**„All People Are Kinsfolk“**

Description of project activities

Jieznas gymnasium, Prienai region, Lithuania

It is an integrated project conjoining activities of Centropa project „People Help People“ and Lithuanian schools project „I grow up reading“.

Duration: September 23, 2014 (Holocaust Memorial Day in Lithuania) – January 27, 2015 (International Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Aim: to boost the interest in Lithuanians and Jews common history

Participants: upper class students, school librarian, teachers of English and ethical education

Project activities:

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| **Time** | **Intended activities** | **Fulfilment** |
| September | Project presentation to its target groupCommemoration of the Holocaust victims  | School authorities, teachers and 2g class students were informed about Centropa Summer Academy and future intended activitiesFilm "Fort VII - A Lithuanian Nightmare" trailer review and discussion;Educational excursion to Kaunas Fort VII |
| October | Public reading of Grigory Kanovitch book „Debesis, vardu Lietuva“ (*A Cloud, named* *Lithuania*)  | Gymnasium library hosted the public reading of a novel by G.Kanovitch "Joslas Gordinas, pravarde Laimės Kūdikis" (*Josl Gordin nicknamed Lucky Stiff*). Participated and read: 2g class students, teachers of ethical education, teacher of English, school librarian |
| November | Search for people mentioned in the novel  | School librarian got in touch with a daughter in law of Justinas Gineitis (a personage who saved his neighbour Jew). We understand that this personage most probably is a fictional one, but the story could have a real background. Moreover, there is a mass grave of local Jews in Jieznas. The lady lives in Jieznas, she is elderly and refused to meet with students, however, there was a talk with adults |
| December | Work with digital educational material | Preparation for the review of "Survival in Sarajevo" - film summary translation into Lithuanian, presentation of basic historic facts;Film review and the successive discussion of 2g class students with the priest of Jieznas parish R.Bičkauskas about religious tolerance and human values |
| January | Preparation for the final project activities |  Commemoration of the 70th anniversary of liberation of Auschwitz (27/01/2015); Reading an extract from Balys Sruoga book „Dievų miškas“ (*Gods‘ Forest* – about survival of Lithuanians in Stutthof) |

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<http://kvitrina.com/centropos-vasaros-akademija-2014/>

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Only 4 of the 18 people who escaped from the slaughter remained alive: **Josef Gordon,** **who was hidden by a Lithuanian farmer,** returned to Jieznas after the war and lived there for 2 years (from July 1944 until May 1946), Meir Shador, Puchkarnik and Megolovitz. Some of them emigrated to Israel. The names of the Lithuanian farmers who hid them are kept in the Yad Vashem archives.