

It was a memorable, valuable, unique and interesting experience that combined both learning of the educational objective (Holocaust teaching) in an atmosphere of warm hospitality and learning with respect to the needs of adult education and the exploration of modern Israeli society and its contemporary multiple social and national identity. Personally I left with more questions, which means that in fact the seminar puzzled me positively as an educator and as a person, a fact that will lead me to the search for more answers. Actually I hope my affiliation with Yad Vashem will not stop here, but my research and cooperation on the issue of Holocaust teaching with both my colleagues and the partners of Yad Vashem will continue.

I am at your disposal and hope to have again the opportunity for such a wonderful cooperation in which I can contribute with whatever of my knowledge and expertise.

Kind regards

Georgios Potamias

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I would like to thank you for the great opportunity you gave me to watch a well-organized and very interesting seminar at Yad Vashem and to visit Jerusalem, a city with a charming past and a pleasant and safe present. Everything (travel, accommodation, the seminar itself, additional tours) was perfectly organized and really the whole experience was an excellent educational and travel experience.

I hope for new cooperation opportunities with the Jewish Museum of Greece and Yad Vashem in the future.

Thank you again. Many thanks to the people of Yad Vashem.

Yours sincerely

Foteini Frantzi, Patras

The seminar was great. The lectures were very interesting, the tours very good organized and amazing. Nevertheless, we would expect a few more workshops. The hospitality was also incredible. Thank you very much, both, the Jewish Museum and the Yad Vaschem, because otherwise we would not have the opportunity to participate in an experience like this. I already design and prepare a project on the Holocaust, that I will device with my students during the next school year.

Chrisoula Kolessia

If what the painter and sculptor Edgar Degas has said, that art is not what you see, but what you make the others see, then maybe that can be accomplished through the art of pedagogy and particularly through the enactment of the particular teaching seminar. As to the aim of the seminar, the evaluation was therefore positive. I learned a lot. Everything was very organized. I returned with great memories. Thank you

Eugenia Kaisari

The Educators were highly qualified and very insightful on how to teach the Holocaust.

The Lectors were all very interesting. It was a very moving moment to see the Yad Vashem Museum. A most profound gratitude to those who contributed to this unique experience.

REPORT CONCERNING THE SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS IN THE FOUNDATION YAD VASHEM IN ISRAEL (03-10 / 07/2016)

We would first like to thank the Jewish Museum for giving us the opportunity to participate in such an interesting seminar. Our thanks also go to the Yad Vashem Foundation, which shouldered the cost and the overall organization of the seminar. The whole event was flawless. Congratulations are also due to the person in charge of the program, from the YAD VASHEM Foundation, Mr. Yiftach Ashkenazy, who was always present, tireless and interested in meeting our every need, with regards to the program and each of us personally.

In our report we will first mention:

I . The technical issues, such as the following:

- ✓ the shuttle bus to and from the airport and daily to and from the YAD VASHEM Foundation was excellent
- ✓ the hotel facilities, room, breakfast and dinner were equally impeccable
- ✓ the hotel staff were friendly and helpful.

We will continue with:

II . The visits – tours, such as:

- ✓ the visit to the Yad Vashem Campus (The Children's Memorial, The Hall of Remembrance, Memorial to the Deportees, Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Monument, The Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations, The Historical Museum), which was very interesting and gave us all many, different and mixed feelings, because of the particular structure and presentation of the research issue (the Holocaust).
- ✓ the visit to the Old City of Jerusalem and
- ✓ the excursion to Masada - Dead Sea

All visits were very interesting and offered us a lot of new knowledge. The tour guide, Mr. Ben Lev Kadesh, was fully informed, knew his subject thoroughly and with his interesting method and approach, made the acquaintance with both regions particularly attractive. He deserves our congratulations.

We will end with the

III . Seminar for teachers from Greece

The whole structure of the seminar was very interesting and well planned. The five sections, were very well structured and gave us the opportunity to initially penetrate the Jewish lifestyle and anti-Semitism in the period before the Second World War and then helped to understand what Judaism means and the pedagogical philosophy YAD VASHEM has on the Holocaust.

Teaching the Holocaust through personal stories was, so to speak, exciting and this is largely due to the excellent presentation of Dr. Noa Mkyton. The way of the teaching of the "Final Solution" and the use of "Past in the Present" was also interesting.

Generally, much more interesting were the workshops of lectures and we believe that this view was shared by the whole team.

Top contributors - trainers were the Dr. Noa Mkyton, Ben Lev Kadesh, Daniel Rozenga, Yoni Berrous, Dr. Shira Kupfer, Sheryl Ohayon, Yiftach Ashkenazy, Dr. Rob Rozett.

The presentation of the Centre of Yad Vashem Learning from Mr. Yiftach Ashkenazy, was very interesting too, and the trainees asked to work for a few extra hours on the last day.

COMMENTS - SUGGESTIONS

I. We believe that greater use of workshops instead of lectures, namely the reversal of the ratio, would add much more data and value to the seminar.

II. We believe that some kind of commitment from the trainees, but also a tougher attitude from Yad Vashem (daily attendance, responsible compulsory presence declaration etc.) would help in avoiding some problems that arise because of incomplete attendance of the seminar from some people.

It is not right to exclude people with real commitment, in favour of others who do not regularly attend and are absent for whole days, doing tourism by using the sponsorship of Yad Vashem.

Finally, we believe that there will be many chances to use the Holocaust material and the newly acquired knowledge of the already trained teachers in reference and link to the General History or in project form. So, we think that the opportunity given was great.

Sophia P. Christopoulou

Head Consultant of Scientific & Pedagogical Guidance

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After coming back from Israel, I would like to express my gratitude to the Jewish Museum of Athens, for giving me the opportunity, to visit Israel and attend the seminar at Yad Vashem. A high level seminar, with excellent introducers, with open and free dialogue, in a perfect natural and educational environment. Having great experience, of many congresses and seminars all over Europe, I can simply say that, the one in Yad Vashem was something different, something unique. In addition, we were offered, educational material, special informing in different subjects of great interest; on the other hand some of the introducers suggested pedagogical approaches and ideas, which will contribute in the improvement of my own practices and educational proposals. I feel really lucky to attend this really creative seminar, in a friendly towards Greece country, in a wonderful place.

Closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you ,Mrs. Solomon, for taking care of everything, so as to prepare and organize the journey and, most important, for answering willingly in any question. Many thanks to Yiftach Ashkenazy. Thanks to him, everything was perfectly organized and coordinated in all respect.

A great thank to everyone and in particular, to the Jewish Museum of Athens, to Yad Vashem and all the nice people at Yad Vashem.

Sincerely,

Antonis Tzanakakis

Mathematician

Principal of the 2nd Gymnasium of Gerakas

Through this seminar I have learned how to teach to the students **not to forget the Shoah**.

And that includes among the others

- to remember every victim - what they were, what they could have become and what was done to them
- that when the German army faltered against the Allied onslaught, the Nazis killing effort accelerated
- what happens when morality takes a second place in one's process

It was all planned. There is no ignorance excuse. It was a highly organized machine, using top resources, priority over the railroads, hundred of thousands of manpower days finding, collecting, concentrating, moving and killing Jews.

I feel so thankful for the unique experience at Yad Vashem. All were very organized. Lectures were very informative, focused on Holocaust and the consequences of this.

Lecturers were prepared in, open minded, dialectical.

I was marveled at the Yad Vashem Museums for the Holocaust. It is very impressed, especially that was dedicated to children's memory.

I found remarkable the Learning Centre, because it offers all perspectives based on testimonies.

I want to thank the Yad Vashem Foundation for the opportunity gave to me.

Sincerely yours,

Anastasia Enangelopoulou

School Director.