



## RESPECT AND TOLERANCE

# SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

## 2006



Exhibition of art installations Return of Lights, a view from the women's gallery, Synagogue Lostice

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## EXHIBITIONS:

### **There Once Was a World (part I)**

Included in the program Year of Jewish Culture - 100 Years of Jewish Museum in Prague. History of Jewish Community in Lostice, Mohelnice and Usov

Mohelnice Museum, opened from February 10 - until February, 2007

### **Stanislav Lolek - Native Country - Cunning Little Vixen**

Mohelnice Museum, opened from June 10 until September 30, 2006

### **There Once Was a World (part II)**

Synagogue Lostice. History of Jewish Community in Lostice, Mohelnice and Usov.

Opened from June 24 - until December 31, 2006

### **Return of Light**

Synagogue Lostice. Art installations by students from Art School in Prague. Created in the Lostice synagogue and inspired by Jewish history and culture.

Opened from October 7 - until December 31, 2006. Concert of Jewish songs and psalms by the children's choir Vetrnik during the opening of the exhibition



## EXHIBITIONS - COOPERATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS:

### **The second Life of Czech Torah Scrolls**

Jewish Museum in Prague, curator: M. Veselska, October 26 , 2006 – January 28, 2007

Respect and Tolerance projects for the exhibition:

LOSTICE TORAH AND CONGREGATION HAKAFA – information, photographs and DVD documenting a visit of the Congregation Hakafa from Glencoe to Lostice, the 1st return of the Czech Torah, the 1st service in the Lostice synagogue since WWII.

TORAH FROM THE MIROV PRISON – story of the Torah from the communist prison Mirov. Interview with Mr. Janku who hid the Scroll in the attic in the prison in 1950s to protect it from guards. Mr. Janku cooperates with the foundation Respect and Tolerance. Torah was recently discovered and acquired by the foundation.

MINIATURE SCROLL – an unique scroll recently donated with many other artifacts to the foundation by Dr. Stanton Canter.

Information and photographs from the foundation are presented in the exhibition catalogue.



Exhibition of art installations Return of Lights, a view from the women's gallery. Synagogue Lostice. View on benches. All seats were dedicated to different families and groups of people from the Lostice area, which perished in the holocaust. Student Barbora Zadrazilova developed this idea further and placed to their receptacles photographs and objects, which they used or could use.



Exhibition „Return of Light“. Art installation „Visible Unvisible Connection“ by Eva Hašková.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

**Unicov College, J. Lonova, (January, October 06)**

Fates of members of Jewish communities in the Lostice area

Preparation of materials and books for independent students projects. Later project "Angel of Death and Recollection of him" by Katerina Tison from the Unicov College received the First prize in the National Competition of the Ministry of Education ("Daniel"). The project "Fates of Jewish families from Usov and Mohelnic area" by Kristina Laurinova from the Unicov College received the Second price in the same competition!

**High school Demlova Olomouc,**

B. Hybaskova, (27. 01. 06)

An international memorial day of victims of holocaust

**Art School Olesska in Prague, J. Dudek, (29.04.06)**

Plein Air Lostice Synagogue, April 2006

History of Lostice Synagogue

**Art School Olesska in Prague, J. Dudek, (30.04.06)**

The roots of anti-Semitism, Fanny Neuda ...

**High school Lostice, V. Prvy, (19.05.06)**

Jewish History; History of Jewish community in Lostice

**Art School Olesska in Prague, J. Dudek, (September 06)**

Plein Air Return of Light, Lostice Synagogue

History of Jewish Community

**High school Demlova Olomouc, B. Hybasakova, (19.10.06)**

History of Jewish Community, Visit to Jewish cemetery, Return of Light

**Business College in Olomouc, A. Osancova (October 2006)**

Information re: French painter, sculptor and archeologist Terry Haass. Before WWII she lived in Mohelnice and studied in Olomouc. Escaped from the country because of her Jewish origin.

**Spanish College in Olomouc, J. Demlova, (December 2006)**

Materials and information for project: Jewish Holidays (Jews in Spain)



J. Dudek and students from the Art School in Prague just received the Terry Haass Award in the Lostice synagogue.



High school Demlova, Olomouc  
The day dedicated to Jewish history, culture and traditions. Students, teachers and the coordinator of the Foundation Respect and Tolerance.



Students in the Respect and Tolerance library

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### CREATION OF FANNY NEUDA SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship was created by the foundation Respect and Tolerance in a memory of Fanny Neuda (1819-1894) - the wife of the Lostice rabbi Abraham Neuda and the author of an important book, written in Lostice in 1854. Her book titled: "Stunden der Andacht" (Hours of Devotion) is quite significant, because it was the first of its kind to be written by a Jewish woman for Jewish women. Soon it became a best seller, published in more than 30 editions.

Scholarship will be awarded to students and teachers for a participation in interesting projects in the area of literature and music focused on a promotion of human rights and mutual understanding.

On Wednesday May 31, 2006 Mrs. Dinah Berland and the Mayor of the town of the Lostice Ctirad Lolek presented the first Fanny Neuda Scholarship to the choir mistress Svatava Simkova and all members of the children's choir Vetrnik for their presentation of Jewish music and poetry in Lostice, Olomouc and Prague during last three years.



Dinah Berland of J. Paul Getty Museum is presenting the first Fanny Neuda Award in the Lostice Synagogue.

### CREATION OF TERRY HAASS SCHOLARSHIP

A French painter, sculptor and archeologist Terry Haass lives in Paris. Her works of art are displayed in the most significant world museums and galleries, including Museum of Modern Art in New York, Musée d'art Moderne in Paris and Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Before WWII she lived with her family in Mohelnice. They left the country in 1939. Her father perished in the Holocaust.

Terry Haass is in a written contact with the foundation Respect and Tolerance. She expressed her thanks to members of the foundation for their work, agreed with a creation of the T. H. Scholarship and donated exhibition catalogues documenting her graphic art to the foundation. T.H. Scholarship will be awarded to students and teachers involved in Respect and Tolerance educational and art programs.

### RESEARCH RE: THE TORAH FROM THE MIROV PRISON

Visit to the prison with Mr. Janku who hid the Torah there in 1950s. Discovery of the scroll, interview and information about other Jewish inmates, movie document

### DINAH BERLAND'S VISIT TO LOSTICE

Preparations for a working visit of D. Berland, (editor of Getty Publications), who arrived in May to review and document information and materials for a book Hours of Devotion which will be published in New York in 2007. In her letter she evaluated discovered information as a blessing for the project. Program of her five days stay included working visits to Jewish sites in the Lostice area, museums in Mohelnice, Olomouc and Prostejov, meetings with the Mayor of town of Lostice, media etc.

### BIBLE FROM CEDAR RAPIDS

Searching for information about a rare family bible, which was published in Philadelphia in 1865 and used in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The bible, which is now in the Respect and Tolerance Library was displayed in the Mohelnice Museum. The book was owned by Earl family. It was recently discovered that Porter W. Earl, whose name is written in the bible lived in period 1802 – 1884, was a pioneer and one of founders of the town of Cedar Rapids. By the end of 19th century the Czech community became the largest ethnic group in Cedar Rapids. There are still Czech historical sites there including the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. Exhibition also includes information about Americans of Jewish origin who helped to negotiate the creation of the Czech Republic (Louis Brandeis, Adolf Joachim Sabath).



Former political prisoner Mr. Jan Janku in the attic of the Mirov prison with a Torah scroll

## CO-OPERATION WITH TOWN OF LOSTICE

**The Grant from the Czech and German Foundation of Future.** Members of Respect and Tolerance assisted with the application for the grant. Letters of recommendation from persons (from Canada, Czech Republic and Germany who are familiar with the activities of the Foundation Respect and Tolerance) and information, photographs and materials documenting R.&T. programs were important part of the application. In July 2006 it was announced that the application was successful and the town of Lostice received 500 000.00 Crowns for the restoration of the synagogue. It is the first grant in 16 years.

**The grant from Foundation for Holocaust Victims.** Members of Respect and Tolerance assisted with the application for the grant for the restoration of Lostice synagogue. Letters of recommendation from persons (from Canada, Czech Republic and Germany who are familiar with the activities of the Foundation Respect and Tolerance) and information, photographs and materials documenting R.&T. programs were important part of the application.

**The meeting with the Minister of Culture in the Town Hall in Lostice.** The minister received information and materials re: programs of the foundation Respect and Tolerance and history and condition of the Lostice synagogue.

**Sending gifts to Egon Morgenstern for his 92nd birthday.** Mr. Morgenstern was a member of the pre-war Lostice Jewish community, who now lives in Vilnius, Lithuania. In 1940s he was imprisoned in a Soviet Gulag and his parents and many relatives perished in the Holocaust.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Exhibition Catalogue: Stanislav Lolek- Native country - Cunning Little Vixen**

Tour guide: **Walking in Footsteps of Cunning Little Vixen**

**Fanny Neuda: Hours of Devotion.** First Czech translation of a book, which was written by F. Neuda in Lostice in 1854. For Respect and Tolerance translated J. Achab Haidler. Illustrations: The Lostice Plain Air – works of art by students.

**There Once Was a World,** history of Jewish communities in the Lostice area, preparation of new texts

## PUBLICATIONS – COOPERATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

**Fanny Neuda: Hours of Devotion.** Dinah Berland, the editor of the Getty Publications in Los Angeles prepared a new enlarged edition of this book. Foundation Respect and Tolerance assisted with historical research re F. Neuda. (Archive in Sumperk, Vienna (C. Male), Keshet (J. Achab Haidler) etc).

**The Second Life of Czech Torah Scrolls.** Exhibition catalog – Jewish Museum in Prague. Presentation of information and artifacts from the collection of Respect and Tolerance.



Barbora Zadrazilova: Jewish Cemetery in Usov

## RESPECT AND TOLERANCE IN MEDIA

### MOHELNICE REPORTER:

**Exhibition *There once was a world* and performance of Vetrnik in Prague** (January 2006)

**Terry Haass - a painter, graphic artist and sculptor** (May 2005)

**Painting in Synagogue in Loštice** (June 2006)

**Return of light** (October 2006)

### VOICE OF LOSTICE

**Fanny Neuda** (Spring 2006)

### MORAVIAN NORTH DAILY:

**Another Lostice Torah Found in Ohio** (17.1.06)

**The Friend of Einstein Had Ancestors in Lostice** (19.1.06)

**Mohelnice had Victims of Holocaust too** (26.01.06)

**Synagogue Will Have New Roof** (21.3.06)

**Prisoners from Communist Era Commemorated for Their Years in Prison** (23.03.06)

**War Turned Jewish Girl to Parisian** (16.05.06)

**Book Connects America with Lostice** (01.06.06)

**The First Recognition Belongs to Vetrnik** (07.06.06)

**Story of the Cunning Little Vixen** (27.06.06)

**Book Added to Display in Synagogue** (28.06.06)

**Gods in Sumperk? Yes!** (07.07.06)

**Mayor of Lostice paid visit to old man from Vilnius** (09.08.06)

**Man from Uganda: Czechs are Generous** (15. 08.06)

**Torah returned back to Mirov** (16.08.06)

**Bible flew over the Ocean** (01.09.06)

**Synagogue Came Back to Life Thanks to Students** (19.09.06)

**Return of Light** (10.10.06)

**He Had to Escape Twice** (29.11.06)

### METRO (PRAGUE)

**The Rare Crown** (21.09.06)

### DOSTAVNIK TIMES

**Bible** (31.08.06)

### PRÁVO

**Return of Ligh** (10. 10. 06)

**Information about exhibition *There Once Was a World* appears in the *Culture calendar* of Moravian North, which is issued every weekend during Summer, and also in information leaflet *Programs*, and in *Newsletter (4)* published by the Jewish Museum.**

### CZECH RADIO OLOMOUC

**Interview about Exhibition of painter Stanislav Lolek** (09.05.06)

**Program about Writer Fanny Neuda**, historic information and reading passages from Czech translation (Z. Jílkova, M. Heidenreichova L. Stipl; broadcasted 20.6.06)

**A program about trail: *Walking in Footsteps of Cunning Little Vixen*** (Z. Jílkova, L. Stipl; continuing broadcasting during a month of July 06)

**Program about history of Jewish Communities in Lostice, Mohelnice and Usov.** Newly discovered facts and stories (Z. Kobza, L. Stipl, broadcasted 20.10. 06 from 11 to 12AM)





Dr. Stanton Canter holding the rare 19th century Torah Crown, which he recently discovered and acquired for the foundation Respect and Tolerance. Exhibition There Once was a World in Mohelnice Museum.



Mrs. Janet Canter, Hanna Heidenreichova (Director of the Mohelnice Museum) and Dr. Stanton Canter in the Bila Lhota Arboretum planting the tree. Dr. Canter was asked to be the part of the honorary program of the Bila Lhota Arboretum, which awards the most significant persons contributing to cultural development of the Northern Moravia.

### **PREPARATION OF MATERIALS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS.**

Electronic form will on CD and on Respect and Tolerance website. (See Catalogue of artifacts). Continues.

**WILL CONTINUE TO ACQUIRE AND ADD BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY AND JUDAICA ARTIFACTS TO THE COLLECTION.** Books are used for education programs. Judaica are used in exhibitions and educational programs.

**ACQUIRING THE SET OF HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT STAINED GLASS WINDOWS FROM THE OLOMOUC SYNAGOGUE.** The large synagogue was built in a Byzantine - Oriental style in 1897 and destroyed by Fascist 1939. Only some benches and six large windows (230cm high) and two small ones survived. Windows were hidden from 1940 to 2006 in a dwelling in Olomouc suburbs. Complicated negotiation by members of the foundation Respect and Tolerance, help of friends of the foundation, the contribution from an anonymous donor and understanding of the Jewish Community in Olomouc made the acquiring of the windows possible. Consolidation, restoration and mounting will follow. The foundation acquired three rows of benches from the Olomouc synagogue in 2005. Respect and Tolerance in co-operation with the Jewish Community in Olomouc will start the process which will place this historical set of windows and benches to the National List of Heritage Objects.

Stained glass window with the name of Rabbi dr. Bethold Oppenheim. He was the first rabbi in Olomouc, after Jewish Community resettled in here in 19th century. He served his community 47 years (1892 – 1939). He was involved with the planning of the synagogue and made a financial contribution for its building. Rabbi Oppenheim consecrated the synagogue in 1897. He was born in 1867 in Ivancice and perished in 1942 in Treblinka.



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## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION RESPECT AND TOLERANCE

There are many assignments on the agenda. Their completion will depend on the time and finances. Respect and Tolerance is an independent association. Expenses are paid by its supporters and friends. Any support will be greatly appreciated.

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1. Documentation of Jewish history
2. Exhibitions
3. Educational programs for students
4. Preparation of publication - catalogue *Respect and tolerance* (textbook for students)
5. Library and artifacts
6. Work with prewar members of Jewish communities and veterans of WWII
7. Restoration of stained glass windows from the Olomouc synagogue
8. Fanny Neuda Award
9. Terry Haass Award
8. Other

Donors will receive receipts and reports regarding Respect and tolerance activities

Thank you in advance for your interest and support.



Recently discovered stained glass window from the Olomouc Synagogue, which was destroyed by Fascists in 1939.