

# Seminar for Teachers

## "The History of the Holocaust in Europe, Human Rights and Tolerance Today"

Organizers:

US Embassy Vilnius, US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum

November 29 - December 3  
Tolerance Center (Naugarduko street 10/2, Vilnius)

### **Monday, November 29, 2010**

08:30

Registration of participants

9:00 – 9:10

Opening of seminar

Speech by US ambassador Anne E. Derse

Speech by director of Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum Markas Zingeris

9:10 – 9:40

Historical concepts: The Holocaust in Europe/The Holocaust in Lithuania:

Stephen Feinberg, US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Rabbi Andrew Baker, personal representative of chairman of the OSCE for fighting anti-Semitism.

Thoroughness of Historical Research on the Holocaust in Europe and Especially in Lithuania and Survey of History Methodology.

9:40 – 10:15

Structure of Teaching the History of the Holocaust in Europe:

Dr. Alfonsas Eidintas, Foreign Affairs Ministry.

Dr. Eidintas will present an introductory survey of the Holocaust in Europe and its historical context in Lithuania.

10:15 – 10:30

Break

10:30 – 12:00

Structure of Teaching the History of the Holocaust in Europe.

Dr. Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sužiedėlis will present an exhaustive historical survey of the Holocaust, covering the years from 1933 to 1945, with a wider discussion of the Holocaust in Europe and its historical role in Lithuania.

12:00 – 12:30

Discussion. First Session

Moderators: Eglė Pranckūnienė and Marina Vildžiūnienė, Center for Improving Schools. Participants will break up into small groups to discuss the information presented by the speakers, will seek answers to the questions that have arisen and will discuss possible interpretations.

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 16:00

Issues of History for Lithuanian Teachers

Professor and doctor Šarūnas Liekis, Vytautas Magnus University and Director of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute.

Ingrida Vilkienė, International Commission for Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania. Two speakers who will be given one hour apiece will analyze historical issues concerning 20th century Lithuanian history and history teaching.

16:00 – 16:15

Break

16:15- 17:00

Discussion. Second session

Moderators: Eglė Pranckūnienė and Marina Vildžiūnienė, Center for Improving Schools. Participants will work in small groups to discuss the information presented by the speakers and will seek answers to the question that have arisen as well as discuss possible interpretations.

18:00 – 21:00

Dinner and speech by US ambassador Anne E. Derse

## **Tuesday, November 30, 2010**

9:00 – 10:00

Nazi racial ideology:

Stephen Feinberg, US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.  
The racial and ideological world-view of Holocaust criminals will be presented to participants.

10:00 – 12:00

Teaching Methods 1

Moderators: Stephen Feinberg and Dr. Ina Navazelskis, US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

Participants in groups will discuss how to apply what they've learned at the seminar to subjects taught at their institutions.

12:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:45

Teaching Methods: General Discussion 1

All the groups of participants will present the methods they recommend to include new historical material in seminar programs.

15:45 – 16:00

Break

16:00 – 17:00

Tolerance Center Exhibition:

"The History and Culture of the Litvaks"

Markas Zingeris, Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum

## **Wednesday, December 1, 2010**

9:00 – 10:30

Using Local Sources: The Catastrophe. Holocaust exhibit at the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum (Pamėnkalnio street 12, Vilnius)  
Markas Zingeris, Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum

10:30 – 12:00

Using Local Sources: A Visit to Paneriai. Guide: Dr. Arūnas Bubnys, Center for the Study of the Genocide and Resistance of the Inhabitants of Lithuania

12:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Lithuanian Identity and Teaching the Holocaust at  
Lithuanian Primary Schools

Dr. Nerija Putinaitė

Ministry of Education

The report will include an overview of teaching the Holocaust

15:30 – 16:00

Break

16:00- 17:30

Oral History and Teaching the Holocaust:

Dr. Ina Navazelskis, US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

18:00 – 20:00

Dinner and talk by Dr. Irena Veisaitė on  
Lithuanian Righteous Gentiles

### **Thursday, December 2, 2010**

9:00 – 11:00

Lithuanian Identity and Historical Consciousness

Linus Vildžiūnas, Center for Studies of the Holocaust and Jewish Culture  
in Lithuania Atminties namai [House of Memory].

Dr. Linas Venclauskas, Vytautas Magnus University.

Dr. Rūta Puišytė, Vilnius University.

11:00 - 11:30

Break

11:30 – 12:30

Using Biographies in the Teaching of History

Vytautas Toleikis, National Committee of United Colleges of the World.

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:45

Electronic Sources in Teachings about the Holocaust:

Session:

Stephen Feinberg, US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Internet sources devoted to preparing future teachers of historical  
materials will be presented to participants

15:45 – 16:00

Break

16:00 – 17:00

Teaching Methods 2

Moderator: Ingrida Vilkienė, The International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania.

17:30

*Screening of the film "Everything is Illuminated"*  
(director: Liev Schreiber, USA)

### **Friday, December 3, 2010**

9:00 – 10:30

Teaching the Holocaust and Contemporary [Modern] Human Rights

Norbert Hinterleitner, OSCE Bureau of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Poland.

Larry Olomofe, Bureau of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Poland

The connection between teaching the Holocaust and teaching human rights will be discussed during the report.

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 12:00

Teaching Material about the Holocaust:

Rimantas Jokimaitis, Ministry of Education.

The representative from the Ministry of Education will share information on the latest available teaching materials used to teach the Holocaust.

12:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Teaching Methods: General Discussion 2

Moderator: Stephen Feinberg, US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

All groups of participants will present the methods they recommend for bringing new historical material into seminar programs.

15:30 – 16:00

Break

16:00 - 17:00

Closed session: The Future of Holocaust Education in Lithuania

Dr. Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Discussion on teaching the Holocaust at Lithuanian primary schools and the role of institutions in training teachers; further stages of the program

Seminar for Teachers on the History of the Holocaust in Europe.