

Centropa Regional Seminar

Using new technologies and personal stories in Holocaust education in the Visegrád region

Preliminary Program

Place-Venue: Erzsébetvárosi Zsidó Történeti Tár (Jewish Historical Repository) (Csányi street 5, Budapest 1077)

Date: 18-20. October 2019.

Regional seminar for teachers of the Visegrad countries (Hungary, Slovakia, Czechia and Poland). During the seminar, teachers will learn about the Jewish history and culture of the region, familiarize themselves with educational materials such as Centropa short films and exhibitions, and listen to presentations from veteran teachers of how they use Centropa in class. We are also going to visit the Jewish quarter of Budapest, and celebrate shabbat together.

18.October, 2019. - Friday

12:00-14.00 – Registration, refreshments at the venue

14:00 – Introduction of the participants – icebreaking games, getting to know each other – moderated by Borbála Pál and Marcell Kenesei

14:30 – Introduction to Centropa – why Centropa was founded, what Centropa does that's different, how to use the Centropa website, the online and open source database of Jewish family stories, photos, and related educational materials and projects - Presentation by Marcell Kenesei and Dr. Szilvia Czingel

15:30 – Showing three Centropa films followed by discussion – moderated by Dr. Szilvia Czingel

16:10 – Short introduction to Hungarian Jewish history, and the history of the Dohány synagogue – by Marcell Kenesei

16:30 – We walk together to the hotel where participants check-in and change clothes for Shabbat services

17:30 – Walking together to Dohány street synagogue

18.00 - Kabbalat Shabat at Dohány street synagogue with Rabbi Róbert Fröhlich

19.30 Dinner (Kőleves Restaurant- Budapest, Kazinczy street. 41, 1075)

19 October, 2019 - Saturday

9:00 – Presentation by veteran teachers (Slovak, Hungarian and Polish teachers will present, how to use Centropa in the classrooms) – presentations by Jacek Jaros, Martin Korcok, László Tóth, Izabella Byrja

10:30 – Coffee break

11:00 – Showing Centropa films followed by discussion – moderated by Dr. Szilvia Czingel

11:30 - "Stories from a family album" -is an exhibition created from Centropa archive photos and personal stories from Hungarian Jews who lived through the 20th century. – guided tour with veteran teachers and students – Szilvia Csanády

12:30 – Lunch (Mazel Tov Restaurant- Budapest, Akácfa u. 47, 1072)

14:00 - Showing Centropa film "Surviving Sarajevo" followed by discussion – (When war came to Bosnia in 1992 and Sarajevo was besieged, Jews and Muslims, Serbs, and Croats, all turned a synagogue into a humanitarian aid agency.) – moderated by Marcell Kenesei

14:30 – Teachers break into smaller groups to write lesson plans based on the film(s) they choose. Teachers are encouraged to combine the films with other Centropa resources. Group works are moderated by László Tóth, Jacek Jaros, Beata Gendek-Barhoumi, Szilvia Csanády

16.00 – Coffee break

16.15- Teachers working on the lesson plans in smaller groups - Group works are moderated by László Tóth, Jacek Jaros, Izabella Byrja, Szilvia Csanády

17:00 – Walking Tour in the Jewish district of Budapest (Haver Foundation)

19:00 - Dinner (Cafe Vian Restaurant- Budapest, Liszt Ferenc tér 9, 1061)

20 October, 2019 - Sunday

9:00 - Groups present their lesson plans, other groups give feedback. – moderated by Marcell Kenesei

10:30 - Presenting and discussing the video making competition in the Visegrad countries. We watch the best family, and our town's Jewish history videos made by students from V4 countries and then discuss how to work with our students on making videos. – by Marcell Kenesei

11:15 – Coffee break

11:30 - Final discussion and feedback about the seminar – moderated by Marcell Kenesei

12:30 - Seminar ends (sandwich lunch)