Achievements and Challenges

Annual Report 2014
Introduction

Yad Vashem is the world's foremost center dedicated to Holocaust education, remembrance, documentation and research. Located on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem continues to develop advanced educational tools and utilize cutting-edge technology in order to bring its world-class research facilities, flourishing archives, groundbreaking educational initiatives and steadfast commitment to Shoah remembrance to an ever-growing global audience. As the pivotal events of each year unfold, Yad Vashem's unrelenting commitment to its fundamental missions stands as the cornerstone for its ongoing challenges and achievements.

“There are other wonderful memorials and museums dedicated to the lives lost in the Holocaust, but there is nothing like Yad Vashem.”

Birthright participant Justin Zachary Spooner, USA
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Dear Friends,

Towards the end of 2014, I had an exceptional opportunity to reflect upon Yad Vashem’s accomplishments during the year: Preparing my Keynote Address remarks for the United Nations General Assembly’s January 27th observance of the International Day of Commemoration for the Victims of the Holocaust.

For that distinctive venue and context I chose, as an educator, to highlight a theme that Yad Vashem has stressed from its inception: The Shoah was a cataclysmic event of watershed significance for human civilization and morality, one which educators everywhere can and should teach about. I underscored that the post-Holocaust era resonates with a vital message: Technological advances do not ensure moral progress. In fact, as mankind becomes more sophisticated technologically, the potential dangers of immorality may actually be growing. One of the most effective means of combating and overcoming the menace of such evil is through education.

During the two decades that I have been honored to serve as Chairman of Yad Vashem, our institution has become the world's innovative leader in Holocaust education. Our unsurpassed resources of documentation, testimonies and scholarship have been harnessed to help ensure that humanity can learn the meanings of the Shoah's legacy, and become motivated to build a better world. In Israel and in Jewish communities around the globe, millions are inspired by Yad Vashem as they labor for Jewish continuity and fight antisemitism.

This Annual Report's survey of Yad Vashem's comprehensive range of activities during 2014 confirms that we remain true to our core principles, while demonstrating vigor and creativity in their implementation. The over 300,000 students and soldiers, and 20,000 educators who participated last year in the programs of our International School for Holocaust Studies on the Mount of Remembrance benefitted from our staff's proven expertise at adapting our unique teaching philosophy across a wide variety of cultures. The International School engaged with audiences ranging from South Korea to Latin America, Turkish professors to Israeli combat officers, Polish clergy to ultra-Orthodox Israeli rabbis, and Australian educators to American teenagers. Our teaching methods are no less varied, and include increasingly numerous and effective contexts for online virtual learning.

We know that Holocaust education derives its distinctive potency and impact from its grounding in solid historical facts. Seventy years following the end of World War II and the Shoah, Yad Vashem continues to record documents, as well as gather the tangible artifacts which illustrate the events and persons of that fateful era, and make them accessible to scholars, educators, and the general public everywhere. As 2014 concluded, our collections and databases contain the names of over 4.5 million Holocaust victims, more than 179 million pages of documentation, and over 28,000 artifacts. Our researchers have amassed, analyzed and made available detailed information regarding over 800 Shoah killing sites and hundreds of transports to death camps in Europe. This past year, our scholars collected insights regarding significant aspects of Jewish solidarity during the Holocaust, including valiant attempts by Jews to rescue their fellow Jews from the Nazis and their collaborators.

These, and Yad Vashem's many other outreach activities, are facilitated by our state-of-the-art information technology infrastructure. Extensive integration of social media, and online courses and exhibitions, have become part and parcel of our interface with the heterogeneous audiences worldwide that show interest in the Holocaust and identify with Yad Vashem's mission.

The relevance of Yad Vashem as a repository of priceless historical and cultural assets, as a center of scholarship, and as a guardian of moral tenets, is bolstered year after year by the visit of over 900,000 persons to our outstanding Museums Complex on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem, as well as the frequent high-level official visits that we host. A memorable example was the visit this past May of Pope Francis, which gained widespread international media coverage.

For me, one of this year’s most significant visits to Yad Vashem was the 60th Anniversary International Mission of friends and supporters from around the world who joined us in Jerusalem to reaffirm their essential commitment to Yad Vashem's vision. My colleagues and I were encouraged by the involvement and enthusiasm that the Mission's members conveyed, and their pledge to redouble their crucial efforts in their home communities on behalf of our institution and the values that we uphold. The Mission's participants, as well as the thousands of other friends who visit, contact and support us yearly, are genuine pillars of global Holocaust remembrance. We salute the faith and wisdom which motivate you and thank you wholeheartedly for your steadfast devotion.

Together, we recognize the remarkable accomplishments of our professional staff. Their devotion, sense of purpose and talents are a treasured, indispensable asset of Yad Vashem as we pursue our seventh decade of vital service.

Avner Shalev
Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate
Dear Friends:

As we approach the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Buchenwald this year, I do so with mixed emotions. It is of course a date evoking considerable significance - I hesitate to use the word joy - but, for the first time, I am facing this day alone.

My elder brother Naftali Lavie z”l, who was so much more than a brother to me, passed away earlier this year. As my parents were taken away and murdered by the Nazis, Naftali promised to assume the almost impossible responsibility of keeping me alive. For the past 70 years I have known with certainty, as has the rest of my family, that we owe our lives to Naftali. After the war, he carried with him for decades the promise he made to my parents - not just to keep me alive physically but also to ensure that I fulfill my spiritual destiny, and that I join the generations of rabbis from whom our family derives its roots and legacy. In that too, Naftali was successful. He fulfilled his promise.

Naftali did not curtail or diminish his sense of responsibility to others once we were liberated. Rather, he deliberately chose to rebuild his life in Israel, to raise a family, and to make steady, proactive and positive contributions to the Jewish people, the Jewish state and to humanity. Naftali was instrumental in reviving and restoring the Jewish identity of so many Jews. He was wholly dedicated to turning the anguish of liberation into an intense quest for life, not just for himself but also for countless other survivors and their families.

So many of us owe our lives to our brothers, sisters, cousins, acquaintances and friends who kept us alive, both during the Holocaust and its aftermath - nurturing us back to life, physically and spiritually. So many have passed on in recent years. Their absence is keenly felt, certainly by all who knew them personally, but also, I believe, by the world at large. These courageous men and women, most of them quite unassuming yet extraordinary, have left their mark on our world. Finding the strength to build families, communities, centers of learning and culture, societies and countries, my fellow survivors are a constant and undeniable source of inspiration.

As we continue the sacred duty to tell our generation’s story, the words of the Prophet Ezekiel resonate:

“The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones. Thus said the Lord God unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.” (Ezekiel 37:1-5)

They fulfilled this vision with their very being - and we, those who were eyewitnesses and those who were born afterwards, are committed to continuing this legacy. At Yad Vashem, home to the memories of generations, our dedicated staff members work ceaselessly to collect evidence, research events, commemorate the victims and educate future generations to choose life, to act honorably and to fight evil. This outstanding and vital work ensures that the vision of the survivors endures, and bears eternal testament to their remarkable fortitude and faith.

Rabbi Israel Meir Lau
Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council
Highlights of Yad Vashem’s Activities in 2014

Holocaust Education - The International School
• 304,000 students from Israel and abroad, soldiers and officers of the IDF and other Israeli security forces participated in seminars and programs of the International School for Holocaust Studies.
• 70 long-term seminars were held at Yad Vashem for 1,500 educators from abroad.
• 1,100 foreign educators participated in 53 teacher-training days at the International School.
• 89 seminars were held at Yad Vashem for 2,700 Israeli educators.
• 10,100 Israeli educators attended 320 teacher-training days at Yad Vashem and throughout Israel.
• 450 educators from 50 countries participated in the 9th biennial International Conference for Holocaust Educators.
• 3,800 teachers across the US received training as part of “Echoes and Reflections,” a joint multimedia project of Yad Vashem, the ADL and the USC Shoah Foundation Institute.
• Educational material in 15 different languages was uploaded to the Virtual School.
• 650 individuals participated in online courses in 5 languages.

Research and Publications
• The International Institute for Holocaust Research hosted an international conference and 29 international research workshops and symposia.
• 35 fellowships and awards were granted to scholars from Israel and abroad.
• 30 new publications were released by Yad Vashem, including memoirs and research studies.

Artifacts & Artwork
• The new traveling exhibition “Shoah - How Was It Humanly Possible?” opened in the UN Visitors Lobby in New York.
• Traveling exhibitions were displayed in 9 countries. 41 versions of 13 exhibitions are available in 13 languages.
• 1,053 artifacts were added to Yad Vashem’s Artifacts Collection, which now comprises some 28,600 items.
• 144 works of art were added to Yad Vashem’s Art Collection, which now totals 9,300 pieces.

Visits and Commemorative Events
• 900,000 people visited the Mount of Remembrance.
• 760 world leaders, dignitaries and official visitors toured Yad Vashem.
• 75 events and 230 memorial services were held across the campus.

Righteous Among the Nations
• 410 individuals were recognized as Righteous Among the Nations. More than 25,680 individuals have so far received the honor.
Internet Activity

- 14 million visits were recorded on the Yad Vashem website from some 220 countries and territories worldwide.
- 9.4 million video views have been recorded on Yad Vashem’s YouTube channels in English, Hebrew, Spanish, Farsi, Russian, Arabic and German since their launch.
- 25,000 individuals joined Yad Vashem’s Facebook page, bringing the total number of members to 102,400.
- 4,280 individuals became new followers of Yad Vashem on Twitter. More than 11,500 people now follow the Twitter feed.

Documentation, Photographs, Names, Testimonies and Films

- 10 million pages of Holocaust-era documentation were added to the Yad Vashem Archives, bringing the total number to some 179 million pages.
- 1.5 million pages of original Holocaust documentation and 4.5 million pages of microfilmed documentation were digitized.
- Yad Vashem’s Central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names reached some 4.5 million names.
- 40,000 items - documents, diaries, photographs, artifacts and artworks - were handed to Yad Vashem for safekeeping by 1,280 individuals, as part of the “Gathering the Fragments” national campaign to rescue personal items from the Holocaust era.
- 19,000 photographs were added to the Photo Archive. Yad Vashem currently houses some 450,000 images.
- 1,100 new Holocaust survivor testimonies were filmed and 4,400 recorded elsewhere acquired. The Archives now hold 125,500 video, audio and written testimonies.
- 28,000 public inquiries were answered by the Reference and Information Services Unit: 20,000 written and 8,000 from visitors to the Library and Archives Reading Room.
- The Library collection now numbers over 150,000 publications.
- 930 new films were acquired by the Visual Center. The Center now holds 9,500 Holocaust-related films, with 6,600 films available for immediate viewing.
- 75 groups of students, teachers and film directors visited and attended varied activities and programs of the Visual Center.
- The Center granted the 9th annual Avner Shalev Yad Vashem Chairman’s Award for artistic achievement in a Holocaust-related film.
The International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem serves as a world hub for Holocaust education, attracting students and educators from around the globe. Pedagogical materials and teacher-training activities are constantly being developed to create tailor-made programs, thus training an international cadre of educational leaders who continue to disseminate the School’s unique teaching philosophy across a variety of cultures.

During 2014, the International School engaged with more than 300,000 students and soldiers from Israel and abroad, and over 20,000 educators. Among its scores of pedagogical activities, the School conducted more than 150 long-term seminars and 370 teacher-training days.
In July 2014, despite the sensitive security situation in Israel, 450 educators from 50 countries across the world – including China, Poland, Argentina, Canada, Namibia and Senegal – attended the 9th International Conference on Holocaust Education at Yad Vashem’s International School for Holocaust Studies. Entitled “Through Our Own Lens: Reflecting on the Holocaust from Generation to Generation,” the conference examined the unique role of Holocaust survivors and the next generations in meeting the challenges of meaningful Holocaust education. Participants heard from world-renowned lecturers including Justice Gavriel Bach, former deputy prosecutor in the Adolf Eichmann trial; Professor Yehuda Bauer, Academic Advisor to Yad Vashem; Holocaust survivor and author Professor Rabbi David Weiss Halivni; and Arno Klarsfeld, who interviewed his father, legendary Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld. Due to the overwhelming demand to attend, several of the sessions were live-streamed on the Yad Vashem website, allowing thousands of other interested educators and scholars real-time access to the dynamic events.

“I will never teach about the Holocaust as I did before I came to Yad Vashem.”

Paulo Manuel Veira de Matos, participant in a seminar for Portuguese educators
Eastern Encounters

At the beginning of 2015, a 12-day seminar for South Korean educators opened at the International School for Holocaust Studies. Some 20 educators, among them teachers, principals and administrators, participated in this tailor-made, comprehensive program. During their time at Yad Vashem, participants attended lectures and discussions on Holocaust history and pedagogy, met with Holocaust survivors and heard their testimonies, took extensive tours of the campus, and had the opportunity to partake in classes on various Holocaust-related topics taught by top educators and historians. This first-ever seminar for educators from South Korea was one of a number of programs held recently for Asian educators, including for delegations from China and India.

"In other Holocaust-related courses we were taught abstract numbers and names, but at Yad Vashem I saw their faces and heard their stories."

Participant in a seminar for Chinese educators

Groundbreaking Seminar for Turkish Academics

In June 2014, the International School for Holocaust Studies held its first-ever seminar for a cadre of Turkish academics. The seminar was the climax of a long-term partnership program between Yad Vashem and Project Aladdin, an international non-governmental organization seeking to promote Holocaust awareness in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. In the months leading up to the seminar, participants underwent intensive preparation, including attending a conference at Istanbul’s Galatasaray University, where they heard from experts on the Holocaust from Yad Vashem, Project Aladdin, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and other partners. Later on, they participated in an online course on the history of the Holocaust. At Yad Vashem, the group further increased their knowledge of the events, and studied pedagogical tools and techniques developed by experts at the International School. The objective of the program, launched in 2013, is to lay the foundation for a network of academics that will promote Holocaust education, as well as increase general awareness about the Holocaust, in Turkish universities.
New Holocaust Curriculum Introduced Across Israel

Each year around Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, children in Israel are exposed to the Holocaust Remembrance Day Siren as well as a range of Holocaust-related materials and images at school and in their communities. Unfortunately, even with the best of intentions, some of these materials are unsuitable for the child's cognitive and emotional level, and can even cause distress. In advance of Holocaust Remembrance Day 2014, Israel's Education Minister Rabbi Shay Piron called for a new, comprehensive syllabus in Holocaust education. The International School and the Education Ministry worked together to build an age-appropriate, non-compulsory nationwide program for Israel's school system, from first to twelfth grade.

The new program is founded upon Yad Vashem's innovative and incrementally-based pedagogic methods. The younger students are introduced to the topic through the experiences of an individual child and his or her surroundings. As they mature, the children learn about the encounters of the family, the community and then the entire Jewish people during the Holocaust, and finally the narrative of humanity as a whole during those terrible years. This program not only facilitates teaching children in a manner suitable for their age level with no danger of trauma, but also enables teachers to tackle fundamental questions on the topic in the knowledge that their students have a firm basis of accurate information and understanding.

Establishing a Pan-European Teaching Network

In December 2014, graduates of Yad Vashem educational seminars met in Rome at a special symposium under the banner of the Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. With participants from 27 EU member states, this first-of-its-kind symposium - a joint venture of Yad Vashem and the Italian government - focused on establishing a pan-European teaching network of Shoah educators. After an opening address by Italian Education Minister Stefania Giannini, regional round-table discussions allowed the graduates to forge further regional cooperation and promote joint projects. The gathering also presented an opportunity for International School senior staff to meet with governmental representatives from each of the EU member states, thus building bridges and working towards common goals.
Australian Ambassadors for Holocaust Education

The Gandel Holocaust Studies Program for Australian Educators recently marked the end of its fifth successful year, and the beginning of its sixth year of implementation. During the past year, educators attended preparatory meetings in Australia, took an online course, participated in an 18-day seminar at Yad Vashem and created in-depth educational projects. Yad Vashem educators traveled to Australia twice to meet with graduates and give classes in their schools, allowing for an ongoing relationship between the teachers and the program staff in Israel, as well as a current assessment of their needs.

To date, the Gandel Program has been completed by 150 educators from across Australia, providing them with accurate knowledge of the Holocaust and effective tools to impart it to their students. This year, 30 new teachers joined the program, many of whom have already launched detailed courses on the Holocaust in their local schools.

Closing the Gap - Bringing the Periphery Closer

In the past, budgetary constraints have often prevented high-school students in Israel’s peripheral areas from traveling to Jerusalem to visit Yad Vashem and attend programs of the International School. Specially subsidized programs offer a unique opportunity for disadvantaged youth to attend study days and seminars, where they have a unique opportunity to encounter the history of the Holocaust and engage in commemorative activities. These study days are tailored to the different educational institutions and include tours of Yad Vashem, a meeting with a survivor and a specialized workshop.

During 2014, special teacher-training days for educators from the periphery took place in cities in northern and southern Israel - from Acre to Eilat. Many of the days dealt with the new national Holocaust curriculum being introduced in Israel, and offered age-appropriate tools for its implementation.

“There is still so much I have yet to see... I hadn’t realized how much information I lacked until I visited here.”

Sivan, high-school junior, Ashdod
Romania to Accredit Educational Seminars at Yad Vashem

In June 2014, Romanian Prime Minister Victor-Viorel Ponta toured Yad Vashem, accompanied by Romanian government ministers. During their visit to Israel, a memorandum of understanding was signed by the Romanian Minister of National Education Remus Pricopie and Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev, in the presence of Israel's Minister of Education Rabbi Shay Piron, extending cooperation in the field of Holocaust education and allowing Romanian educators formal accreditation for attending educational seminars at Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies. Since the year 2000, more than 230 Romanian educators have attended seminars at the International School.

In 2014, Yad Vashem formalized educational agreements with academic institutions, organizations and governments in the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Spain and the UK, bringing to 50 the number of such agreements reached over the last five years.

Exploring Unique Pedagogical Perspectives

*Legacy*, the pedagogic journal of the International School for Holocaust Studies, is published four times a year - three volumes in Hebrew and one in English - offering researchers, educators and historians unique perspectives into a variety of fundamental topics related to the Holocaust. Articles in the most recent issue of *Legacy* include: the connection between the Holocaust and genocide and the dividing line between them; distinctions between the ghettos in different areas of German-occupied Eastern Europe; and how the postwar Soviet legal system contended with Holocaust crimes.
Seminar for IDF General Staff Forum

In the spring of 2014, the General Staff Forum of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), led by Chief of the General Staff Lieutenant-General Benny Gantz, met at Yad Vashem for a daylong seminar on the subject “Am I My Brother’s Keeper? Rescue as an Ultimate Value during the Holocaust and Thereafter.” Participants heard lectures from Yad Vashem historians and experts and took part in absorbing discussions on various topics, including: How do help and rescue differ? When, and by whom, was rescue even possible? and How could Jews, who were victims themselves, rescue others? The seminar included a tour of Yad Vashem, focusing on the topic of Jews rescuing Jews. Following a commemorative ceremony, the day ended with a meaningful discussion of rescue as a supreme value in Israeli society and the IDF today.

The IDF General Staff Forum seminar has become a yearly tradition prior to Holocaust Remembrance Day. Some 15 daylong seminars for Israeli security forces take place throughout the year at Yad Vashem.

FSU Academics Join Network of Holocaust Educators

In July 2014, 23 lecturers and researchers from universities in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Georgia attended a seminar that brought together higher-education professionals from countries that share a common past, but subscribe to widely different views today. In addition to discussing their research achievements and goals, participants learned about Yad Vashem’s pedagogical approach and reviewed various teaching kits and educational tools developed by the International School. They also played an active role in the 9th International Conference on Holocaust Education, thus joining the large alumni community of Yad Vashem’s educational programs, with whom they can share knowledge and experience and discuss various challenges in the field of Holocaust education.

“We are commanded to tell the story of the Holocaust to educate our children; it is our privilege to do so.”

Major-General Yaacov Barak, Israel
Barbara Simoncelli teaches art to 8th grade students at the Dante Alighieri School in Venice, Italy. Following an educational seminar at Yad Vashem, Simoncelli shared the methods and pedagogic materials she had acquired with her fellow teachers. In preparation for the UN-sanctioned International Holocaust Remembrance Day (27 January), she set about developing a special inter-disciplinary project entitled, "May Your Memory be a Thread of Love," involving two colleagues: an Italian language and history teacher and another art teacher. The students studied the rise of the Nazi party in Germany; read selected texts written by Holocaust victims and survivors; conducted research on the Yad Vashem website; reflected on the concept of memory; and viewed Roman Polanski's film The Pianist and Yad Vashem's filmed testimony of survivor Ovadia Baruch from Salonika, May Your Memory Be Love. The students then used pieces of burlap and other recycled materials to create artistic works, inspired by their studies. They chose between quotations from existing texts and their personal reflections, with a view to creating a personal graphic composition on the concept of memory.

"Historical events are often too distant in time for young people to feel their effect on their lives, but the story of a Holocaust survivor made a strong impact upon my students."

Educator Barbara Simoncelli, Italy
Specialized Seminars for High School and College Educators

The Stephanie and David J. Azrieli Holocaust Training Center for Israeli Educators at Yad Vashem’s International School for Holocaust Studies offers seminars and teacher-training days for high school and college educators throughout the country. The training emphasizes three areas of instruction: acquiring advanced knowledge about the Shoah and WWII; learning the International School’s age-appropriate pedagogical approach for teaching the material; and providing insights for connecting students to this complex and sensitive subject. In addition, the educators acquire the tools necessary to build lesson plans for the classroom as well as to become coordinators of Holocaust education in their own schools.

"The seminar was fascinating and included the best lecturers."

Rachel, participant in seminar for educators, Israel

Reaching Out in Mexico

A ten-day educational seminar at the International School in June 2014 served as the conclusion of the yearlong “Masbirim Mexico” program for a group of 26 individuals hailing from a variety of professional backgrounds. The highly motivated group came with a basic knowledge of the Holocaust that was enriched via a series of wide-ranging lectures and workshops. The participants exhibited deep interest in a variety of educational activities, and returned home motivated to initiate commemorative programs in their communities with the further guidance of International School staff. As part of the program, the group participated in a ceremony for Holocaust survivors, an emotional event that provided an additional and important facet to the seminar.
The Virtual School

As digital materials become integrated increasingly into the educational system, educators are demanding more advanced online tools. In recent years, Yad Vashem’s Virtual School has remained at the forefront of education technology, by providing relevant material for teachers worldwide to broach the important and serious subject of the Holocaust in their respective schools.

Online Educational Materials Facilitate Classroom Teaching

In 2014, the International School for Holocaust Studies began developing a new series of online educational units that offer a multimedia approach to Holocaust teaching. These modular units are designed around a specific subject - the development of the “Final Solution,” the experiences of the survivors after the Holocaust, how to use testimonies in the classroom and more - offering educators not only the historical information they need, but also the pedagogical tools to facilitate the lesson. The format furnishes educators with a range of materials: detailed lesson plans, PowerPoint presentations, archival materials, filmed testimonies, historical clips, Pages of Testimony and primary source materials as well as video lectures. The modular units allow teachers to decide which elements may be useful from those offered to them, facilitating an appropriate and effective learning experience for everyone in the classroom.
Experiential Learning for High-School Students

In today’s dynamic technological environment, traditional learning methods are often insufficient. However, interactive educational tools can develop significant motivation within students to tackle topics in a more profound manner. With this in mind, in 2014 the International School developed new interactive “learning environments” in Hebrew in preparation for high-school matriculation exams in Israel. The environments - on the fate of the Jewish communities in France and Hungary during the Holocaust - combine traditional and experiential learning by utilizing historical surveys and analyses of historical processes; timelines emphasizing major historical events; and an interactive map that combines archival video clips and links to relevant databases on Yad Vashem’s website. These environments thus serve as unique educational tools, enabling teachers to illustrate historic events in an experiential and thought-challenging manner.
During 2014, some 900,000 people came to the Mount of Remembrance to learn about the catastrophe of the Holocaust, commemorate the victims and pay tribute to the survivors. Over one-third of the visitors were professionally guided on the campus, including heads of state, participants on more than 760 official visits for dignitaries, and delegations from a variety of cultures and nationalities.

Holding some 75 events during the year in conjunction with Holocaust survivor and next-generation organizations, as well as over 230 memorial services, Yad Vashem is the leading source of Shoah commemoration in the public sphere.
Pontiff Visits Yad Vashem

Pope Francis visited Yad Vashem in May 2014, accompanied by Israel’s President Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate Avner Shalev and Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council Rabbi Israel Meir Lau. Similar to the visit of his predecessors Pope John Paul II in 2000 and Pope Benedict XVI in 2009, the Pope’s visit took place in the Hall of Remembrance, where he participated in a memorial ceremony, delivered an address and met six Holocaust survivors. Chairman Shalev then presented the Pope with a replica of the painting “Prayer,” created by the gifted teenager Abraham (Abramek) Koplowicz in the Lodz ghetto (c. 1943) shortly before he was deported and murdered in Auschwitz.

"It is not enough just to visit here and see. We must redouble our efforts to resist antisemitism throughout our world."

Charles Flanagan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland

Online mini-sites in four languages – English, Hebrew, Spanish and German – offered extended background information and photo galleries, as well as a live-stream of the ceremony to the international community, providing maximum global exposure for this significant event.

Yad Vashem 60th Anniversary Mission

In June 2014, Yad Vashem hosted supporters from around the world on its 60th International Anniversary Mission. Beginning in Krakow, Poland, participants were offered a glance into the once dynamic Jewish past and a deeper understanding of what life was like for Jewish communities in Poland during the Shoah. At Auschwitz-Birkenau, they toured Yad Vashem’s new landmark exhibition “SHOAH” at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, and joined a memorial ceremony with the IDF’s “Witnesses in Uniform” delegation, followed by a memorable Shabbat in Warsaw. Continuing on to Israel, Yad Vashem’s honored friends were given special behind-the-scenes tours of the Mount of Remembrance, and replanted several Righteous Among the Nations trees that were damaged in the December 2013 snowstorm. The delegation also visited an Israel Air Force base, and attended a closing event that included a musical performance in the presence of Israel’s Minister of Finance Yair Lapid.
Holocaust Martyrs' & Heroes' Remembrance Day 2014

Highlights of 2014 Visits
On January 27, 2015, ambassadors and representatives from more than 50 countries participated in a commemorative event that began with the opening of a special display at Yad Vashem's Museum of Holocaust Art in the presence of Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The event continued at the Yad Vashem Synagogue, where UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Robert Serry addressed the participants and Dr. Iael Nidam Orvieto, Director of Yad Vashem's International Institute for Holocaust Research, provided moving insights into the survivors’ experiences immediately following liberation. H.E. Mr. Henri Etoundi Essomba, Ambassador of Cameroon in Israel and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Israel, delivered the closing remarks.

On January 28, 2015, the day on which the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust was marked at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, the keynote address by Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev was screened at the UN General Assembly. Seventy years after the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Assembly was focused on the theme "Liberty, Life and the Legacy of the Survivors," in the presence of Israel's President Reuven Rivlin, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Holocaust survivors and liberators, and other dignitaries. Grammy award-winning violinist Miri Ben-Ari also performed. In his address, Shalev noted that "modern society deludes itself that technological progress goes hand-in-hand with moral advancement" and emphasized the need to "educate the next generation of citizens and leaders to choose to behave ethically and humanely."
The "Shlishi b’Shleikes" ("Tuesday in Suspenders") initiative of the Israel Ministry for Senior Citizens was inaugurated in July 2014. As part of the project to encourage pensioners to enjoy educational, cultural and leisure activities, Yad Vashem offers special guided tours of its campus, including the Holocaust History Museum, and lectures on a range of topics relating to Jewish history prior to and during the Holocaust, as well as transportation to the Mount of Remembrance. Since its inception, hundreds of senior citizens, from all over Israel, have visited Yad Vashem as part of the program. The professionally-guided tours emphasize the uniqueness of the Museums Complex as well as Yad Vashem’s use of its testimonies, artifacts, documents and artwork collections to impart the legacy of the Holocaust.

Enrichment for Senior Citizens

In October 2014, a unique evening of Jewish culture took place in the Valley of the Communities at Yad Vashem: violin and clarinet, Yiddish and Ladino, music and poetry all combined to create a rich and multi-nuanced event that endeavored to recreate the spirit and cultural creativity of the Jewish shtetl before the Shoah. One of the highlights of the evening was the screening of a short documentary of the wedding of the daughter of the Rebbe of Munkács in 1933. Though brief, the powerful film clip provided the audience with a precious view of the inner sanctum of Jewish life before the war. Talented singers, klezmer musicians and anecdotal stories of life in the shtetl provided a special atmosphere that stirred the hearts of the audience.

Memories from the Shtetl

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Hundreds of Veterans Gather for VE Day

On May 8, 2014, Yad Vashem hosted a state ceremony marking 69 years since the victory over Nazi Germany, in the presence of Yad Vashem Director-General Dorit Novak, Minister of Immigrant Absorption Sofa Landver, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset Yoni Chetboun and an audience of some 400 people. Honored guests included WWII veterans who fought in the Allied armies (mostly from the FSU), Jewish partisans, resistance fighters, volunteers from the Yishuv who fought in the British Army and Jewish Brigade volunteers and members of the Diplomatic Corps representing the Allied countries.
Collections & Exhibitions

The remarkable collections of original artifacts and artworks held by Yad Vashem provide the cornerstone for the displays in the Museums Complex – the Holocaust History Museum, the Museum of Holocaust Art and the Synagogue – as well as its temporary and traveling exhibitions. These original items serve as exceptional tools for chronicling the Holocaust and recounting its history in a personal fashion.

New Exhibition Launched at the UN

Marking the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, a new Yad Vashem traveling exhibition opened in the United Nations Visitors Lobby in New York on January 28, 2015, in the presence of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, President of Israel Reuven Rivlin, and Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations Ron Prosor.

The exhibition deals with major historical aspects of the Holocaust, beginning with Jewish life in pre-Holocaust Europe and ending with the 1945 liberation of Nazi concentration and death camps across the continent and the remarkable return to life of the survivors. The panels feature explanatory texts, interspersed with personal stories of the victims, quotes, original photographs and images of relevant artifacts.

After a month-long display in New York, the exhibition traveled to other destinations worldwide.

Traveling Exhibitions Leave Indelible Impact

During the 2013-2014 school year, the traveling exhibition “No Child’s Play” toured 35 schools in various cities of Latvia, reaching more than 3,000 schoolchildren as a supplementary aid for teaching history and the social sciences. After viewing the exhibition, the children took part in related educational activities: Elementary school pupils shared active discussions, while secondary school students preferred to express their thoughts in written form and drawings. The original exhibition “No Child’s Play” was scheduled to be displayed at Yad Vashem for only three months, yet remained in place for 18 years due to enthusiastic interest, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors over the years.

There are currently over 40 versions of the 13 Yad Vashem traveling exhibitions. They are available in more than a dozen languages and displayed in a wide range of venues around the world.
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The Art Collection

Yad Vashem’s Art Collection, the largest of its kind in the world, includes over 9,000 works, most of which were created during the Holocaust. In the ghettos, in the camps and in places of hiding, artists used their tools as instruments of defiance and expression, creating art in the face of intolerable persecution. The works are thus a unique visual testimony, offering an opportunity to view the Shoah through the perspective of the artist.

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The Artifacts Collection

Yad Vashem’s Artifacts Collection contains over 28,600 items donated over the years by Holocaust survivors and members of their families, as well as from various organizations in Israel and abroad. The wide range of objects connected with the tumultuous events that occurred in Europe and North Africa during the first half of the 20th century reflect different aspects relevant to the Holocaust period. The many personal effects in the collection unveil the individual stories of people, families and, at times, entire communities.

“If you take a person’s violin, you take their soul. The boy perished and the violin remained. I am certain that you will take good care of this child’s soul.”

Violinist Shlomo Mintz, who played the violin that belonged to Motele, a young boy murdered in the Holocaust
A Gift to a Red Army Soldier

In January 1945, Yehudah Rubashevsky was drafted from the city of Kharkov in Ukraine into the Red Army. Rubashevsky’s unit participated in the liberation of Auschwitz and, since he was the only soldier who spoke Yiddish, Rubashevsky was appointed to take care of a group of 36 young Jewish girls, aged 15-16, who had survived the camp. Just before the girls were transferred for rehabilitation, they sewed a wallet for Rubashevsky on which they embroidered his initials. Inside the wallet was a thank-you letter signed by all the girls.

In 2008, the wallet was donated to the Yad Vashem Artifacts Collection. Upon its receipt, a search was initiated to locate the women whose names were recorded in the letter. The investigation revealed that the girls most likely had been deported to Auschwitz from Hungary or Carpathian-Ruthenia, but the attempt to discover their identities and understand their fate after the war was fraught with difficulties. Over the years, access to newly opened archives revealed additional information: One of the girls who signed the letter was Olga Klein. After the war, Olga married Bernard Kreisman, immigrated to Israel in 1965, and settled in Haifa. Recently, Rubashevsky’s daughter Vladalina, and Olga’s son Zvi Kreisman, met for the first time at Yad Vashem. Attempts to research the postwar experiences of the rest of the women continue.

Silent Witnesses

For many years, countless survivors were unaware of the public value of the simple items they kept at home from the war years. To them, these were personal mementos of family members murdered and of communities destroyed. Some survivors came to Yad Vashem, offering to donate the items in order to safeguard them and allow them to be shared by future generations. Other artifacts were sought out, painstakingly gathered and lovingly restored. That is how Motele’s violin, a Hanukkah menorah photographed on a windowsill in Germany, a recipe book put together by women inmates at Ravensbrück and thousands of other personal items from the Holocaust period became symbols of the victory of the human spirit. Silent Witnesses: The Stories Told by Artifacts in the Yad Vashem Collection (Hebrew, Spanish) presents the stories behind the artifacts. These “silent witnesses” tell of lives cut short and help convey the myriad stories that make up the Shoah.
Yad Vashem Online

During 2014, Yad Vashem's website reached a vast global audience, with close to 14 million visits from around the world. Comprehensive sites in Hebrew, English, Spanish, German, Russian, Farsi and Arabic, are enabling www.yadvashem.org to meet the ever-growing demand for reliable and accurate Holocaust-related information. Yad Vashem’s dynamic presence in social media - 100,000 members on Facebook, and a growing audience on Twitter and Pinterest - has offered an unprecedented opportunity for instantaneously communicating ideas, sharing relevant content and engaging with and connecting to a broad and diverse public.

New Materials Bolster Spanish Website

In 2014, Yad Vashem introduced Spanish mini-sites marking Holocaust Remembrance Day and the opening of Yad Vashem's permanent exhibition "SHOAH" in the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, as well as a number of online exhibitions, including "My Brother’s Keeper," and "The Return to Life in the DP Camps." Further enhancing its Spanish website, the exhibition "Women of Valor - Stories of Women Who Rescued Jews During the Holocaust" will be launched during Women’s History Month. Social media activity on Pinterest and Twitter continue to garner considerable attention among Spanish-speaking students, teachers and the general public.

"Because of Yad Vashem I will never forget that each and every one of those people who were murdered had thoughts, dreams and hopes."

Heather Walton, via Facebook
Having miraculously survived internment in the Kovno ghetto, the Chanoch family was deported to Germany on July 8, 1944, where most of them were murdered just a few weeks before the ghetto was liberated by the Red Army. Pinchas Drimer, his wife and son were able to find shelter in Siberia while his entire family was sent from Siget to Auschwitz in May 1944, and only one member survived. In 2014, Yad Vashem launched “Stay Together!” - a special online exhibition exploring the fate of these and other Jewish families across Europe in 1944. The exhibition highlights the struggles of individual family units during the final death throes of the war; a year in which they continued valiantly to strive to protect one another from deportation and murder while somehow hoping to remain alive until liberation.

“I found your website unbearably moving. I want to go back in time and touch these people and somehow help them, but I can’t, so I pray for them with all my heart and also for myself, that I might be better inspired in how I lead my own life.”

Keith, via e-mail

The Return to Life in the DP Camps

Life in the Displaced Persons (DP) camps was regarded by most of the Jewish refugees as a temporary arrangement. Yet despite this, and notwithstanding the wretched physical conditions, the survivors in the DP camps transformed them into centers of social, cultural and educational activity. The new online exhibition, “The Return to Life in the Displaced Person Camps, 1945-56: A Visual Retrospective” (in English, Hebrew and Spanish) visually explores how the survivors dealt with various issues involving family, religion, commemoration and education. Marking the 70th anniversary of the war’s end, the exhibition looks at some of the ways the survivors attempted, with courage and determination, to regain a normative existence on both the individual and communal level.
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Teachers Who Rescued Jews during the Holocaust

During the Holocaust most people abandoned their Jewish neighbors, turned a blind eye or even participated in the persecution of the Jews. Among them were teachers, who watched as their students were marked, harassed, discriminated against and even murdered. The online exhibition “Their Fate Will Be My Fate Too: Teachers Who Rescued Jews during the Holocaust,” launched at the beginning of the 2014-15 academic year, highlights educators, recognized by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations, who felt that it was their duty not only to educate and instill values in the classroom, but also to live by those ideals, even at the risk of their lives. The entire exhibition was posted to Yad Vashem’s Facebook page and viewed and shared by people around the world.

Hanukkah Greetings from Friends from Around the World

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Righteous Among the Nations

One of Yad Vashem's principal duties is to convey the gratitude of the State of Israel and the Jewish people to non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. A public commission, headed by an Israeli Supreme Court Justice, examines each case of rescue, and the testimonies and documentation presented to it by Yad Vashem, and determines whether to grant the title of Righteous Among the Nations. Those recognized receive a medal and a certificate of honor, and their names are commemorated for eternity on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem.

Rescue By a Widow

In the summer of 1943, Helen Haber, from Sasow, Poland, managed to escape from a labor camp and join her mother Gittel and five-year-old daughter Julia who had fled to the forests. Desperate and sick, the three arrived at the house of Maria Zurawska, a widow whose husband Josef had been murdered a short while earlier along with four Jews he had sheltered. Despite this recent trauma, Maria agreed to hide the three Jewish fugitives.

Fearing discovery, Maria took Helen, Gittel and Julia along with her own five children in a horse and buggy to the village of Koltow, where Maria's parents lived. They remained there until the summer of 1944, when the area was liberated. After the war, the Jewish family settled in the Dominican Republic. They invited Maria to join them but she chose to stay with her children. Over the years, the Helen's family kept in touch with Maria until her death in 1996. In 2014, Maria was posthumously recognized as Righteous Among the Nations. Her daughter Bronisława Skoczylas came from Poland to Israel to accept the medal and certificate on her late mother's behalf.

Unfinished Business: "Cold Cases" Reopened and Solved

Over the years, thousands of requests have been submitted to Yad Vashem that unfortunately lack sufficient documentation for the title of Righteous Among the Nations to be bestowed upon non-Jewish rescuers. In some cases, the survivors themselves had passed away, and all that remained was a vague family memory, an old letter or a tattered photograph; in others, letters from Yad Vashem requesting additional information remained unanswered. With the help of the Internet, social media and Yad Vashem's extensive collections of testimonies and other records, a number of "cold cases" have now been reopened.

Almost two decades ago, the sons of Hester Waas-Kool requested that their mother's rescuer, Paul Christian van Westering, be recognized as Righteous Among the Nations. Research at Yad Vashem's Archives uncovered a video testimony of Hester, received years after the original file was opened, in which Hester described how she was hidden by van Westering, a musician from the Netherlands, from mid-1943 until liberation. Hester helped with the housework and took care of van Westering's children, but in the evenings he encouraged her to study so that she could make up for missing school. During 2014, Paul Christian van Westering was finally recognized as Righteous Among the Nations.
The outstanding collection of documentation housed in the Yad Vashem Archives provides an unsurpassed source of Holocaust-related materials. Agreements over recent years to copy documents from various archives have further boosted the collection, which now numbers some 179 million pages of documentation. The methodical scanning of documentation is continuing at an unprecedented scale in an effort to make documents, photographs, testimonies, names and other data easily accessible to researchers, students and the general public.
Experts Examine the Conservation of Holocaust-era Material

An international workshop on the conservation of Holocaust-era material, part of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure Project (EHRI), was held at Yad Vashem in September 2014. The 34 scholars from Israel, Europe and the US who participated in the workshop examined the scope and means of both physical and digital preservation of original materials, such as documents, photographs, artworks and artifacts, as well as the challenges that have developed in recent years in the expanding field.

Discussions over the digitization of original materials raised moral dilemmas, such as issues of authenticity, as well as technical concerns, including the transfer of color and the longevity of the digital image. These documents, often the last testimony to the life or murder of an individual, form the basis of Holocaust research. They also serve as core material for museums exhibitions, as well as a resource for commemorative and educational activities for future generations, lending their preservation both a moral and an educational significance.

“Yad Vashem is the repository for the Jewish people with their databases, archives and incredible staff that have been piecing our families and our towns back together.”

Mark Mucasey, Board Chair of the Holocaust Museum Houston, USA

Israel’s National Backup Center for Holocaust Documentation

During 2014, Yad Vashem began a project to scan the archives of the German-Speaking Jewry Heritage Museum located in the Tefen Industrial Park in northern Israel. The Museum tells the magnificent past of Jewish communities in the countries of central Europe until WWII, and presents at length the work of German-speaking Jewish immigrants to Eretz Israel. The documents and the photographs in the archives retell the story of German Jewry that was destroyed by the Nazis from the point of view of those who immigrated to Israel before the war, as well as those who survived it. Digital copies of the collection will be preserved both at the Museum and at Yad Vashem, and will be accessible to the public in the Yad Vashem Archives Reading Room, granting the public access to these unique materials. In 2014 alone, the Archives provided digital backup for some 50,000 pages of documentation as part of its ongoing activities as a center for digital backup of Holocaust documentation.
"Gathering the Fragments": Autograph Book Sheds Light on Survivor's Life Story

The autograph book made for Frida (Friedl) Gutman at the Gross Sarne concentration camp accompanied her upon her transfer to Gross Masselwitz and then to Freiburg. After liberation, the book became a precious memento left to her by Jewish prisoners with whom she had crossed paths at the camps. Prisoners made the journal out of materials they managed to procure and filled it with poems, dedications, memories and words of farewell. Frida preserved the precious autograph book for more than six decades, yet she never told anyone about it. Only when she was over 80 years old did she take the book out of the closet and hand it to her grandson, Ben.

After Frida passed away, her son, Yakov Poremba, approached Yad Vashem, hoping to shed light on his mother's life story. Yakov handed the crumbling autograph book, with inscriptions in Polish, German, Dutch and Hebrew, to staff of the "Gathering the Fragments" campaign to rescue Holocaust-related personal items. A careful investigation was carried out using Yad Vashem's numerous databases, in which extensive information was discovered regarding the book itself, as well as about Frida and many other Jews from the same area. Inscriptions in the autograph book reveal the state of mind of some of the prisoners, their personal feelings, their hopes and their fears. Out of some 30 people who wrote in Frida's book, ten survivors were located. Others had been murdered, their names commemorated in Yad Vashem's Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names. In some cases, the inscription in the book provides their last written testimony.
Newly Acquired Documentation Bolsters Collection

Untouched for decades, hundreds of thousands of pages of documentation relating to Jewish history languished in the Kaunas County Archives in Lithuania. The archives preserves over 1.3 million files of documentation from 1919-1945, up until the Soviet invasion of Lithuania. Identification cards, lists of students from Jewish schools, hospital lists, real estate documents, lists of army draftees, voter lists and more from the period between the two world wars provide a wealth of information about the Lithuanian Jewish community.

The ID card belonging to Brocha Gdaliaoviciene-Polianskyte reveals some personal details: Brocha was born in Kaunus, Lithuania in 1912; she was “of average height,” with dark hair and blue eyes, and worked as a civil servant. As researchers and experts continue to scrutinize additional pages of documentation, and cataloging of new information continues, the rest of her story may yet be revealed.
Original Film from the 1930s Offers Unique Testimony

In August 1938, in Ouddorp, Southern Holland, Levi Prigal and his wife Sarah ran a summer camp for Jewish at-risk youth from Rotterdam. The Prigal’s five children - Annie, Jonathan, Herman, Ilana and Jackie - also took part in the camp’s activities. The camp was the culmination of the year’s activities of the “Mikveh Israel” youth club. In order to help raise funds for their activities, Prigal filmed the youth, including his own children, going about their days: preparing food, participating in field trips and playing soccer.

The Prigal’s eldest daughter Annie was murdered in Sobibor; the remaining family members, who were in hiding, survived. After the war, Levi Prigal tried unsuccessfully to locate the youth who were in the club. Recently, Jackie Prigal donated his father’s films to Yad Vashem, who joined Jackie in his search for the fate of the children in the films. Only one week later, aged 86, Jackie passed away. The information Jackie gave regarding the various individuals in the films, along with the events they recorded, are a unique and meaningful testimony regarding family and communal life in the prewar Netherlands.

"Who will safeguard the first-hand testimonies and be able to maintain their authenticity, other than Yad Vashem?"

Mark Moskowitz, Yad Vashem Benefactor, and American Society for Yad Vashem Executive Committee Member

Catalogue of Documents Now Online

The online Documents Archive includes detailed descriptions of some 80 original collections from the vast corpus of documentation found in the Yad Vashem Archives. The documentation in these collections was created by Jewish individuals and organizations that were active prior to and during the Holocaust. Extensive records were gathered in the early postwar years by historical committees, organizations and individuals active in the DP camps and in other areas where Holocaust survivors were living in large concentrations. Included in the catalogue are the Koniuchowsky Collection, which has 170 testimonies on the murder of Jews across Lithuania; the Mecker Collection, with hundreds of letters and telegraphs that were sent to the Yiddish newspaper Forverts during WWII and immediately afterwards; and the Borwicz Collection, with includes hundreds of testimonies that were gathered by the Historical Commission in Poland during 1945-1957.

The online Documents Archive, which will continue to expand in the coming years, is part of Yad Vashem’s ongoing efforts to make information easily accessible to researchers and interested individuals wherever they are located.
Workshop Offers Guide for Searching Vast Archive

The International Tracing Service (ITS) in Bad Arolsen was established by the Allies in 1943 in order to investigate the fates of victims of Nazi persecution. Its archives hold some 30 million documents about persecution, forced labor and the Holocaust, which may help shed light on the fate of so many victims of Nazism and their collaborators. In October 2014, 14 service-givers on the ITS collections from ITS-Bad Arolsen, the USHMM, the Wiener Library in London, Archives Nationales in France, Centre de Documentation et de Recherche sur la Résistance in Luxembourg and Yad Vashem met for a two-day workshop in Germany.

Hosted by the ITS-Arolsen staff, the workshop - initiated by Yad Vashem as part of Israel’s role this year as the chair of the International Commission of the ITS - aimed to share each copy-holding institution’s experience in working with the elaborate system. The workshop ended with a discussion of cooperation in order to increase access to researchers, share knowledge about better search methods and develop new tools for working with the system.

Information Service Offers Broad Assistance

Yad Vashem receives tens of thousands of inquiries each year, from Israel, Europe, the Americas, and even from Arab countries. A considerable amount of requests are from family members clarifying the fate of Holocaust victims; others are from researchers, book publishers, film producers, museums and other interested parties looking for archival and academic resources.

Recently, Henry Horvath from Ecuador visited the Archives seeking information about his father’s family. Henry’s father, Aladar Benjamin Horvath Goldstein, the sole survivor of his family, was born in 1907 in Zagon, then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and today located in Romania. His son Henry sent Yad Vashem the names of his father’s brother and sisters about whom he had no information; and the Reference and Information Service was able to locate details about each and every member of Aladar’s family, helping Henry piece together the story of his family.

"Now I know the names of the husbands and the wives of my uncle and aunts, and also the names of their children... I have been able to put names to the people in one family photograph that dates back to 1937... this has finalized an open question I have wrestled with my entire life."

Henry Horvath, Ecuador
In March 2014, Polina Gavriluk from Kostopil, Ukraine informed Yad Vashem that she had discovered a cousin in Israel while researching the fate of her family during the Holocaust. Polina’s grandfather, Moshe Eydelevitch had been killed while serving as a soldier in the Red Army. Polina had letters that Moshe had written at the front, only weeks before the end of the war, in which he expressed his desire to learn what befell his brother Mendel and his family.

Names Database Helps Reconnect Three Family Branches

Mendel’s wife Chasia and their daughters Sima and Miriam were murdered in the Ponary forest in July 1941. But Mendel’s third daughter, Rivka, had escaped the Vilna ghetto to the forests, where she joined a partisan unit. Following the war, Rivka moved to Israel. In 1983, Rivka Gurvitz submitted Pages of Testimony in memory of her father and his family. Discovering the Pages of Testimony on the Yad Vashem website, Polina contacted Rivka, now aged 90: Rivka confirmed that Moshe and Mendel were, in fact, brothers.

After discovering this branch of the family in Israel, Polina sought information about her grandfather’s sister Sylvia, who had moved to the US before the war. In 1933, Sylvia married Jacob Brier, and in 1935 gave birth to a son named Joseph. With the assistance of journalist Hillel Kutler and his column “Seeking Kin,” Joseph (Joe) Brier was located in Suffern, NY, thereby reuniting the third branch of the family. Joe, an only child who grew up with few relatives, was overwhelmed to learn he had living family members in Ukraine and Israel.

"Using the wealth of information I have discovered at Yad Vashem, I am now telling my family about what happened during the Holocaust years."

Leah Carlebach, Jerusalem, who searched Yad Vashem’s Names Database to unearth information about her family’s fate during the Holocaust

The Names Database: A Decade Online

November 2014 marked ten years since Yad Vashem uploaded the Central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names to the Internet. The event triggered a tidal wave of world interest in the victims and their personal stories. The people who joined this endeavor include survivors, their children and grandchildren; social workers, volunteers and dedicated staff at Jewish organizations; and Holocaust researchers, educators and archivists. Today some 4.5 million victims are commemorated in the Names Database - an astonishing achievement of monumental significance for Yad Vashem as well as collectively for the Jewish people.
The Visual Center

Yad Vashem’s Visual Center is an incomparable source of information on Holocaust-related cinema. It is the world’s largest repository of films of all genres connected with the Shoah – documentaries, feature films, animation, video art, music clips, student films, news items and personal commemorative videos. Detailed information on more than 9,500 items is easily accessible on the Online Film Database, and some 6,600 films are available for immediate viewing at the Visual Center.

Radical Evil: Winner of the 2014 Avner Shalev Chairman’s Award

Academy Award winner Stefan Ruzowitzky (The Counterfeiters) deconstructs the process of transforming average men into ideologically motivated killers in his latest film, Radical Evil (Germany/Austria 2013, 96 minutes), which garnered the 9th annual Avner Shalev Yad Vashem Chairman’s Award for Artistic Achievement in Holocaust Film. Ruzowitzky’s documentary is composed of re-enactments, archival footage and sound, as well as interviews with renowned experts, including psychiatrist Robert Jay Lifton and historian Christopher Browning, and filmed excerpts from the Milgram Experiment and similar “obedience studies.”

Restored Film Featured at MoMA

In November 2014, the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York held two screenings of David Perlov’s film, Memories of the Eichmann Trial (1979) as part of its 12th International Festival of Film Preservation. Produced by the Israel Broadcasting Authority–Channel 1, the film was broadcast only once. In 2011, commemorating 50 years since the Eichmann trial, the Visual Center, with the support of the Perlov family, initiated the film’s restoration. A year later, the film was screened at the Pompidou Center in Paris, as well as at film festivals in France and England and academic conferences in Israel, Canada and Sweden.

The film is a unique historic and cinematic document, composed of interviews conducted by Perlov in 1979, in which Israeli Holocaust survivors and members of their generation, as well as children of survivors and young native-born Israelis, reflect upon how the trial affected them and their families, and how it transformed Israeli society’s perceptions of the Shoah and those who lived through it.
The Library

Yad Vashem’s Library offers an unrivaled wealth of materials to interested learners seeking essential information about Holocaust history and commemoration. Recent acquisitions have bolstered the collection to over 150,000 titles in 54 languages, providing a comprehensive source of publications to scholars, students and the general public.

Thousands of Periodicals Now Digitally Available

Over 4,000 newspapers and journals recorded on 1,300 reels of microfilm are in the process of being digitized, making this outstanding collection more easily accessible. The materials are available for easy viewing and study in the Yad Vashem Reading Room. The Yad Vashem collection of newspapers and journals represents the most important scholarly periodicals from the period of the Shoah and serves as a form of original documentation actually created during the Holocaust era. Over two million pages of documentation are now available from within this significant collection.
Established in 1993, Yad Vashem’s International Institute for Holocaust Research functions as a cornerstone of scholarly study on the Shoah, providing the basic infrastructure for further exploration into this calamitous period in human history. The Research Institute is dedicated to developing and coordinating international research and fostering cooperative projects among academic institutions, as well as encouraging young scholars in their investigations.
International Conference Explores Jewish Solidarity during the Shoah

The International Institute for Holocaust Research hosted a four-day international conference in December 2014 entitled "All of Israel are Responsible for One Another? Ideals and Reality during the Shoah." Featuring researchers, historians and leading experts from Israel, Italy, Sweden, Austria, the US, Germany and Canada, the conference raised central questions relating to survival mechanisms of the individual and the community in various situations during the Holocaust. It also investigated the existence - or lack thereof - of Jewish solidarity in varying places and situations, as well as different types of reactions and coping during times of extreme crisis - from organized rescue through hostility and divisiveness.

"The Untold Stories": New Guide on Killing Sites

During 2014, a new guide was uploaded to the Yad Vashem website summarizing basic data collected thus far in the online research project "The Untold Stories: The Murder Sites of the Jews in the Occupied Territories of the Former Soviet Union." The online list gives, as far as possible, an accurate picture of the extent and manner of the mass killing, by the Nazis and their collaborators, of Jews living within the 1941 borders of the FSU: the location of the murder sites, the identity of the perpetrators, the number of victims and how they were murdered. The guide surveys 2,571 killing sites in total: 301 in Russia (including the Crimean Peninsula); 195 in Latvia; 243 in Lithuania; 1,170 in Ukraine; and 662 in Belarus. Moreover, 150 killing sites were added to "The Untold Stories," which currently includes comprehensive information about 800 murder sites.
The Deportations Database: A Fundamental Resource

Over the past year, the Research Institute has continued its study of wartime transports of Jews departing from various places of origin in Western, Central and Southern Europe. In 2014, the multiyear project, "Transports to Extinction: The Shoah (Holocaust) Deportations Database" added details of approximately 45 transports that left Greece for Auschwitz-Birkenau, including those that departed from islands in the Mediterranean such as Rhodes and Crete, as well as transports from territories annexed by Bulgaria (Thrace and Macedonia). In addition, 75 transports from France and another 150 transports from the greater Reich were also uploaded to the website. These contain a wealth of personal testimonies and information regarding the internal transports of French Jews.

In July 2014, an international workshop gathered together experts on the subject of transports, who shared their research in an attempt to broaden the analysis and understanding of various aspects of this phenomenon.

Workshop for Young Scholars: Approaches to Historical Documentation

In the spring of 2014, the Research Institute hosted a three-week international workshop for 12 young scholars from Europe, under the auspices of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) Project. This workshop exposed the participants to historical research and methodological questions regarding documentation and its use, and provided time for them to access Yad Vashem's vast archival collections. It also presented different approaches to historical materials and disciplines such as oral history, archaeological findings at killing sites and photos taken of camps and victims. The young scholars were introduced to other archives and research institutions such as the Yad Ben-Zvi Institute and the Ghetto Fighters' House Archives, in order to learn about available collections as a future resource.
The 2014 Yad Vashem International Book Prize for Holocaust Research, in memory of Holocaust survivor Abraham Meir Schwarzbaum, and his family members who were murdered in the Holocaust, was awarded to Professor Jan Grabowski for his book, *Hunt for the Jews: Betrayal and Murder in German-Occupied Poland*. The Book Prize Committee found Grabowski’s study “groundbreaking and exemplary in its approach and methodology, in its analytical quality and in its contribution to the better understanding of the multi-facetedness of the Shoah.” In addition to the winner of the Book Prize, there were also two honorable mentions, *Conscripted Slaves*, by Robert Rozett and *Gates of Tears*, by David Silberklang - both of which were finalists in the 2015 National Jewish Book Award (USA).

The Research Institute hosted a number of distinguished fellows and young scholars during 2014. In the summer, Yad Vashem, in collaboration with Tel Aviv University, invited Prof. Omer Bartov, the John P. Birkelund Distinguished Professor of European History and Professor of History and German Studies at Brown University, to conduct research in Israel. During his tenure at Yad Vashem, Prof. Bartov gave several fascinating lectures inspiring deep reflection, including one entitled “Genocide and the Holocaust: What Are We Arguing About?”

Yang Meng, a Chinese national working on her PhD at the Free University of Berlin, was among three outstanding doctoral students who came to Yad Vashem - in the midst of military operations in Israel - to expand their academic research. She used her fellowship at Yad Vashem to peruse documentation in the Archives on the Jewish exile in Shanghai, to meet with professors of the Institute, and to converse with staff and scholars about her research project.

"In addition to expanding my sources, I learned more about the challenges for Chinese scholars as a whole and gained a better understanding of the history, which I can bring back to China to promote Holocaust education in my home country."

Yad Vashem Research Fellow Yang Meng, Free University of Berlin
The International Institute's ongoing cooperation with Israel's prestigious academic institutions endeavors to strengthen Holocaust education in Israeli universities, with Yad Vashem historians enriching the university curriculum for Holocaust programs and teaching seminars and courses at the University of Haifa, the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University during the academic year. Moreover the Institute collaborates with the one-year International Master's Program in Holocaust Studies at the University of Haifa, which attracts students from around the world. A week-long workshop for the students of the University of Haifa MA program was conducted at Yad Vashem in March 2014. The students heard from experts on topics ranging from "The Dilemmas of Rescue" to "What Don't We know about the Shoah?" and "The Vatican and the Holocaust." Several hands-on sessions offered them a unique opportunity to learn about utilizing the Yad Vashem Archives.

Ongoing Partnerships with Academic Institutions

Researchers Examine Soviet Jewry during the Holocaust

The International Institute's Center for Research on the History of Soviet Jews during the Holocaust fosters study on the Holocaust in the areas of history and sociology, literature, art, film, theater, religion and Jewish identity in the Soviet Union. An international workshop was held in January 2014 investigating new approaches to the topic of Soviet partisans during the Holocaust. Researchers from the US, FSU and Israel discussed a range of related topics, including: partisan activities across the areas of the Soviet Union in which Jews were involved and the reaction of non-Jews to this activity: local partisan units and their individual contributions to the fight against the Nazis: the role and participation of women among the partisans; and the connection between Jewish partisan history and Jewish-Soviet Yiddish literature at the time.

In March 2014, an international conference took place, entitled "Judeo-Bolshevism: The Crystallization of an Antisemitic Political Concept." The conference explored the roots and development of one of the most pernicious myths that laid the ideological and psychological foundations of the Holocaust - the association of the Jewish people with communist ideas and practices, as proof of their eternal enmity towards "orderly" Christian society.

"The unique research environment of the International Institute offered me the opportunity to meet fellow Holocaust researchers and attend lectures by leading scholars in the field... and even seek their professional advice."

Yad Vashem Research Fellow Susanne Barth, Carol-von-Ossietzky University of Oldenburg
Memorial Days for Institute's "Founding Fathers"

The first annual lecture and workshop in memory of the former Head of the Institute Prof. David Bankier, z"l, took place in March 2014, an initiative of Yad Vashem and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where Prof. Bankier was also a member of faculty. The guest speaker was Prof. Ulrich Herbert (University of Freiburg, Germany), one of the leading researchers of Nazism and the Holocaust worldwide. The day after the lecture, Prof. Herbert conducted an academic seminar with a group of PhD students from universities in Israel who are conducting Holocaust-related research.

In November 2014, the Research Institute held a day symposium in memory of Prof. Israel Gutman z"l, one of the original founders of the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem's former Academic Advisor and Deputy Chairman of the International Auschwitz Council. The symposium marked the launch of Gates of Tears: The Holocaust in the Lublin District by Editor-in-Chief of Yad Vashem Studies and Senior Historian at the Institute Dr. David Silberklang.

Jews in the Red Army, 1941–1945

From 1941 to 1945, between 350,000 and 500,000 Jews served in various roles in the Red Army. The accounts of 100 of these conscripts are included in a special online project highlighting those who received formal recognition, primarily as "Heroes of the Soviet Union," for their military achievements. These were officers and privates, tank crew members and pilots, translators and doctors - men and women of all ages. The stories tell about their prewar experiences as members of the intelligentsia, professional military men or factory workers and - for those who survived the war - their experiences of postwar life. Such an approach allows for a better understanding of the effect the war had on Jewish Red Army personnel and helps cast light on the Jewish identity of these people and their varying reactions to the Holocaust.

Courtesy: The Museum of the Jewish Soldier in World War II
Yad Vashem Publications

As part of the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem Publications disseminates new and innovative research in the field of the Holocaust that influences Shoah remembrance and academic investigations. Each year, Yad Vashem Publications releases dozens of new titles in a variety of additional genres and languages, including archival materials, memoirs of Holocaust survivors, conference proceedings, encyclopedias, catalogues and albums.

Eyewitness Accounts Offer a Unique Perspective

Personal accounts and eyewitness testimonies provide a rare viewpoint on the social, economic, and historical events of the Holocaust. Three new research studies offer insights into the wartime experiences of the survivors, their personal philosophies of life, and the rebuilding of their lives after the Shoah.

In Europe in the Eyes of Survivors of the Holocaust, edited by Dr. Zeev Mankowitz, z”l, Prof. David Weinberg and Dr. Sharon Kangisser Cohen, a group of distinguished scholars examines the perspectives of ten survivors - writers, philosophers, activists and memoirists - whose attitudes towards the European past were characterized by conflicting feelings of alienation and attraction. Dr. Sharon Kangisser Cohen’s book Testimony and Time examines the longitudinal development of individual survivor testimony, in order to identify if the changing context influences and shapes survivors’ accounts of their past. Israel in the Eyes of Survivors of the Holocaust (Heb.), edited by Prof. Dalia Ofer, is a collection of articles focusing on the question of how Israel was perceived by Holocaust survivors: Have the survivors found the longed-for, imagined home after the tragic loss of their community, home and family? How did the survivors shape their lives to make Israel their new home?

These new titles were a project of the Diana Zborowski Center for the Study of the Aftermath of the Holocaust which seeks to initiate, coordinate and support research relating to the consequences and implications of the Shoah.

Jews Rescuing Jews in the Holocaust

The anthology Jews Rescuing Jews in the Holocaust (Heb.), edited by Dr. Avraham Milgram, focuses on Jews who committed themselves to saving other Jews, although they themselves were potential victims of the Nazi genocidal policy. Realizing that all Jews were destined for the same fate, these brave individuals and groups attempted to rescue as many victims as possible using various means - smuggling them through the forests, providing them with false papers, conducting underground activities in the death and concentration camps, or attempting to negotiate with the oppressor.
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Budget, for the period January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014 (estimated)

Revenues

- Government of Israel - 36%
- Department Activities - 10%
- Funds & Donations - 54%

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Expenditures

- Documentation - 20%
- Remembrance - 11%
- Education - 27%
- Research - 7%
- Maintenance - 16%
- Resource Development - 6%
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In June 2014, as in July 2011, Yad Vashem was confronted with a severe brush and forest fire that threatened the Mount of Remembrance campus from its western slopes, adjacent to the Valley of the Communities. Following both of these difficult events, Yad Vashem, in consultation with the Israel Fire and Rescue Service, and in conjunction with the Jewish National Fund (JNF), embarked upon a cooperative effort to protect the site and its irreplaceable contents from future fire threats. The foliage in the natural forest surrounding Yad Vashem has been reduced, and its firefighting and safety equipment augmented. In addition, the infrastructure on the campus has been bolstered with the addition of supplemental fire hydrants and sprinkler systems as well as improved access to water in particularly vulnerable areas, and auxiliary roads paved over to provide a protective ring around the Mount.
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Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson

Phil and Rose Friedman

Phil Friedman was born and raised in the USSR, the son of Holocaust survivors Alexander and Aranka Friedman. Aranka was sent to Auschwitz with her entire family; only she and her sister survived. Alexander escaped from fascist Hungary by crossing the border into Russia, only to be sent to the Russian Gulag for four-and-a-half years. After the war, Phil’s parents settled in Munkachevo before moving to the United States. Phil and Rose met as university students in Russia, both eventually earning degrees in engineering, economics and finance. After spending 12 years in the electronics industry, Phil encountered antisemitic opposition to his career advancement. In 1976, the Friedmans immigrated to the US, settling in New York City. In 1984, Phil launched Computer Generated Solutions (CGS), a diversified IT solutions and services company. Within 30 years, CGS grew from five employees to over 5,000, with operations across North America, Latin America, Europe and Asia. The Friedmans generously became Benefactors of Yad Vashem, dedicating the Jerusalem Garden on the Mount of Remembrance in honor of their parents, Alexander and Aranka Friedman and Lipot and Esther Steinmetz, who survived the Holocaust, and in memory of their family members who were murdered.

Doris and Justino Hirschhorn

Doris and Justino Hirschhorn live in Mexico, where Justino is a successful businessman. The couple is also active in the Mexican Jewish Community and lauded as generous philanthropists. The Hirschhorn family recently celebrated a unique occasion - the Bat Mizvahs of triplet granddaughters, Gaby, Daniela and Maiya Hirschhorn, in the Yad Vashem Synagogue. Following this meaningful occasion, during which the family celebrated the continuity of the Jewish nation, Doris and Justino Hirschhorn were honored as Benefactors of Yad Vashem.

Vicky and Ariel Picker

Vicky and Ariel Picker live in Mexico, where Ariel is a successful businessman. Ariel’s paternal side of the family originated in Lvov, Poland. The family was traditional, religious and Zionist. The head of the family, Ariel’s great-grandfather Chaim Aryeh Gottlieb, was a prosperous merchant in the lumber, salt and tanning businesses. Chaim Aryeh and his wife Kayla (née Kahan), had six children: Bronka, Regina, Rushka, Avraham, Rachel Lea and Sima Feiga. Chaim Aryeh, Kayla and their daughters Rachel Lea and Sima Feiga were murdered during the Holocaust. Regina, Ruska and Avraham survived and immigrated to Eretz Israel in 1948. In 1943, the Nazis invaded the city and ordered the execution of hundreds of Jews. Well-known community members, including the Gottlieb family, along with dozens of their uncles, nephews and cousins, were taken to a forest and murdered in cold blood. The Gottliebs’ eldest child, Bronka (Batya) married Adolf (later Amos) Picker – a visionary and a Zionist. In 1934 they immigrated to Eretz Israel and were blessed with two sons: Amnon and Shimon. Shimon was Ariel’s father. Vicky and Ariel are devoted to their three children, Alan, Uri and Tali, and firmly committed to Holocaust remembrance.
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