



REPORT

ZIONIST FEDERATION of Ukraine (ZFU)

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The Zionist Federation of Ukraine (ZFU) was formed in December 2001 by Vaad of Ukraine and is based on the principles of the Jerusalem World Program of the World Zionist organization.

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

Acknowledging and accepting the Jerusalem program, first of all, the ZFU coordinates its activities with the following principles:

- the unity of the Jewish people and the central place of Israel in Jewish life;
- the reunification of the Jewish people in its historic homeland – Land of Israel;
- strengthening the State of Israel, which is based on the prophetic vision of justice and peace;
- preserving the identity of the Jewish people through 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 are full assistance and promoting unity to the Jewish community of Ukraine, approval and realization of the right of Jews - citizens of Ukraine - to their own identity and national culture, improving the image of the Jewish community in the Ukrainian society, the development of Ukrainian-Jewish and Ukrainian-Israeli relations.

In Ukraine, there are many Zionist parties and movements represented. The main focus of ZFU today is on intercommunal youth, educational and cultural programs. In the summer of 2015 and for the first time in the history of the Jewish community of Ukraine, the elections of delegates to the 37th



Zionist Congress, which took place in Jerusalem in October 2015, had been held. As a result, seven delegates from five parties represented the Jewish community of Ukraine at the Congress.

In 2018, the Zionist Federation of Ukraine (ZFU) continued to strengthen and expand its activities. New programs were opened, and already existing ones continued and expanded their work.

Interview:

- Josef Zissels: what does the term «Zionism» mean for me and what is the meaning of Zionist activity in the Jewish community of Ukraine?

- Alex Selsky: Ukrainian Jewish community, having no experience took charge of the election in conditions of a huge crisis and a war.

Hebrew Speaking Club

“What’s about to talk?!”

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The author of the idea and the program manager is Elena Zaslavskaya,
 coordinators – Alena Bondarenko, Alfia Shevchenko.
 A methodologist – Olga Yakovleva.

Moderators:
 in Kiev – Ksenia Yerofeeva, Anna Shevchenko,
 in Melitopol – Lyudmila Shapiro,
 in Chernivtsi – Elena Grebelnaya,
 in Kropyvnytskyi (online) and online for small towns –
 Ksenia Erofeeva, Lola Gilbo.

The program of the Hebrew Speaking Club “What’s about to talk?!” has been running since 2016.

Thanks to the support of the Dutch Humanitarian Fund, the World Confederation of United Zionists (CUZ) and Vaad of Ukraine significantly succeeded in expanding of the work of the Club.

In addition to Kyiv club of ces, the new ones were opened in Chernivtsi, Melitopol, Vinnitsa and Kropyvnytskyi. Also of the Hebrew Speaking Club opened online platform.

Over three years of work, its own style and original technique of holding meetings have been developed. This program is the first on the territory of Ukraine and represents natural continuation of learning in ulpan. Club meetings are held in the form of conversation on a pre-defined topic. Most Club meetings devoted to Jewish tradition, Jewish holidays and community events.

A special place in the work of the Club is occupied by meetings with people who have high Hebrew level. Native speakers were invited There were Ron Gar eld – the head of the Ukrainian JAFI branch; Dima Ioffe – the head of the repatriation department of Ukrainian Branch of JAFI; a traveler, a businessman Ram Rosenfeld; the creator of the falafel diners’ network in Ukraine Guy Dotan; the director of the community of traditional Judaism Michal Stamova; the director of the Center for Jewish Education of Ukraine Natalia Bakulina; the creators of the Israeli community of local lore museum «Meeting Place» Anna and Meir Antopolsky and others.

The creation of the Hebrew Speaking Club helped the majority of its participants not only to improve their conversational Hebrew, but also to find like-minded people, to gain new knowledge about the Jewish tradition, Jewish lifestyle, to participate in Jewish holidays, etc.

The program has played and plays an important role in uniting members of the Jewish community. The club continued its work in 2019.



On January 14, 2018, an installation seminar for the Hebrew Speaking Clubs' moderators from different towns was held in Kyiv. Lyudmila Shapiro took part in it (Melitopol), Anna Shevchenko and Ksenia Yerofeeva (Kyiv), Anatoly Kerzhner (Vinnitsa), Elena Grebelnaya (Chernivtsi). A senior lecturer of Tavrichesky University, a methodologist Olga Yakovleva gave a lecture on the methodology of the Hebrew Speaking Clubs.



E. Zaslavskaya. Kiev



O. Yakovleva. Kiev

A. Shevchenko. Kiev



L. Shapiro. Melitopol

K. Erofeeva. Kiev



A. Kerzhner. Vinnitsa





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The opening of the exhibition took place in the Sholom Aleichem Museum in Kiev



THE EXHIBITION «THE STATE OF ISRAEL – UKRAINIAN ROOTS»

This exhibition was prepared by the Zionist Federation of Ukraine in collaboration with the Kyiv Institute of Jewish Studies.

The project sponsor is the World Confederation of United Zionists (WZO).

The project is dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel. The exhibition consists of posters, each of them shows one field of becoming of the Jewish state, such as army, medicine, urban planning, agriculture, energy, etc. through the prism of the biographies of those who were born on the territory of today's Ukraine and arrived in Palestine and brought closer its creation with their selfless labour.

In 2019, the exhibition is to be presented in Kyivska and Cherkaska regions, as well as in Kharkiv, Odessa, etc.

It is planned to translate the exhibition into English for its presentation in Israel and the countries of Western Europe.

**The initiator, leader and designer of the project – E. Zaslavskaya;
Selection of materials – Julia Smilyanskaya.**



Mila Lerner

Sviatoslav Bakis



THE PROGRAM «INTERESTING MEETINGS»

Organized by the ZFU in early 2018, the program “Interesting meetings” involves holding meetings, lectures, presentations on various topics of Jewish life.

On March 20, 2018, a meeting was held with Anna and Meer Antopolsky (Israel), the founders of the Israeli meeting of local lore society “Meeting Place”. The main topic of discussion was how life flows on so-called “Israeli territories” and how it is possible, necessary and difficult to establish relations with the Arab neighbors, how the club “Meeting Place” was created. Also, we talked about the need, all the possibilities and difficulties of climbing the Temple Mount. The event included the presentation of Meir Antopolsky’s book “Guide to the Temple Mount” in Ukrainian.

On April 19, 2018, a meeting-lecture with the chief editor of J-News magazine Mila Lerner on the topic “Jewish media in Ukraine” took place.

On June 6, 2018, a lecture was held with the Executive Director of the World Confederation of United Zionists (WZO), Marketing Manager of Argus Cyber Security Ltd., Jesse Sultanik «How do Israeli innovations affect solutions of world problems».

On August 29, 2018, the presentation of the book of Sviatoslav Bakis “Cinema in the Jewish Lens” - a collection of reviews of films related to the Jewish theme. Reviews have been published in the Hadashot newspaper from 2012 to 2018. The publication of the book is a project of the Vaad of Ukraine.



The Seminar in Kiev



The international conference "Alef-Bet" Performance about Y. Korchak



CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- In May 2018 ZFU with the support of the World Confederation of United Zionists (WZO) organized a reporting seminar of the Association of Small Jewish Communities of Ukraine (Kyivsky and Cherkasky region). The workshop was also attended by representatives of the Jewish Communities of Ukraine from Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Melitopol and other towns and cities. The purpose of the seminar was the discussion and prospects of opening new community programs.
- Representatives of ZFU took part in the international conference "Alef-Bet" held for heads of Jewish education programs and Hebrew teachers, living in Western Europe. The conference is organized by the Education Department of the World Zionist Organization (WZO). The conference was held in Frankfurt am Main, Germany in December 2018. Representatives from Ukraine for the first time participated in such an event. The ZFU was represented by the executive director Elena Zaslavskaya and teacher of the Hebrew Speaking Club «What's about to Talk!?» Ksenia Yerofeeva.
- The executive director Elena Zaslavskaya held a presentation of Zionist Federation of Ukraine's programs at the annual seminar of the international project «KESHER». Kyiv, January 2018



Hebrew-intensive Bet level

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Hebrew intensive course is designed for those who need improvement of Hebrew in a short period for permanent residence in Israel or for business communication at a decent level. The presentation of the course took place on April 1, 2018 in Kyiv.

The group «Bet-Intensity» worked from April to June 2018.

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