

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE GROUP OF
WORK FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN EDUCATION,
REMEMBRANCE AND RESEARCH ON THE HOLOCAUST (ITF)**

Promotion and protection of human rights are an integral part of a policy of State for Argentina. This has been established as priority for the National Government.

In consequence and based on a deep conviction that remembrance of the Holocaust is narrowly linked to the need to guarantee memory, truth and justice in all the circumstances of truth and cases of human rights. The Argentine Republic continues with the fulfilment of the commitment assumed in the year 2000. In this sense, activities related to education, remembrance and research on the Holocaust are developed through three Ministries and through Non Governmental Organizations (NGO) that constitute the Permanent Consultative National Board.

The pro-tempore Presidency of the Permanent Consultative Board is organized through a system of rotation among the areas of government involved. During the year 2008, the Ministry of Education coordinates the group and in fulfilment with the above mentioned role, it calls for periodic meetings in order to organize the Argentine tasks in relation to the subject matter. In those meetings representatives of the National Ministry of Education; of the State Department, of International Commerce and Cult; of the Secretariat of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, Security and Human Rights and of the NGOs that are interested in the subject matter take part. Nowadays, the local group is integrated by three State organisms that work in collaboration with the following organizations of civil society: the Mutual Israelite Argentine Association (AMIA); the B'nai B'rith; the Simon Wiesenthal Centre; the Argentine Judeo Christian Confraternity (CAJC); the Superior Council of Catholic Education Synod Argentina (CONSUDEEC); the Delegation of Israelite Argentine Associations (DAIA); the Memory of the Holocaust Foundation and the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires; Generations of the Shoá Argentina; the Coordinating Meeting of Associations of Private Education (COORDIEP); the New Rights of Man Association.

The present report contains the activities developed from June to the second plenary meeting 2008, including the programmed projects for this year. The answers given by the competent area of State in the subject matter and by the NGOs previously mentioned were taken into account in order to elaborate the present report. This report is organized in nine sections: 1) projects presented before the ITF, 2) commemoration

and exhibitions 3) commemoration and exhibitions 4) education, 5) training, 6) publishing and book presentation, 7) documentaries and film exhibitions 8) acknowledgments and 9) Others

1. PROJECTS OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

A. The Permanent Consultative Council of the Argentine Republic has agreed on the accomplishment of a Conference with the aim of opening a diffusion platform of the activities that it develops in three areas of work on the Holocaust: Education, Remembrance and Research. A two days Conference has been designed aimed at the society in general (educators, academics, politicians, civil servants, NGO, representatives from different creeds, communicators, foreign diplomats, agents of change, etc.). The Conference will be carried out during 2 days in September. This Conference reinforces the commitment of the local work on the Holocaust and simultaneously gives substance and identity to the responsible work of the Permanent Consultative Council formed by the Argentine State and the civil society interested in the subject matter.

B. Likewise the National Department of Education agreed with the Permanent Consultative Council on the 2008/2011 Working Plan. The offer is thought to develop on the one hand, the training of teachers on the subject matter, proposed by the Minister of Education, Lic. Juan Carlos Tedesco and on the other hand, to fulfil what it is expressed in the new National Law of Education.

The complete Plan will be presented and gone under consideration of the 24 Argentine Ministers of Education, in the Federal Education Council.

The working areas are:

1. Material Production: This material should reflect two aspects: a) the appropriate selection of contents for the transference and b) the didactic development corresponding to characteristics of each level of teaching.
2. The formation of a jurisdictional web that works the Shoá from the National Ministry of Education, together with other areas of the State and non-governmental organizations.

3. Material presentation and introduction of the Federal Council of Education web.
4. Use of materials in the Teacher Training Institutes. Usage of agreements and a better use of materials with the people responsible for Institutes and Universities.
5. In-service Teacher Training. A Task articulated with jurisdictions and Institutes.

The five lines are integral in their conception, corresponding to a Plan thought to be gradually developed through the Provincial Ministries.

2. PROJECTS PRESENTED BY ARGENTINA TO ITF

- A. The project presented by the Local Group of the ITF, designed by the Secretariat of Human Rights, called "Experiences in the management of sites of memory in places where genocide practices were committed both in Europe and in Argentina", was approved by the plenary of the ITF in April 2008. The objective of the project is to favour an exchange of experiences among people who are employed at the ex-concentration camps and extermination of the Nazism and people who are employed at the clandestine ex-centres of repression established by the last military dictatorship (1976-1983). This exchange of experiences will take place in the first semester of the year 2009.
- B. The project, "One Day Seminar for Argentine Teachers", introduced by the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires, is thought for secondary school teachers and Universities that would be multipliers of the subject matter in the classrooms as well as in their community. The seminar will be developed during an intense working day in Buenos Aires and other cities of the country. This seminar intends to increment the knowledge about the Holocaust (to a historical level) as well as providing tools for the transmission. It will be developed with teachers from the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires and with an external guest.

3. CONMEMORATIONS / EXHIBITIONS

CONMEMORATIONS

- A. The concert "For the memory and justice" was carried out in the Chancellery Auditorium last September, at the expense of the Popular Jewish Choir "Mordje Guebirtig" that directs Zeev Malbagier and Shmuel Katz. Created in 1995 by a group of 12 teachers of the schools of the Federation of Jewish Entities of Argentina with the intention of remembering and singing melodies in Idish, Castilian, Hebrew, cunningly and other languages. It is integrated by approximately 110 people, among its members there are survivors of the Shoá.
- B. "Kristallnacht" (Night of the Broken Crystals): on the occasion of a new anniversary of the first "pogrom" (persecution) perpetrated by the Nazi regime against the Jewish community in Europe, the DAIA together with the radio program Amadeus 103.7, presented on Monday 10/11 the Extraordinary Concert in Belgrano Auditorium.
- C. At the same time, the Commemoration of 70th Anniversary of the Night of the Broken Crystals (Kristallnacht), took place in the Cathedral of Buenos Aires on November 11 and it was organized by B'Nai B'Rith, together with the Commission of Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue. It was sponsored by the CAJC. "From death to hope " was read, it is a liturgical text prepared by the Rabbi León Klenicki and Dr. Eugene Fischer. In a Cathedral fulfilled by Christians of different denominations, national authorities and authorities from the City of Buenos Aires, ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps the Pbro. Víctor Fernandez, Dean of the Faculty of Theology of the Argentine Catholic University and the Rabbi Abraham Skorka reflected on the commemoration. The Sharim Choir of the Argentine Hebraic Society and the Jazan Oscar Fleischer with the intonation of liturgical songs, the Hymn of the Partisans and Idisch folklore songs.
- D. The DAIA has continued with the tributes to survivors and victims of the Shoá that they have been realizing since 2005. Fourteen accredited embassies in the country, (Romania, Slovakia, Holland, France, Switzerland, Hungary, Italy, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Croatia, Greece, Lithuania and Russian Federation), have reaffirmed their commitment to the memory and in opposition to the denial of the

Holocaust. On November 25, the Royal Embassy of Norway will formalize the above mentioned event.

- E. At 62 years of Kielce's slaughter, the Museum of the Holocaust of Buenos Aires remembered and repudiated this episode that occurred almost immediately the Second World War finished. On July 4, 1946 a pogrom took place in Kielce's city, Poland, in that 46 surviving Jews of the Holocaust were murdered of a total number of 200 who had returned to their country after the horror of the ghettos and the fields. In August, 1942, the majority of 24.000 Jews of Kielce, at that time a third of the total population, had been exterminated by the Nazi in Treblinka's field.
- F. An act in commemoration of the Shoá of the Communities of Rhodes, Salonika and Cos massacred by the Nazism during the Second World War was launched in the Chalom Community. They were summoned by Chalom, DAIA and the Museum of the Holocaust.
- G. The Israelite Association of the Nazi Pursuit (Sherit Hapleitá) which name means "what remains from the refugees" develops very intense activities of the most diverse nature. At the social level it is in charge of taking care and helping the survivors who in the majority are old people. This task is shared with Tzedaká, an institution that is in charge of the "Program to Help the Survivors". At a cultural level it weekly organizes (except during summer holidays) meetings and cultural chats that are published in the community journals. These conferences include those referred to the life itself of the survivors (as in the case of a geriatric doctor), as well as to the "musical evenings" in which they evoke their own songs in Idish of the life of the Steitl (small towns) and of the ghettos and also the popular Argentine melodies that already of their own. In addition, Biblical, historical topics and issues of current importance are approached. Jewish and patriotic festivities are also celebrated. The following activities were carried out: "Music for the soul"; 30 " of Fame. "Today we are the artists ". "The Survivors express themselves"; "Let's go on walking " (a musical in charge of Miriam Nova); To more medicinemore health? (Dr. Noé Winocur's talk); " Would you give me a smile? The dishe mame " (Henny Trayles's show); "To play and win!!!!. BINGO!!!!"; Music and songs (Rita Sirulnik, Voice - Claudio Rafalowicz, Keyboards); " To the 60 years of the Foundation of Israel's State " (Maximiliano Borches's talk); Self-caring (Lic. Maria Laura Gonzalez's talk); " Music for the soul " (musical appraisal in charge of Carlos Shapira). Rosh Hashaná and Simjá Tora were also celebrated in Amijai's Temple.
- H. The Foundation Memory of the Holocaust, Museum of the Shoá of Buenos Aires, celebrated its 15 years of existence with a dinner in the lounge Palais Rouge, in the frame of an event declared by the Legislature of "Cultural and educational

interest ". With the presence of the most important referents of the Jewish community, the dinner in benefit of the museum was a success that, in turn, is translated in important donations that will be used for nearby projects as the building of an auditorium for courses and conferences that the museum daily gives. The deputy Jorge Garayalde, author of the project approved by unanimity in the Legislature, expressed that " this one is not a museum to enter, take an opportunist photo and go away, but to take the flag of not discrimination and to work for it in an incessant way ".

EXHIBITIONS

- A. The Museum of the Holocaust of Buenos Aires inaugurated the Sample " Divided Identities", inspired by the diary that Sturgeon Clara Reizes, mother of the artist Mónica Laura Weiss, wrote during the exile trip from Palestine towards Argentina, in 1940. Along 25 done with mixed technology, acrylic and collage on fabric, the visitor chronologically comes across the perilous of Weiss's mother family, which begins in Germany (1933), goes through Austria, Italy, Palestine – from where they departed, being afraid of a German invasion from Africa - and finishes in Argentina (1940). They could save their lives, except their paternal aunt who died in Terezin and other relatives who were deported from Vienna without known destiny.
- B. The Evocative Exhibition was inaugurated "The Value of Tolerance and the Jewish Holocaust ", in the Parish "Christ Rey", in San Francisco, Cordoba. The authorities of the Parish spread a communiqué in which Prof. Alicia Chiapero, coordinator of the project stimulated by the Pbro. Sergio Muratore, reports about the Exhibition. The Exhibition is a sample of images of San Francisco, the country and the world between the year 1938 and 1948, plus a sector of symbols, sculptures and photographs related to the Jewish holocaust donated by the Museum of the Holocaust of the city of Buenos Aires and the Yad Vashem Museum from Jerusalem, Israel.

4. EDUCATION

- A. Activities done by DAIA:
- a. Seminars to pupils of the leaders' school of not formal Education schools: Nautical club Hacoaj: "The Shoá and the memory. How to transmit the experience"
 - b. Training Seminars to pupils of the leaders' school of not formal Education: Hebrew Organization Argentina Macabi: "The Shoá and the memory. How to transmit the experience ".
 - c. Graduate Subject: "The impact of Nazism in the mass media". Career: Communication Science. University of Buenos Aires.
 - d. Training Seminar to university young people in the Foundation Hillel: "Nazism, racism and anti-Semitism ".
 - e. Presentation: "The philosophical foundation of human rights as orienting education". Ist University Seminar of Innovation in the Teaching of Law. Faculty of Law. University of Buenos Aires.
 - f. Presentation: "Tools for the development in Managerial Commission. Recruitment of New Leaders". 4th Congress of Leaders' Training of the Jewish Communities of Entre Ríos. In charge of Dr. Michael Angel Zechuin, National Director of INADI and General Secretary of DAIA.
 - g. Participation in the SPES seminar: " Discrimination: in search of answers for the social integration". Faculty of Law. University of Buenos Aires.
 - h. Postgraduate: classes in the frame of the subject "Main Topics of the Law of Work". Reasons of discrimination. Faculty of Law. University of Buenos Aires.
- B. On Tuesday 22nd July in the Deliberating Council of Gral Pueyrredón Party, in the city of Mar del Plata, with the presence of local and community authorities, the educational participants of the Program of Secondary School Teacher Training in the Education of the Holocaust, received their Diplomas that credit the passing of all the requirements of the "Program of Educational Training in the Education of the Shoá". During the same Act the Municipality of General Pueyrredon recognized Francisco Witcher, survivor of the Jewish Holocaust and member of famous "List

of Schindler" as "Distinguished Visitor". Witcher is an assiduous visitor of Mar del Plata, where he lives during three or four months a year. He is the author of an autobiography in which he tells about the hard experience of having lost his family in one of the last Nazi razias at the end of 1943, and about his later arrival to Argentina with his wife. In the Honourable Deliberating Council Witcher was a privileged witness of the delivery of diplomas to the teachers who completed the course of the Holocaust, which organized the Israelite Argentine Union Society of Mar del Plata (SUIM) with the support of the Secretariat of Education and the Mutual Israelite Argentina Association (AMIA). Been grateful by the received distinction, Witcher stressed his link with Mar del Plata and emphasized the world recognition of the Jewish Holocaust portrayed in a resolution of the UNO, requested by Germany, which showed evidence of "the most sinister act of human extermination ", as he remarked. The act began with the intonation of the National Argentine Hymn. Then, the councilman Héctor Rosso, in name of the president of the Honourable Deliberating Council, Marcelo Artime, gave Witcher the resolution 12.813, which distinguishes him as "Distinguished Visitor". Later it was the turn of the reading of the prologue of Witcher's autobiographical book and "Eleventh Commandment ", that he called "You Will Survive Hitler and in this way you will defeat him every hour, every day, every month ". Besides the Mayor Gustavo Pulti, the secretary of Education, Néstor Lofrano, the holder of Matters of the Community, Marcelo Fernandez, and the president of the SUIM, Benjamin Alberto Schujman were present, among special guests and other attendees. With respect to the continuity of the Program the contacts between the Jewish community of Resistencia and the Government of Chaco were stressed, from the desire expressed by this Government of implementing the Program for Teachers of Secondary School Training in the Education of the Holocaust in the Province, which the AMIA develops. On December 10 the Director of the CCEJRA, will support meetings with the educational authorities of Resistencia. In the frame of the contacts with different actors of the educational scene the ones that started with La Plata continued and during the last months exchanges with the city of Concordia have begun, through the Authorities of the Jewish Community to develop the same Program destined for Secondary and Tertiary level teachers.

- C. Invited by the Pastoral diocese of St Martin, province of Buenos Aires, the CAJC, participated in a meeting in FM 105-7 radio about peace. People talked about the need of eradicating cases as the martyrdom of Israel, as the only way of continuing constructing the road towards peace in the world, and the teachers were asked to

collaborate in order to be informed on this topic in order to be able to transmit the message to the young generations.

- D. The organization Shoá Generations in Argentina advised and worked with people that had demonstrated in the "Going for Life" march for formative activities directed to the youngest.
- E. "The pupils from 5th year of " Virgen de la Medalla Milagrosa " School of Parana, chose to come to Buenos Aires as their end of course trip, to meet survivors and to learn about the Shoá. They were received in the venue of Generations of the Shoá and stayed there for four hours with 9 survivors.
- F. Generations of the Shoá organised " A beacon for humanity ", activity in Waldorf School, Villa Adelina, a secondary school, on the savors with testimonies of saved survivors.
- G. Generations of the Shoá developed the Seminar " Discrimination and segregation " in the faculty of Psychology of the UBA. " The racial theory as a biological concept. Contextualisation and review ", by Irma Peusner and " He Lies, lies ... that something will stay " the propaganda and the construction of consensuses by Diana Wang.
- H. Generations of the Shoá took part on Florida Day School (secondary school), on the propaganda, with testimonies and conceptual work.
- I. As a continuum of the International Forum on the New Anti-Semitism organized by the State Department of Israel's State in February, 2007 in Jerusalem, B'nai B'rith Argentina organized, together with the Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI), the Argentine Forum on the International Anti-Semitism for the analysis of the New International Anti-Semitism, especially seen from Argentina and Latin America, taking into consideration the recent evolution of international relations, and the impact and local interpretation of the ideologies that sustain it. This was carried out in Buenos Aires in August. They worked three modules: a) The New Anti-Semitism; b) Situation in Argentina and c) Mechanisms of Action for its eradication. The Program included presentations of: Dr. Adalberto Rodriguez Giavarini; Moishe Smith, International President of B'nai B'rith; Ambassador Victorio Taccetti, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Nation; Robert Wistrich, Professor of Jerusalem's Hebrew University; Dra. Mónica Pinto, ex-Vicedean of the Faculty of Law of the UBA; Sergio Abreu, Ex-Secretary of State of the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay; Claudio Escribano, Journalist; Paul Jacovkis, Mathematician and Ex-dean of the Faculty of Exact Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires; Daniel Rafecas, Examining magistrate; Carmen Argibay, Minister of the Honourable Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation; Dan Mariaschin, Executive

Vice-president of B'nai B'rith International and Lic. Jorge Taiana, Secretary of State of Argentina.

- J. Invited by journalists of FM 91-3 radio, Resurrection, the Confraternity Argentina Judeo Cristiana, was invited in October to comment on the development of the International Congress 2007 on the Holocaust - Shoá, its final conclusions and the fruits of that Congress, that were translated in the formation of groups of study between Jew and Christian theologians interested in the topic, with a view to which the presentations were considered in the Confessional Christian Faculties of Theology.
- K. More than 100 students of Law from Rosario National University visited the Museum of the Holocaust of Buenos Aires in November. 150 students from the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires were received. Also, students from Campana Province of Buenos Aires) and Rafaela (Santa Fe) visited the Museum as well as 200 young people from Hillel Argentina.
- L. More than 120 secondary school pupils from the New Model International School of Palermo, listened to Gina Ladanyi's testimony.
- M. David Galante offered his testimony in the city of Tres Arroyos, whereas Jorge Klainman spoke to students of the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires who took part of the conference of The Holocaust and the Crimes against Humanity. Pupils from 1st year of Carlos Pellegrini School visited the Museum. The young people visited the exhibition " Images of the Shoá " and received Juan Lichtig's testimony.

5. TRAINING

A. On November 4, the Secretariat of Human Rights of the Nation organized the Seminar "Woman in situations of massive and systematic violations of human rights ", with particular emphasis on the Shoá and on the last military Argentine dictatorship. It was inaugurated by the Secretary of Human Rights, Dr. Eduardo Luis Duhalde, and among others, the General Secretariat of the National Fund of the Austria Republic for the Victims' Repairs of the National Socialism, Hannah Lessing. The Mag. Lessing referred to the women's resistance during the Shoá, whereas in the rest of the panels the woman's role was discussed in the militancy, the repression and the reconstruction.

Among the panellists we can mention Sara Rus, survivor of the Shoá and Mother of Plaza de Mayo, who told her personal experience, and Lic. Diana Wang, president of Generations of the Shoá in Argentina. She talked about " Vulnerabilities and strengths of women in the Shoá ".

B. The General Sub Director of Human Rights, Fabián Oddone invited by the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, took part in the presentation of the seminars that the mentioned Institute organised, confirming hereby the interest of Argentina in the subject matter.

C. The Swiss Foreign Affairs Ministry together with the Argentine have organised the First Regional Forum about Genocide Prevention, that will take place in the Argentine Chancellery from 10 to 12 December.

- Antecedents. During some conversations during the Plenary Session of the International Task Force about the Holocaust (ITF) in Prague, June 2007, the Argentine and Swiss delegates took into consideration the possibility of organizing a regional meeting about the genocide prevention in Argentina. The cooperation in this subject is due to the tight bilateral relationship with Switzerland to a multilateral and bilateral level as well as to the Human Rights Council. Besides, its present Ambassador in Buenos Aires was District Attorney of both Juries for the ex-Yugoslavia and Rwanda and First Attorney of the whole world to obtain genocide sentences in the application of the Convention. Both special representatives of the General Secretary of the United Nations for the prevention of genocide, Juan Méndez and Francis Deng, have repeatedly insisted on the importance of reinforcing regional webs of countries interested and disposed to act in reinforcing the regional and international mechanisms of genocide prevention.
- Objective. The meeting in Buenos Aires will point at improving the spreading of the subject in Latin America region and the Caribbean, as a part of a process destined to promote actions at a regional level and to integrate the most engaged countries with the subject matter in each region.
- Format. The recommended format is the one of a regional meeting opened to 50 governmental and non- governmental representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean, from the United Nations and other multilateral organizations and international institutions specialised in the subject matter. The meeting in Argentina will take place on 10 – 12 December 2008. This is the year of commemoration of the 60 years of the adoption of the Convention about Genocide and of the Universal Declaration about Human Rights. With the participation of extra regional experts governmental and no governmental

ones coming from relevant institutions for the prevention of the genocide. Besides, some intellectual with well-known background will be invited to “provoke” a more profound reflexion that allows a merely technical/institutional discussion on the subject matter. In the second day afternoon, the meeting will be opened to the general public to allow a wider discussion with authorities and relevant sectors of the Argentine society.

D. DAIA organized a 90 period course to train teachers coming from the city of Mar del Plata, through the system of credits, evaluation and presentation of pedagogic proposals, together with AMIA.

E. DAIA gave advice on discriminating social practices for the Sub-secretariat of Tourism of Jujuy Province in the frame of the promotion of institutions “free of discrimination”. A diagnosis was carried out and a formative and informative class for the civil servants of the area.

F. DAIA gave a presentation on the Argentine Psychoanalysis Mental Health Association: “The genocide and the remembrance discourses”.

G. In agreement with the National Sub-secretariat of Human Rights, DAIA developed a training virtual platform about Human Rights and Genre.

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I. The Second National Meeting of Researchers against discrimination organized by INADI was carried out. The coordination of the area about anti-Semitism was in charge of CES-DAIA.

J. DAIA delivered “Anti-Semitism and discrimination to minorities” to the Jewish Association of Lawyers of the Argentine Republic.

K. During 3 and 24 July the CAJC organized together with the catechism dioceses school and the dioceses team of parochial missionaries of San Isidro (Province of Buenos Aires) a workshop in which the Rabin Sergio Bergman and the Pbro. Hugo Safa, participated. This workshop was presented and recommended specially because of the subject matter that it deals with and the reading of the holocaust-shoá book for the whole Christian community.

L. The CAJC and the B'nai B'rith of Argentina, organized a talk about the subject: “Holocaust-Shoá” - its effects theology and Christian life in Argentina and Latin America. Priests, rabies and evangelic pastors participated.

M. Generations of Shoá co-organized together with the Department of Education of OHA Macabi and the graduates from the First Seminar organized in 2007, the Second intensive Seminar for community leaders “From Experience to the spreading”,

Conferences and Workshops with the following subject matter: Nazi propaganda and building of consensus; The Good and Hell; Jewish Resistance; Ethic Dilemmas, Survival testimonies, Saviours, Just and saviours.

N. Generations of Shoá participated in “Dialogue from two sides”, new meeting between Jewish survivors’ children and non Jewish German’s children (a dialogue that has been taking place for four years), carried out in Pestalozzi school. Among the assistants, the new German Ambassador, Gunter Kniess was present.

O. Diana Wang from Shoá Generations, talked about “Multiculturalism, an exile effect” in Lost Neighbours, Viena-Buenos Aires 2008. “From various worlds: the multicultural heritage of refugees and survivors. Its influence on children and grandchildren”. Workshop in the context of: Lost Neighbours, Viena-Buenos Aires 2008.

P. Shoá Generations developed the Seminar “Life and Reconstruction”, about life before the war, the ways of memory and its reconstruction. The speakers and their workshops were: Mariano Véliz, “Life in Mid Europe seen from the cinema”; Silvia Hansman, “Public activity of women”; Jorge Ruschin, “Genealogy and Shoá”; Mariana Luterstein, “The representativeness of memory”: Daniela Catz, “Old letters and reconstruction process”; Irma Peusner “Ash and diamonds: songs of life”.

Q. In the 2nd Socio-Political Book Fair, Diana Wang from Generations of Shoá spoke about “Individual Silence- collective silence” for “Argentine debate”.

R. The Executive Director of the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires, Graciela N. de Jinich met her partner Sara Bloomfield from Washington. During the meeting in the States, the authorities from both institutions promised to continue cooperating for the development of the file of the Holocaust survivors placed in the Washington Museum (USHMM). They discussed about the possibility of organizing seminars and exhibitions of files and exhibitions belonging to the USHMM. At the same time some meetings were held with professional of Collecting Department, Survivor Register, Accountancy and Education.

S. Professor Aiala Feller, Art Historian (Massuah, Institute of Studies of the Holocaust, Tel Ytzhak, Israel). Director of the Visual Archive of the Beit Berl Collage, Israel. Art Teacher and Education Teacher, gave a conference on “The Ghetto. The Final Solution. A Vision from Fotography and the Arts”.

T. The Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires opened a contest in order to give four grants of study and training about the Holocaust subject in the Holocaust Museum of Houston (USA). That one-week trip will take place during January 2009.

U. The Museum of the Holocaust of Buenos Aires informed about the names of the winners of the contest “Remembering the Holocaust-Shoá”. The first prize was won by

Mariela Tugender; the second one by Estela María Domínguez; while the third went to Irene Beatriz Rajczyk.

V. A group of 26 cadets from the Gendarmerie Gral. Martín Miguel de Güemes, accompanied by the Secretary of Human Rights Coordination of the Gendarmerie, Herminio Reynoso, visited the Museum of the Holocaust in Buenos Aires, they saw the exhibition "Images of the Shoá" (that chronologically retells the Holocaust and its resonances in Argentina), lead by the Museum guides. After the visit, they received Gina Ladanyi's testimony, Holocaust survivor. The 2nd year cadets are the first group formed by men and women that will finished their studies next year.

W. A talk aimed at the cadets from Ramón Falcón School (Federal Police) was given with the objective of giving information and of providing the future police with tools to know how to act in discriminating situations. Coordinated by the Principal Daniel Pérez, from the Discriminating Conducts Division of the Federal Police (DCD) and Graciela N. de Jinich, Executive Director of the Museum of the Holocaust of Buenos Aires, the cadets saw the film "Women of the Shoá" and received material of the Museum for the School Library and a guide for the assistants with questions about the Holocaust. This activity has being carried out for four years.

X. The Director of the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires, Prof. Graciela jinich, travelled to Asunción (Paraguay) to advise a group of volunteers that wish to organize a Centre of Studies of the Holocaust, within the frame of the Jewish Museum of Paraguay "Walter Kochmann".

Y. The Banda Roja Group invited him to the Association "River First" to share a moment of reflexion. The members of River First, lead by Antonio Caselli visited the Museum of the Holocaust.

Z. In Bariloche, Rio Negro Province, one million young people and at least one hundred adults saw testimonies of the Jewish holocaust during the last World War. The film "Women of the Shoá" was projected in two turns in the Arrayanes cinema and in Sarmiento Library during the evening. The presentations were preceded by representative expositions from the organising entities that explained the objectives of the film, to remember the holocaust and motivate "a wide debate" about anti-Semitism and discrimination. The initiative was in charge of INADI from Río Negro, DAIA and the Holocaust Museum Foundation, which gave three presentations of the documentary "Women of the Shoá". Source: Río Negro Newspaper, <http://www.rionegro.com.ar/diario=2008/09/20089v24s16.php>

AA: The Holocaust Museum offered study grants and training ones about the Holocaust, in the Museum of the Holocaust in Jerusalem. Yad Vashem. That two weeks trip of study will be delivered in Spanish in 2009.

BB. With guided visits and the testimonial film “Women of the Shoá”, the Museum of the Holocaust of Buenos Aires participated in the “Recoleta Week”, organised by the Socio-cultural Developing Direction of the Communal Management and Participation N° 2. During the event, organised in the frame of Recoleta’s Day, different activities were carried out in cultural places in Buenos Aires.

CC. The Argentine Association of Political Rights (AADP) declared of Departmental Academic Interest the activity “The Holocaust and the dilemmas of its diffusion”, done in the National University of La Rioja. A similar training was carried out in the National University of Catamarca. The inclusion of the subject matter of the Shoá in higher education, in seminars or free subjects, in graduate or post-graduate chairs, or in special events, in Buenos Aires universities (Law Faculty) and in the national universities of North East (Corrientes), de La Matanza and of San Luis, among others, have been carried out thanks to the hard work of each entity with the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires with the effort of getting this subject matter in the educational system. The Committee of the Argentine Association of Political Rights (AADP) decided by unanimity gave place to Dr Daniel Leandro Boccoli’s (UNR) petition and “to recommend, especially to the teachers of the institution” include in the syllabus of the Political Right Chair, a special class or more than one class, dedicated to the teaching of the Holocaust.

DD. The Itinerate Library about the Holocaust goes through the country. It is a chest with books, DVDs, posters and a booklet with an integral curricular program to work the subject matter of the Shoá in the classroom. The material developed and sent to the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires by its partner in Houston (USA), will itinerate in schools of the whole country.

EE. A group of 30 madrijim (non- formal education leaders) from the Jewish community of Rosario participated in a training seminar about the Shoá, in the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires. The training consisted on the workshop “Teaching the Shoá through images”. Besides, the young people visited the permanent exhibition “Images of the Shoá” and the diverse itinerating exhibitions of the Museum; they listened to the testimony of the survivor Jorge Klainman and saw the film Women of the Shoá. They also received material to work with on the subject in their respective institutions.

FF. A hundred twenty students from the Inmaculada Concepción School from Burzaco, visited the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires. The students, accompanied

by eight teachers, did a guided visit through the diverse exhibitions of the Museum. In 2007 near 13.000 students from schools and universities from all over the country visited the institution.

GG. The Director of the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires, Graciela Nabel de Jinich participated in Spain of the 1st International Seminar "Women of the Holocaust", that took place in the University of Granada, Spain, from 4 to 7 November. The seminar, thought to be a Forum, exchange of knowledge and discussion about the application of genre to the studies about the Holocaust, reunited specialist on genocide and discrimination from Spain, France, Israel, Germany and Argentina. The objectives were to expel from the University environment a campaign to raise human awareness about any kind of discrimination, segregation, exclusion or social isolation. Within the frame of the panel "Survivors. The value of their testimonies" Jinich presented a documental "Women of the Holocaust".

HH. The Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires carried out guided visits and training to more than 16.000 students and about 400 secondary schools, universities, formal and non-formal education.

6. PUBLISHING/ BOOK PRESENTATIONS/ FILES AND DOCUMENTS

- A. DAIA presented the Annual Report on Anti-Semitism in Argentina and discrimination of other minorities in the National Library, in the Deliberating Council of the city of Mar del Plata and in the AMIA program for all in Channel 7 (Public Television).
- B. Generations of the Shoá Editorial published "The silence of the appeared" of Diana Wang, a 1998 sold-out edition in a re-edition corrected and aggregated.
- C. Generaions of the Shoá presented the book "Les enfants du silence et de la Réconstruction. La Shoah en Partage" with the presence of its author Dr Dominique Frischer.
- D. Generations of the Shoá presented the re-edition of "The Authentic Odessa" by Uki Goñi with the presence and testimonies of Irene Dab and Aída Ender about the difficulties of entering Argentina when that was banned for the Jewish refugees.

- E. In November the CAJC is especially invited to give a talk on the book “Holocaust-Shoá” by the members of the “Course of religious leaders for the interreligious dialogue”. It is convenient to clarify that during 2008, the Argentine Judeo Christian Co-fraternity has promoted the book since it is considered to be very important as a subject matter in the Christian schools.
- F. B'nai B'rith made a DVD about the Argentine Forum on Anti-Semitism, with the complete development of it.
- G. Rainer Klemke, Responsible for the Section of Foment for Files, Libraries, Memory Places and Museums for the Berlin Government and Wolf Jühnel, Director of the Event Department and Projects of the Julturprojekte Berlin agency and responsible of the development of the Night of the Museums of the German capital, visited the City in the frame of the seminars “Building Memory. Exchange of experience between Berlin and Buenos Aires”, organized by the Ministry of Culture, the Sub-secretariat of Human Rights and the Vice- chief of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires.
- H. The film Women of the Shoa was presented in the Argentine Catholic University. After the projection, Dr Marco Gallo (Juan Pablo II Chair – UCA); Graciela Jinich (Executive Director of the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires); and Veronica Kovacic (Snt'Egidio Community) spoke. The meeting was organized by the UCA, the Chair Juan Pablo II, Logo-therapy Center and Existential Analysis, and the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires.
- I. 4502 people visited the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires during the fifth edition of the Night of Museums, between 7 pm and 2 am. Guided visits to the permanent exhibition Images of the Shoa were fulfilled and the passport used by Adolf Eichmann to enter Argentina was exhibited. Besides, itinerant exhibitions were shown as “Identity-Portraits of the Shoá Witnesses” integrated by more than 50 portraits and fragments of stories of survivors; The Legend of the Ghetto of Lodz Children; Darfur: Genocide Emergency; and “Broken Identities”, Paintings and objects of the artist Mónica Laura Weiss. The Economic Science Professional Committee of the City Choir, directed by Javier Pautasso, interpreted popular songs. The museum specially commemorated the 70th anniversary of the pogrom of the Broken Crystals, with Wolfgang Levy’s testimony. At the same time, with full room and in five occasions the film Women of the Shoá was projected. Some objects from the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp were included and a series of original letters sent from different ghettos. During the event our Museum received people of different ages, coming from Buenos Aires and from the interior of the country,

as well as tourists from Brazil, China, Spain, Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela, among other countries.

- J. The Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires informed about number 30 of its magazine *Our Memory*, published since 1994. The new edition includes- among other academic articles- “Latin America XX century, shelter of the new Jewish Diaspora?”, of the Federal Judge Daniel Rafecas, a work exposed this year in the conference cycle “Jewish in Iberia America”, organized by Sefarad House and America of Madrid House. The second part of “The Elemental Hell” is also remarked. The guilt and the crime of lese- humanity” of Arnoldo Siperman; “The hidden truth of guilt”, of Nicolas Meyher; “Psychoanalysis after Auschwitz”, of Mariano Horestein and “Thomas Mann, the Nazism and the Jewish”, of Arnoldo Leberman. A special commentary deserves the selection of official documents of the Third Reich included in the Nüremberg Laws, as the Reich’s Citizenship and the Law for German Blood and German Honor Protection. In this chapter, commented by the historian Abraham Zylberman, also includes the decisions taken during the Conference of Evian with respect to the Jewish refugees in 1938. A commentary of the Judge Rafecas about the work “the benefactors”, of Johathan Littell and a summary by title and author with all the articles of the magazines from n° 1 to n° 29 are included.
- K. The Magazine about Juridical opinion *Urbe et lus* (www.urbeetius.org) presented a special edition about Shoá and discrimination in the Holocaust Museum. The panelist were Dr Mario Feferbaum, president of the Museum; Dr Daniel Rafecas, Federal Judge; Dr Sebastian De Stéfano, Director of *Urbe et lus*: and Dr Ricardo Baldomar, Judge of First Instance of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires. The panel was coordinated by Professor Graciela Jinich, Executive Director of the Museum.

7. DOCUMENTARIES AND FILM EXHIBITIONS

A. National Conference on the fight against the Anti-Semitism and Discrimination. The Federal Council of DAIA organized a “National Conference of fight against Anti-Semitism and Discrimination”, that consisted on the projection simultaneously in different filial, of the documentary “Women of the Shoa” that commemorate the story of six survivors. Bariloche, Cipolletti, Concordia, General Roca, La Plata, Mar del Plata,

Mendoza, Paraná, Posadas, Resistencia, Rosario, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero, Corrientes (the event took place in the Law Faculty and Social Science of the National University of North-East in the frame of the free Chair “Memory and Holocaust” in charge of Professor Enrique Galiana), San Juan and Tucumán projected the film in different public buildings such as universities, schools, libraries and provincial legislatures. The activity was accompanied by the presentation of the Annual Report on Anti-Semitism 2007 in Buenos Aires, presented by the Social Studies Centre of the DAIA in the National Library.

B. Between June and December Generations of the Shoá organized the cycle “Cinema and Shoá”, projection and debate. Traditionally each last Monday of each month in the auditorium of AMIA. During these months “Paper Clips”; “Emotional Arithmetic”; “The European Raid”; “An ordinary Jewish” and “Sunshine, the waking up of a century”.

C. Generations of the Shoá presented: Irena Sendler, a saving, model to be followed. Polish film exhibition “A little spoonful of life”, discussion and reflex ion about the ethic class of Irena Sendler with the presence among the assistants of the Polish embassy members and of the Catholic Church.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- A. The Director of Juridical Affairs in Human Rights subject, Dr Andrea Gualde, participated in the homage organized by the DAIA to Mr José Moskowitz, honorary president of the Israelite Association of the Nazi Persecution Survivors (Sherit Hapleitá), which took place on 3 November. Mr Moskowitz was recognized because of his work and background as the survivors’ representative of the Shoá in Argentina and because of his role in the capture of Nazis criminals refugees in the country.
- B. The book “The hidden children. From the Holocaust to Buenos Aires” of Diana Wang, was selected for the program of translation to German of Argentine authors of the Cultural Affairs Direction of the Argentine Chancellery, with the objective of Argentina participating as privileged invited guest to the Book Fair in Frankfurt 2010, as a consequence of presenting – within non fiction- the solidarity link between Argentina and the Holocaust survivors. It will be published by the German Editorial Metropol with Sylvia Degen’s translation.

- C. The Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires in a communication manifested its sympathy for Irena Sendler's death, a "Just among Nations" from Poland that saved 2.500 Jewish children during the Shoá.
- D. The publicity campaign of the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires was recognized with the Golden Pen Award, that distinguishes the most creative and innovative productions in the market. "Works", the graphic advert that was seen in the undergrounds of the city, got the award for the bimestrial April-May, and the television spot "non-understood" was among the three finalists in its category.
- E. Gregg Rickman, specially sent from the Anti-Semitism Office of the North American State Department and Karen Paikin, a civil servant from the same Department, saw the main exhibition Images of the Shoá and they showed themselves interested in the many educational activities that the Museum develops in the whole country.
- F. Monsignor Pedro Candia, military vicarious, diocesan manager of the military Bishopric in charge, visited the Museum of the Holocaust of Buenos Aires, accompanied by the chancellor general secretary Carlos Gonzalez and the major bishops of the Army, Mons. Mario Liborio de Leone; of the Navy, Presb. Germán Carmona; of the Air Force, Monk Lic. Norberto Sorrentino; of the Gendarmerie, Mons. Lic. Mario Rodolfo Bonabotta; and of the Prefecture, Presb. Pedro Julio Tibaldo. They visited the permanent exhibition of Images of the Shoá together with the authorities of the Museum and survivors of the Holocaust. They also internalized the intense educational labor that develops the Institution. They gave the book "The Judaism. Past. Present. Future ", of Hans Küng to the library. At the same time Ángel Schindel, vice-president of the DAIA took part of the meeting. In the book of visits, the military authorities left a written greeting "to the Museum of the Shoá, with respect and admiration for its educational work to the service of the memory of the horror and against the barbarism and with the hope of a just world and in peace where we all live as brothers" .
- G. In the frame of a visit of legislators from Buenos Aires to the Museum of the Holocaust of the city of Buenos Aires, the president of the institution, Mario Feferbaum, proposed the present deputies to consider the possibility of teaching what happened to the future metropolitan policemen during the Shoá: "The subject matter does not stop joining in the programs of official education, and only not governmental organizations as the museum, are in charge of spreading it ", he affirmed. The legislators who were present at the meeting

(Oscar Moscariello, Martin Borrelli, Enzo Pagani and Jorge Garayalde for the PRO; Diego Kravetz, Inés Urdapilleta and Sebastián Gramajo for the Front for the Victory; and Alejandro Rabinovich, of the block Autonomy with Equality) listened to the offer and promised to work on the topic.

9. OTHERS

A. In the frame of the meetings the High Authorities of Human Rights of the MERCOSUR (and invited countries) carried out in August and November of the current year, the Argentine delegation presented the work of the ITF before the delegates of the participant countries, among which Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, Bolivia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Colombia are included. ITF's leaflets were delivered, an executive summary of the functioning of local chapter, the declaration of Stockholm, the procedure to join the mentioned international organization, and the project of exchange of experiences of work in places of memory, which will be financed jointly by the ITF, certifying it in the acts of the meeting was explained.