



Program Report 2019

The Zionist Federation of Ukraine (ZFU) was established in December 2001 by the Vaad of Ukraine on the basis of the principles of the Jerusalem program of the World Zionist Organization.

Since January 2017, the organization is officially registered in Ukraine and conducts independent program activities.

Recognizing and accepting the Jerusalem program, the ZFU will coordinate its activities, primarily with its following principles:

- The unity of the Jewish people and the central place of Israel in Jewish life;*
- reunion of the Jewish people in their historical homeland - Eretz Yisrael;*
- Strengthening the State of Israel, which is based on a prophetic vision of justice and peace;*
- Preservation of the identity of the Jewish people through the development of Zionist upbringing and education in Hebrew and Yiddish, as well as Jewish spiritual and cultural values.*

The main goals and objectives of the Zionist Federation of Ukraine is to fully promote the unity of the Jewish community of Ukraine, the approval and realization of the right of Jews - citizens of Ukraine to identity and their own national culture, to improve the image of the Jewish community in Ukrainian society, the development of Ukrainian-Jewish and Ukrainian-Israeli relations.

Many Zionist movements are represented in Ukraine.

Today, Zionist Federation of Ukraine focuses on intercommunal youth, educational, and cultural programs.

In the summer of 2015, for the first time in the history of the Jewish community of Ukraine, elections were held for delegates from the Jewish community of Ukraine to the 37th Zionist Congress, which was held in Jerusalem in October 2015.

Since the summer of 2019, the ZFU has been preparing for the elections to the 38th World Zionist Congress, which will be held in October 2020.

In 2019, the Zionist Federation of Ukraine continued to strengthen and expand its activities. New programs were opened, existing programs continued and expanded their work..

Programs and projects of ZFU

1. Hebrew Speaking Club "There are Things to Talk about!"

The author of the idea and the program manager is Elena Zaslavskaya, coordinators - Alfiya Shevchenko, Irina Lazorenko.

Moderators:

in Kyiv - Ksenia Erofeeva; in Melitopil - Lyudmila Shapiro; in Chernivtsi - Elena Grebelnaya; in Lviv - Leonard Ochochinsky; in Kharkiv - Diana Kalashnikova.



Kyiv



Melitopil



Chernivtsi



Lviv

Hebrew Speaking Club “There are Things to Talk about!” has been operating since 2016

Thanks to the support of the World Confederation of United Zionists, the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund, the Friendship Fund and the Vaad of Ukraine, it was possible to significantly expand the work of the Club.

In addition to Kyiv, in 2019 Hebrew clubs work in Chernivtsi, Melitopil, Kharkiv and Lviv. This program is the first on the territory of Ukraine and is a natural continuation of training in the ulpan.

Over the three years of work, a personal style and an original methodology for holding Club meetings have been developed.

In August 2019, the first in the history of teaching Hebrew language guidelines were issued on the work of the Clubs of Speaking Hebrew (editor-compiler - Ksenia Erofeeva).

Methodically, the guidelines are recommended for universities by the decision of the Academic Council of Taurida University. V.I. Vernadsky of August 28, 2019

Club meetings are held in the form of a conversation on a predetermined topic, so the participants work out learned vocabulary, pronounce language constructions and get used to communication. Part of the Club's meetings is devoted to Jewish tradition and Jewish holidays, part to the issues and problems that we face daily, as well as life philosophy, psychology, the perception of the beauty of the world, art, etc.

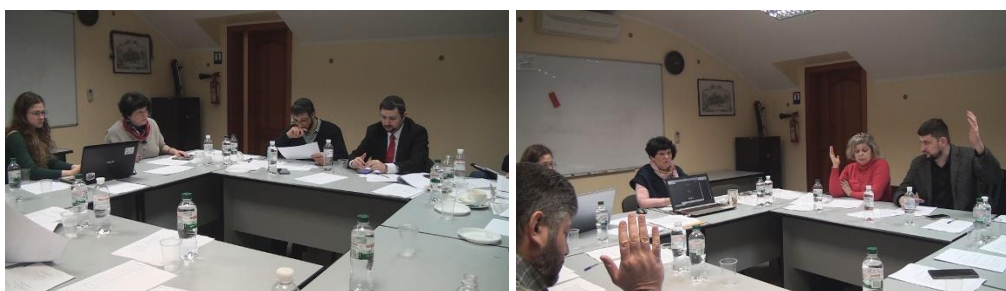
Any person with an initial or higher level of Hebrew knowledge can become a member of the club.

A special place in the Club's work is held by meetings with people who speak Hebrew at the level of the mother tongue.

The club continues its work in 2020 in five towns of Ukraine.

The project is supported by: the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund, the Confederation of United Zionists, the Friendship Fund, and the Vaad of Ukraine.

2. ELECTION OF DELEGATES FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF UKRAINE TO THE 38TH WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS



In the photo: meeting of the election committee

The chairman of the election committee is the representative of the World Confederation of United Zionists in Ukraine, Mr. J. Zissels.

Executive direction - E. Zaslavskaya, I. Lazorenko.

In the summer of 2015, for the first time in the history of the Jewish community of Ukraine, elections were held for delegates from the Jewish community of Ukraine to the 37th World Zionist Congress, which was held in Jerusalem in October 2015. As a result, 7 delegates from 5 movements represented the Jewish community of Ukraine at the Congress.

Ukraine is the only country in the world, with the exception of the United States, which in 2015 held the election of delegates from the Jewish community of Ukraine to the World Zionist Congress.

In October 2020, the 38th World Zionist Congress will be held in Jerusalem.

Representatives of eight movements participate in the election process: Arzeinu, Beitenu World Movement, World Confederation of United Zionists, Lavy, Likud World Movement, Merkaz, Meretz, Mizrahi.

Preparations for the election began in June 2019. The launch of the electronic election system is scheduled for February 2020. Conduct of elections: April-July 2020. Summing up - until September 2020.

3. VOLUNTEER PRESS CENTER

Project Manager from National Taurida University of Vernadsky - Director of the Institute of Philology and Journalism, Professor S. L. Kuzmina.

The head from the Vaad of Ukraine and the Zionist Federation of Ukraine - Acting Director of ZFU, chief editor of the site of Vaad of Ukraine E. Zaslavskaya.



Since September 2019, on the basis of the journalism faculty of the Institute of Philology and Journalism of the National Tauride University named after V. I. Vernadsky works volunteer press center. The program participants were ten first-year students of the Faculty of Journalism of the University.

The objective of the program is to provide an opportunity for beginning journalists who are just mastering their profession, practical journalistic skills, such as interviewing and commenting, decoding and typing audio recordings, overcoming the “turn to a stranger” complex, professional reporting, working with headings of articles, as well as prepare a young shift for work on Vaad web projects. The program participants, as correspondent interns of the Vaad Ukraine and KNGU sites, took part in the Babi Yar Victims Memorial March, took a series of interviews with counselors of the Sources of Tolerance camp and the European Camp, took an active part in preparing and conducting the Presentation of the Concept for the Integrated Memorialization of Babyn Yar and others. Many of the reports prepared by the project participants were posted in the main news feeds of web projects, which indicates sufficient training for members of the young journalists team.

The project is a volunteer and is carried out by the Zionist Federation of Ukraine with technical support from the Institute of Philology and Journalism of the National Taurida University of V.I. Vernadsky, Vaad of Ukraine and the Congress of National Communities of Ukraine.

The legal basis for the project was the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between ZFU and the National Taurida University. V.I. Vernadsky.

4. EXHIBITION "STATE OF ISRAEL - UKRAINIAN ROOTS"

Project Manager from the Institute of Philology and Journalism

National Tauride University. V. I. Vernadsky - Director of the Institute, Professor S. L. Kuzmina,

project initiator, leader and designer - E. Zaslavskaya,

selection of exhibition materials - Y. Smilyanskaya,

project curator - O. Yakovleva,

managers - I. Lazorenko, E. Muchnik.



1. Presentation of the exhibition in Odessa.

2. Alie Ghani presents the exhibition in Izmail.

In 2019, with the support of the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund and the World Movement «Beyteynu Olami».

Our Home Israel exhibition was presented in the cities: Korsun-Shevchenkivsky, Vasilkov, Stavyshe, Smela, Brovary and others (project "Originally from Shtetl"), as well as in Kharkov, Odessa, Balta and Izmail (Odessa region).

The presentation also included information about people from these towns or villages who also contributed to the creation of the Jewish State.

Presentations in Odessa, Balt, Izmail and Kharkov were held by students of the Institute of Philology and Journalism of the National Taurida University named after V. I. Vernadsky, major "Hebrew".

In 2020, presentation of the exhibition is planned in Lviv, Chernihiv and other towns of Ukraine.

The exhibition was prepared by the Zionist Federation of Ukraine in cooperation with the Kyiv Institute of Jewish Studies with the support of the World Confederation of United Zionists. The project is dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel.

The exhibition exposition consists of posters, each of which reveals one of the directions of the formation of the Jewish state, such as the army, medicine, urban planning, agriculture, energy, etc. through the prism of biographies of those who were born on the territory of today's Ukraine, he came to Palestine and, with his ascetic work, brought closer the creation of the Jewish State.

The exhibition was sponsored by the World Confederation of United Zionists.

THE PROJECT "BORN IN SHTETL"

Project Leaders:

from the Regional Association of Small Jewish Communities of Kiev and Cherkasy Regions - Klavdia Kolesnikova, from ZFU - E. Zaslavskaya.

Video operator - A. Shevchenko.



The project "Originally from Shtetl!" is dedicated to the contribution of immigrants from Ukrainian lands to the creation of the state of Israel. Presentations of the project on the basis of the exhibition were supplemented by materials about people from the so-called. "Place of the Association" - cities and towns that are members of the Regional Association of Small Jewish Communities.

The project was carried out by the Regional Association of Small Jewish Communities of Kiev and Cherkasy regions together with the ZFU the basis of the exhibition "State of Israel - Ukrainian Roots", prepared by the Zionist Federation of Ukraine in cooperation with the Kyiv Institute of Judaica for the 70th anniversary of Independence of the State of Israel.

With the support of the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund, presentations and lectures were held in seven communities of the Kiev and Cherkasy regions.

5. **PROGRAMME ZION_CLUB – «INTERESTING MEETINGS»** organized by ZFU in early 2018 and involves holding meetings, lectures, presentations on various topics of Jewish life.



On September 17, 2019, a meeting with Galina Gromik took place - editor-in-chief of the operational information agency UKRINFORM Ukraine.

The master class was held in the form of a dialogue - Galina Gromik answered questions from the audience.

The meeting was actively attended by students of the journalism department of the V. I. Vernadsky National Taurida University, as well as teachers, program managers and employees of public organizations..

At the meeting, they talked about the need and stage of checking information by journalists, they receive information on how to choose the right partners for cooperation (which is especially important in the Ukrainian media space), how to write a press release for organizations to be accepted for publication by a media agency, and also what role does professional profile higher education play in the career of a journalist.



Interview with B. Shtivelman in Russian

On October 24, 2019 ZFU took part in organizing a meeting with Boris Shtivelman, director of the Israeli Lyceum program, an educational expert at the Israeli Friendship Fund. The result of this meeting was a series of video interviews on school education in Israel and the former USSR.

6. RINA BARBUT'S LECTURES



ZFU and the Hebrew Speaking Club "There are Things to Talk about" initiated and supported by the World Confederation of United Zionists and Rina Barbut author's program "JConnect" conduct a series of online lectures by Rina Barbut on various topics, including the Israeli mentality and adaptation in Israel new repatriates. Lectures are held on average once a month.

Lectures by Rina Barbut are very popular in many countries of the world. They are aimed at introducing and rallying young professionals with Jewish roots from different countries, at helping their professional growth, using an understanding of how super-modern business technologies work.

Rina Barbut repatriated to Israel from Turkey in 2008. In Israel, she advanced in her career and worked in large companies in senior positions related to business and technology, such as; Eset, Nice Systems, Microsoft, etc.

For many years, Rina is a Jewish activist and leads educational and social activities in Turkey and Europe. The project continued to work in 2020. You can connect to listening by connecting to a group on Skype. Language - Hebrew. Duration - 45 minutes.

8. PARTICIPATION OF ZFU EMPLOYEES IN CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS



a) Kyiv, February 2019

E. Zaslavskaya, performed. Director of ZFU, made a presentation of the programs of the Zionist Federation of Ukraine at the annual seminar of the international project "KESHER";

b) March 27 - April 2, 2019 in Israel, a seminar was held for leading projects of non-formal Jewish education in Ukraine.

The seminar participants were coordinators and methodologists of educational projects in the field of non-formal Jewish education, program directors, methodologists and presenters of the Shorashim International Jewish Children Camp - "The Roots and Future of the Diaspora Jews" in Ukraine and Georgia, presenters of children and youth programs of the Jewish community center "Halom";

As a representative of a partner organization, at the personal invitation of the leaders of the Gahalutz Lemirhav movement, the seminar was attended by Spanish. Director of ZFU E. Zaslavskaya.

c) On June 16 - 20, 2019, an international seminar was held in Israel for the leaders of educational and scientific organizations, teachers and scientists in the field of education on the theme "Returning to the roots - working for the good of the future";

The aim of the seminar was to improve the qualifications of its participants by gaining new experience and opening new opportunities in the field of Jewish education. Excursions, meetings at pedagogical centers, discussions, lectures and creative studios were organized for participants. The seminar was attended by an employee of ZFU, moderator of the Kyiv Hebrew Speaking Club, Bachelor of Hebrew Ksenia Erofeeva;

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On October 30, 2019, the Glavcom news agency held a press conference, the topic of which was the approval of the National Tauride University named after V.I. Vernadsky Guidelines for the work of the All-Ukrainian project Hebrew Speaking Club "There are Things to Talk about!" The Director of the Institute of Philology and Journalism of the National Taurida University named after V. I. Vernadsky, professor S. L. Kuzmina, Acting Director of Zionist Federation of Ukraine E. Zaslavskaya, editor-compiler of guidelines, moderator of the Hebrew Speaking Club in Kyiv, bachelor in Hebrew K. Erofeeva.

e) November 15-17, 2019 in Marseille, France, the IVision conference was organized by the Department of Diaspora Affairs of the World Zionist Organization.

Over 300 participants from 22 countries and five continents, with an average age of 30 years representing the entire political and religious spectrum, came to Marseille for the weekend to talk about Israel and Zionism.



Ukraine was presented for the first time in such conference, Zionist Federation of Ukraine was represented by Iryna Lazorenko, the assistant of the executive director of the ZFU.

Representatives of European Zionist federations of such countries as Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Romania, Hungary, Ukraine, France also met on the conference. During the meeting, important issues were discussed regarding the work of the federations, elections to the Zionist Congress in 2020, and preliminary arrangements for cooperation were concluded.

The Zionist Federation of Ukraine expresses its gratitude to the conference organizers as well as the representatives of the European federations.

7. PR-production of ZFU



a) flyer 200 * 100 * 3 double-sided, full-color, language - Russian, circulation - 100 copies;

b) flyer 200 * 100 * 3 double-sided, full-color, language - English, circulation - 100 copies ;;

c) a one-page calendar in Hebrew with an advertisement for the Hebrew Speaking Club, circulation - 500 copies /

d) Notebook ZFU, format A6, circulation 50 pcs.

e) advertising flyers and event posters.

Design of advertising products - E. Zaslavskaya.

8. More details about the activities of the Zionist Federation can be found at:

site votezion.org.ua



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