carried onward by a devoted research team.

Museum staff



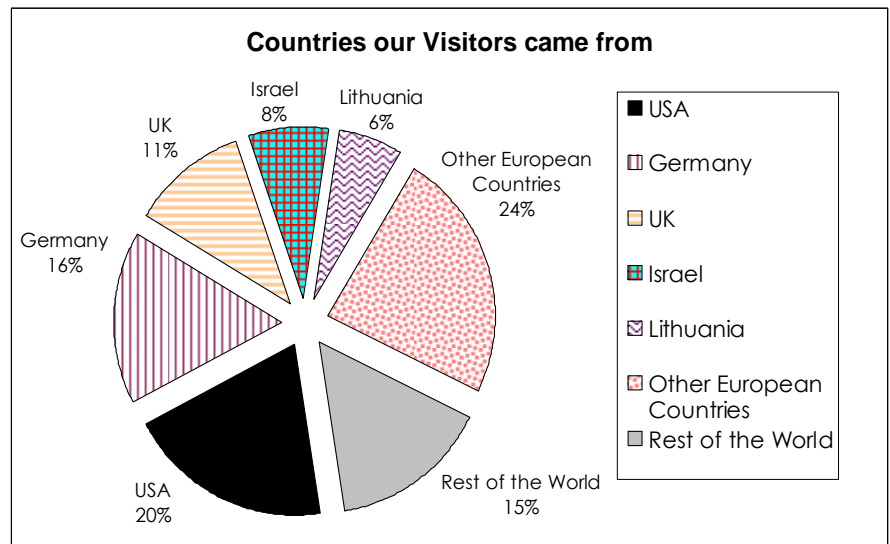
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Visitors between January and December 2005

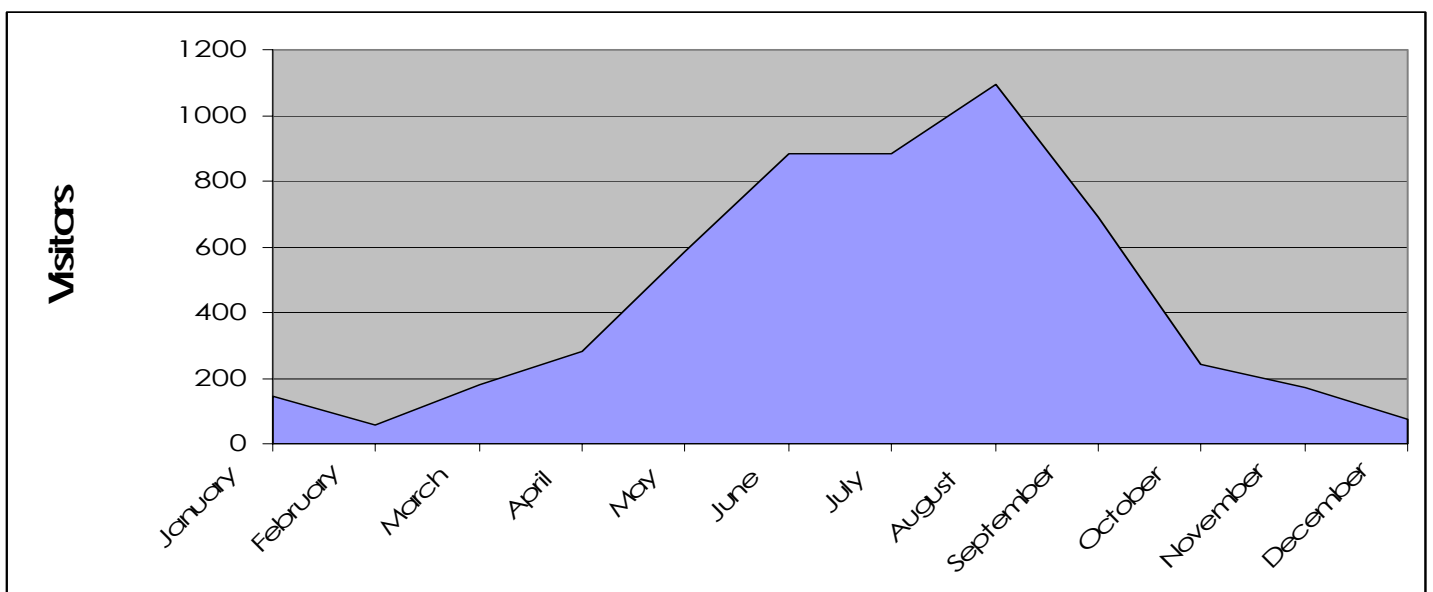
In this year's newsletter we want to present you the results of the visitors' statistics for another time. They are now based on the entries noticed by our staff only in the Holocaust exhibition (Green House).

In 2005 more than 5280 people from 48 different countries have visited our museum, which means an increase compared to 2004.

Investigating the distribution of our visitors according to their home countries we find that two thirds of our visitors are mainly from five countries: United States of America, Germany, United Kingdom, Israel and Lithuania. Especially enjoyable is the large raise of visitors coming from Denmark (2004: 29, 2005: 99), Ukraine (2004: 1, 2005: 40), Hungary (2004: 1, 2005: 19) and Germany (2004: 731, 2005: 864).



As usual the largest number of visitors came during summer time, while in winter the visitation of the Museum was quite low. Still remarkably was the increase of visitors in January, which amounted to more than 230%, compared to 2004.





Comments of our visitors

Every year hundreds of visitors from all over the world come to visit our museum. Among them are survivors of the Holocaust, as well as Litvaks, tourists, students and well-known personalities of political, scientific and cultural backgrounds. Here we include a few entries from our guest book from 2005-2006:

„Without people like here in this Museum – the story would be forgotten, would be lost, would be buried. You are an enlightenment for us in our fight for a better world.

September 13, 2006, Hannah M. Lessing, Austria, Secretary General of the National Fund

„Deeply impressed by the Jewish State Museum of Lithuania.“

Ulrich Fuchs, Co-director of Linz 2009 (Austria), which will be European Capital of Culture together with Vilnius in 2009

“Overwhelming – beyond comparison – words are inadequate to express one's feelings.”

June 14, 2006, Leah Ban, .D Bokie, Illinois, USA

“Thank you for this extremely important museum. We wish the Jewish Community of Vilnius success and hope you can re-establish some of the culture we lost. This is the best way to continue the legacy of the murdered. ”

July 14, 2006, Jeremy & Miriam Kuppermann Avins, San Francisco, California, USA

“Thank you for this extremely important museum. We wish the Jewish community of Vilnius success and hope you can re-establish some of the culture we lost. “

Jeremy & Miriam Hupperman, California, USA

“I am so very glad that this museum is here. It is unfathomable what happened to our people.”

July 10, 2006, Sara, California, USA

“A sad but important museum, especially as time goes forward, and memories disappear more with each generation.“

Barbara & Robert Levine, Greenwich, USA

“What a wonderful place to teach about the Holocaust – and to remember. Rachel Margolis is the best. “

Marilyn and Oswald Lampert, Palm Beach Garden, Florida, USA

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