Achievements and Challenges

Annual Report 2012
Introduction

Yad Vashem, on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem, is the world's acclaimed center of Holocaust education, remembrance, research and documentation. Its state-of-the-art museums, world-class research and education centers and unrivaled archives and libraries provide an unparalleled place of intergenerational learning and reflection. For over six decades, Yad Vashem has been meeting the challenges of each new generation by integrating technological innovations into traditional methods of learning in order to reach an ever growing global audience interested in learning about the Shoah and grappling with its implications. Dedicated to passing on the legacy of the survivors and perpetuating the memory of the men, women and children who were murdered, Yad Vashem continues to develop and expand its pedagogical tools, scholarly resources and innovative methods for meaningful commemoration in the years ahead.

"Yad Vashem touched something within me.... Here we were reunited and reconnected with our lost brothers and sisters, to be reminded that the actions of one can change the world - for better or for worse.”

- Nicole Jackson, Australian High School student
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Dear Friends,

A comprehensive review of Yad Vashem’s activity during 2012 reveals the gratifying extent to which we attained our goals, in all our core areas of operation, while strictly adhering to our approved annual budget.

Yad Vashem’s resources and energies are strategically focused in two fundamental, mutually-reinforcing, spheres: ensuring that the tragic story of the Holocaust is accurately recorded, safely accessible and coherently explained; and creating and implementing ways to learn from what we have recorded and explained in order to shape a better future.

Within the sphere of recording the Shoah, Yad Vashem vigorously pursued and realized opportunities in 2012 to uncover extensive, previously unavailable sources of victim names, survivor testimonies, archival documentation and authentic artifacts - all attesting to key events and aspects of the Holocaust. This complex endeavor is truly a race against time, requiring a skillful balance of professional knowhow, dedication and determination. That complex reality provided the impetus for our many noteworthy achievements during 2012, further enhancing Yad Vashem’s unparalleled position as the world’s center for Holocaust remembrance.

Such accomplishments empowered us to excel this year within the challenging spheres of research, education, media communications and policy-making. Prevalent contemporary norms permit, even encourage, the dissemination of alternative accounts to the previously accepted historiographic narrative. For us, this means facing revisionist Holocaust analyses, sometimes characterized by dubious accuracy or questionable motives, regarding the Shoah and its purported similarity to assorted human tragedies and ills. In this critical struggle to shape the world’s collective consciousness of the Holocaust, Yad Vashem bears the mantle of responsible, truthful integrity, unwaveringly pinpointing the distinct nature of Nazi Germany’s extermination of European Jewry and its plan to annihilate all Jews, everywhere.

The 571 training seminars and days for educators that we conducted in 2012, the conference we conducted in June for 355 Holocaust educators from 54 countries, the 27 international research events that we held, our 33 new publications, our internet site in seven languages with over 10 million visits from 220 nations, the 12 traveling exhibitions that we displayed in 55 locations in 11 languages - these and many more activities described in this report constitute Yad Vashem’s assertive, innovative presence in the competitive worldwide arena of information, ideas and images.

While the foreseeable future does not promise to be easier or simpler for our cause, our six decades of unique effort and experience have helped nurture a new generation that is ready to assume the privilege and duty of meaningful and relevant Holocaust remembrance. We have entered 2013, Yad Vashem’s sixtieth year, with renewed commitment, confident that continued support from our partners and friends will allow us to redouble the effective fulfillment of our vital mission.

Avner Shalev
Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate
From the Chairman of the Council

Dear Friends,

I am writing this shortly after Purim, the day we celebrate the miracle of the deliverance of the Jewish people from a planned genocide in ancient Persia. One of the outstanding aspects of this holiday is the Jewish unity that characterized it. “Go and gather all the Jews, and pray for me,” Queen Esther enjoined Mordechai; he did, and they did. Our sages say that it was this unity that helped us defeat our enemies. The Midrash notes that shortly after learning of Haman’s decree against the Jews, Mordechai came across some children leaving school. He asked them what they had learned that day, and was cheered by their answer - answers of faith in the Jewish people’s ability to survive. It is this faith in the Jewish continuity that I see every day here at Yad Vashem.

Yad Vashem serves as a place of consensus in Jerusalem: not only amongst our dedicated staff who come from all across the spectrum of Israeli society, but those who come to Yad Vashem to learn about the tragic history of the Holocaust. As I walk through our campus on the Mount of Remembrance, I see Israelis, tourists, IDF soldiers, ultra-Orthodox yeshiva students, Birthright participants, people of all ages and affiliations, visitors from every continent and myriad communities. Not only does the memory of the Holocaust itself, and the unique way Yad Vashem safeguards its remembrance, build bridges between Jews, but its enduring issues resonate in humanity as a whole. Thus, heads of state, journalists, filmmakers, students, educators and people of all faiths and backgrounds make their way to its unique campus to confront and attempt to fathom this history, which affects us all.

Grappling with our cataclysmic history and its painful legacy ensures that we approach the world around us with greater sensitivity and a deepened sense of responsibility. We will never be able to recover what was lost; we can never find justice for the millions of Jewish men, women and children who had no opportunity to fulfill their potential; but we can, each and every one of us, take it upon ourselves to remember and learn, to stand together as one as we contemplate what was lost. Yad Vashem stands at the forefront of ensuring that we do not lose sight of what the Holocaust was, nor of what it means for the world today. It is a place where we can stand strong together - unified in our efforts to create a better future for us all.

Rabbi Israel Meir Lau
Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council
Highlights of Yad Vashem's Activities in 2012

Holocaust Education – The International School

- 300,000 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.
- 76 long-term seminars were held at Yad Vashem for 1,700 educators from abroad.
- 1,450 foreign educators participated in 71 teacher-training days at the School.
- School staff were active in some 30 different countries around the globe.
- 97 seminars were held at Yad Vashem for 3,000 Israeli educators.
- 10,000 Israeli educators attended 327 teacher-training days at Yad Vashem and throughout Israel.
- 335 educators from 54 countries attended the 8th International Conference for Holocaust Educators.
- 3,000 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 13 different languages was uploaded to the Virtual School.
- 740 individuals participated in online courses in 6 languages.

Research and Publications

- The second annual Yad Vashem International Book Prize for Holocaust Research in memory of Holocaust survivor Abraham Meir Schwarzbaum and his family members murdered in the Holocaust, was granted by the International Institute for Holocaust Research.
- The Research Institute held an international conference and 27 international research workshops and symposia.
- 31 fellowships and awards were granted to scholars from Israel and abroad.
- 33 new publications were released by Yad Vashem, including memoirs and research studies.
- 2,600 artifacts were added to Yad Vashem's Artifacts Collection, which now comprises 12,870 items.
- 300 works of art were added to Yad Vashem's Art Collection, which now totals 8,900 pieces.
- A new exhibition “Final Portrait: Painting for Posterity,” was displayed at the Exhibitions Pavilion.
- Traveling exhibitions were shown in 55 locations worldwide.

Righteous Among the Nations

- 453 individuals were recognized as Righteous Among the Nations. More than 24,800 individuals have so far received the honor.

Visits and Commemorative Events

- 900,000 people visited the Mount of Remembrance.
- 850 world leaders, dignitaries and official visitors toured Yad Vashem.
- 80 events and 280 memorial services were held across the campus.
- More than 45,000 visitors toured Yad Vashem on over 3,210 guided tours.
Internet Activity

- 10 million visits were recorded on the Yad Vashem website from some 220 countries and territories worldwide.
- A comprehensive website in German was launched.
- Over 6.6 million video views have been recorded on Yad Vashem's YouTube channels in English, Hebrew, Spanish, Farsi, Russian, Arabic and German since their launch.
- 10,000 individuals joined Yad Vashem's Facebook page, bringing the total number of members to 47,000.

Documentation, Photographs, Names, Testimonies and Films

- 12 million pages of documentation were added to the Yad Vashem Archives, bringing the total number to some 154 million pages.
- 2 million pages of original Holocaust documentation and 8 million pages of microfilmed documentation were digitized.
- Over 300,000 names records were digitized from archival documents gathered from Hungary, the Former Soviet Union and other sources.
- Yad Vashem's Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names reached 4.2 million names.
- 30,000 items – documents, diaries, photographs, artifacts and artworks – were handed to Yad Vashem for safekeeping by 2,000 individuals, as part of the "Gathering the Fragments" national campaign to rescue personal items from the Holocaust era.
- 10,000 photographs were added to the Photo Archive, and 3,100 to the Hall of Names. Yad Vashem currently houses more than 420,000 images.
- 140,000 photographs from the Photo Archive are now accessible on the Internet as the result of a joint project with Google.
- 1,100 new Holocaust survivor testimonies were filmed and 900 recorded elsewhere acquired. The Archives now hold 112,000 video, audio and written testimonies.
- 33,000 public inquiries were answered by the Reference and Information Services Unit: 25,000 written and 8,000 from visitors to the Library and Archives Reading Room.
- The Library collection now numbers over 134,000 publications.
- 1,000 new films were acquired by the Visual Center. The Center now holds some 8,000 Holocaust related films, with 5,500 films available for immediate viewing.
- 90 groups of students, teachers and film directors visited and attended varied activities and programs of the Visual Center. The Center held 6 special screenings of new films at commemorative events and at film festivals in Israel and around the world.
The International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem stands at the forefront of Holocaust education, each year expanding its reach to meet the rising global interest in the Shoah. Recognized as a world center for Holocaust teaching, educators from around the world flock to the International School to enrich their knowledge and learn its unique inter-disciplinary and age-appropriate pedagogical approach to Holocaust education.

During 2012, the International School for Holocaust Studies engaged with more than 315,000 educators, students and soldiers from Israel and abroad. Among its scores of pedagogical activities, the School conducted more than 173 long-term seminars and 398 teacher training days for educators from Israel and abroad.

"Despite all my academic learning at Oxford, Yale and the University of Toronto, it is this experience – of seeing the Museum at Yad Vashem and participating in the Educators’ Seminar – that has deepened my commitment to Holocaust education and scholarship."

- Dr. Carolyn Kay, Professor, History Department, Trent University, ON, Canada
We came here thinking we knew a lot; what we received was way more than we ever expected. I will certainly bring this new knowledge and remarkable experience back to my students.

- Ben Owens (USA), participant in the International Summer Seminar for Educators in English
Dedication of the New Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall

In June 2012, a 330-seat Lecture Hall opened its doors in the International School to provide a venue for the wide-ranging educational and cultural activities held each year at Yad Vashem. The new lecture hall is located in the recently opened international Seminars Wing at the International School, which provides state-of-the-art facilities to meet the ever-expanding demand for instruction in Holocaust education.

"This experience surpassed all of my expectations. My experiences are three-fold: academic and intellectual; emotional and spiritual; and social and experiential. Yad Vashem does a spectacular job of combining these aspects."

- Danielle Zagar, Teacher of English, Samuel Robertson Technical School, BC, graduate of the Educators Seminar at Yad Vashem
Going East - Educators from India, Taiwan and China Come to Study at Yad Vashem

A group of twenty senior educators from across India participated in a special seminar at the International School for Holocaust Studies this December. University professors of history, literature, law, political science, English and archaeology, high school principals and history teachers came from across the sub-continent to experience in-depth tours of the Yad Vashem museums and campus, meet Holocaust survivors and discuss historical and pedagogical questions with researchers and educators. The seminar combined all the pedagogical, academic and experiential elements of the International School’s educational programs with tours of pertinent sites across the country. This year, the International School also hosted its firstever seminar for educators from Taiwan and the demand for spots in the annual seminar for Chinese educators was overwhelming, indicating the burgeoning interest in Holocaust education in the Far East.

“...now recognize the profound importance of Holocaust education for this and future generations.”

- Participant in Seminar for Educators from Taiwan

Follow-up Programming in Europe Attracts School Graduates

International School graduates often display a strong desire to keep in contact with Yad Vashem and continue their professional development after returning home. In November, a group of 12 German-speaking graduates of the International School attended a special seminar at the International Tracing Service (ITS), Germany. The seminar, planned in conjunction with the newly opened research and education department of the ITS, enabled the participants to make use of the ITS archives, which until six years ago were closed to the public. During 2012, three other graduate seminars took place in conjunction with strategic partners and more are planned for the coming year. These seminars range in topic and are located throughout the continent to offer educators an opportunity to develop their pedagogical skills and provide them with a reinforced relationship with both Yad Vashem and their fellow colleagues.
Graduate Spotlight

As she began to teach the Holocaust to her students in the Dnepropetrovsk region of Ukraine, school principal Olena Zhadko found that what fascinated her most was the story of Jewish life in her region. Zhadko attended seminars in Ukraine, France and Poland, but her most formative educational experience took place in 2007, when she traveled to Jerusalem to take part in a seminar for Russian-speaking educators at the International School for Holocaust Studies.

Recently, Zhadko developed an educational unit for third- and fourth-graders, called “Ruined Childhood.” The unit focuses on Three Dolls, an educational resource booklet created by the International School that relates the experiences of three girls and their dolls during the Holocaust, emphasizing the role the dolls played for their young owners. Zhadko’s project is built in four stages: first the students read the Russian-language version of the booklet; then she leads a class discussion; and after that they are assigned homework on the topic. In the final stage of the project, students bring in their own dolls, and tell the class about personal experiences they have gone through with them. The project generates incredible empathy among the children, enabling them to begin drawing personal parallels to the girls in the stories and better understand the struggles they lived through during those dark times.

“At Yad Vashem I gained new pedagogical tools and techniques that I had never encountered before, especially with regards to their unique age-targeted approach.”

- Olena Zhadko, Ukrainian School Principal

Reaching out to the Arab Sector

In order to enable teachers from the Arab sector in Israel to tackle the subject of the Holocaust in the classroom, the International School has been running extensive training seminars for Arab history teachers for the past three years. Yad Vashem instructors visit Arab communities such as Shfaram and Baqa al-Gharbiyyeh, imparting over 30 hours of instruction. The seminars culminate in a tailor-made visit to Yad Vashem.

Alongside broadening the teachers’ historical knowledge, these seminars have facilitated an ongoing discussion of pedagogical issues concerning teaching about the Holocaust in the Arab classroom. Recognizing the urgent need for new educational material specially suited to these pupils, School staff translated and adapted for the Arab sector a recently released CD containing survivor testimony used by Jewish history teachers in Israel. History teachers from the Arab sector helped School staff understand which parts of the testimony would be meaningful for their students, bringing a crucial human voice into the learning program.
Local Communities Commit to Remembrance

This year, as part of "Committed to Remembrance - The 10 Cities Project," high school communications students in Yehud in central Israel produced and directed four short films about the Shoah. In preparation for the assignment, the students met with Holocaust survivors from their home town, studied their personal stories, and created a short documentary piece on each survivor. Taking place in cities throughout Israel, from Kiryat Ata in the North to Sderot in the South, the "Committed to Remembrance" project offers a basket of creative educational activities chosen by local municipal authorities, including the publication of a special school newspaper, student seminars at Yad Vashem, mobile educational units, special dramatic performances and study days. The innovative project reaches out to the different special interest groups in urban areas - youth, new immigrants, senior citizens and families - in order to strengthen the legacy of the Holocaust within these local populations.

"My time at Yad Vashem has changed what my students hear and how they perceive the information. Somehow it all seems more real to them."

- From the Henrietta Szold National Institute of Research in the Behavioral Sciences Report. The report found that graduates were significantly impacted by the International School's seminars.
Experiential Learning at the “Open Community Center”

On Holocaust Remembrance Day 2012, some 2,500 soldiers, high school students and youth group members took part in the International School’s “Open Community Center” on the Yad Vashem campus. Students from Midgal HaEmek who took part in the “Committed to Remembrance” project came to Yad Vashem for the first time and were greeted by an unexpected side of the International School. Along with tours of the Holocaust History Museum, the students viewed a dance program, specially choreographed to coincide with the day’s theme of Jewish Solidarity during the Holocaust; attended a concert of student musicians who performed music composed during the Shoah; and watched several dramatic recitals that were part of the special program. The day proved to be an especially meaningful learning experience for those who attended, leaving a deep impression among the students. Migdal HaEmek municipal representatives hope to make this a yearly visit for their city’s students.
Immigrant Soldiers Explore Their Jewish Identity

An updated program launched in 2011 for members of the IDF educational corps has now become a permanent model for training their staff and soldiers. During 2012, 140 of the soldier-teachers working with IDF’s Nativ program - an educational initiative that allows new immigrant soldiers to reinforce their connection to Judaism - took part in a series of training days at the International School. Most of the 1,200 soldiers that attend the yearly Nativ program are immigrants from the FSU, and the new program deepens their knowledge of the Holocaust, especially in their countries of origin. Yad Vashem’s expanded initiative for their instructors includes a guided viewing of a filmed survivor testimony; tours of the Holocaust History Museum and memorial sites on the Mount of Remembrance; a workshop; and discussion groups. Nativ staff members also attend special training that enriches their knowledge about the Shoah, and provides them with the necessary tools to teach their soldiers about the Holocaust during the remainder of the course.

Designing Memory: Holocaust Remembrance Day Poster Competition

"I chose to focus on the Holocaust survivor as the symbol, as I see Holocaust survivors in each and every one of us. When I look at my grandparents, both of them Holocaust survivors, I realize that their shadow is also my shadow...Yet around the large shadow cast upon us all by the Holocaust shines lots of light. Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorates the Shoah, but it also honors heroism. Every day, Holocaust survivors overcome the dark shadow anew, and heavy darkness is transformed into light." said Doriel Rimmer Halperin, winner of the competition to design the official poster marking Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Day 5772/2012.

The winning poster of the International School’s annual competition “Designing Memory” was distributed before Holocaust Remembrance Day to formal and informal educational networks, as well as to IDF bases, the media and Jewish organizations in Israel and abroad.
Virtual School

Yad Vashem’s Virtual School offers a wide-range of dynamic online courses and has developed a plethora of interactive educational resources, all easily accessible on the Internet. In recent years, social media, online interactive teaching and virtual communities have become an integral part of the International School’s educational programs, enabling it to reach teachers around the world, and allowing them to become an active part of an online community dedicated to Holocaust education.

Synthesizing Studies in the Classroom and the Internet

When participants join the Gandel Holocaust Studies Program for Australian Educators, a special course to train a cadre of expert teachers, they are not only attending a traditional seminar, but are also taking part in the latest educational initiatives combining technology and learning. An introductory online course is a prerequisite to the 14-day seminar, and a special online mini-site accompanies the educators throughout their studies and after they have completed them. The site includes a wealth of knowledge about the program, as well as educational projects written by the graduates following the completion of their coursework. This synthesis of traditional studies and interactive online learning creates a professional network of experienced colleagues in the fields of Holocaust education and remembrance.

Holocaust Pedagogy: Special Online Course

“Recovering their Faces: The Educational Philosophy of Yad Vashem’s International School for Holocaust Studies,” is the first online teacher-training course of its kind. Developed in direct response to a real need expressed by Israeli educators, the course, in Hebrew, provides the country’s teachers with the necessary pedagogical tools to teach the Holocaust to young children. The first lesson reviews the history of Holocaust education in Israel over the years, and raises the difficult question of how to transmit Holocaust remembrance from generation to generation. Later lessons demonstrate using the didactic principles of the International School as they relate to different age groups, gradually progressing from pre-school children to middle-school students, and providing teachers with the necessary means to teach this challenging subject in an age-appropriate manner.

"Your online courses have entirely changed the way that I will teach classes about the Holocaust."

- Sherry Rifkind, participant in an online pedagogical course
“I have studied the Holocaust and visited concentration camps in Europe. Nothing is so profound and moving as this site.”

- US General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

During 2012, more than 900,000 people came to the Mount of Remembrance to learn about the Holocaust and remember the victims and survivors of this dark period in modern history. Yad Vashem’s expertly trained staff led expert tours throughout the campus for many of these visitors - including world leaders, dignitaries and noteworthy individuals from Israel and abroad participating in over 850 official visits.

In addition to the official commemorative ceremonies that take place on Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Day, Yad Vashem held some 80 events - symposia, Righteous Among the Nations award ceremonies, cultural events and more - as well as over 380 memorial services in conjunction with more than 45 Holocaust survivor and next-generation organizations.
“came to Yad Vashem as a sign of hope, to build a better world where our children can live in peace with one another.”

- Hassen Chalghoumi, Head of the Council of Imams of France
Marking 70 Years Since the Roundup of French Jewry

In July 2012, a special ceremony was held marking 70 years since French Jews were rounded up for deportation during the Holocaust. Participating in the event were Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council; H.E. Mr. Christophe Bigot, French Ambassador to Israel; Shlomo Balsam, President of Aloumim, the Israel Association of Jewish Children Hidden in France during the Holocaust; Robert Spira, Representative of Sons and Daughters of French Jewish Deportees; and Dr. Simha Epstein of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who delivered the keynote address.

On July 16, 1942, the mass arrest of foreign Jews living in Paris began. Over 11,000 Jews were detained that same day, and confined to the Winter Stadium, or Vel'd'Hiv, in Paris. Within a week, the number of Jews held in the Vel'd'Hiv had reached 13,000, among them more than 4,000 children. In the days following the arrests, the Jews were deported to concentration camps and then to Auschwitz, where most were murdered. By the end of September 1942, almost 38,000 Jews had been deported to Auschwitz from France. In 1945, only some 780 remained alive.

Signing the Holocaust: Hearing Impaired Train as Guides

Between January and March 2012, an enrichment course on the Holocaust was given by Yad Vashem for the deaf and hearing-impaired. The course included a sign language interpreter, who accompanied the participants, and a simultaneous typist, who kept detailed records of the meetings for future reference. The success of the course led to an unexpected outcome: many of the participants, aged 20-60, expressed a desire to become guides at Yad Vashem. During 2013, they will complete a 10-session course lasting several months, and a specialized group of trained guides will then be accredited for sign language tours for youth and adults around the Yad Vashem campus.
Operation Reinhard: The Deportation of Polish Jewry

In March 1942, the Germans launched “Operation Reinhard” - a master plan to deport the Jews of the “Generalgouvernement,” an area of prewar central Poland that included Warsaw, Krakow, Lublin, Radom and Lwow. Over the course of just a few months, nearly two million Jews were murdered at Sobibor, Belzec and Treblinka.

In July 2012, Yad Vashem held a special memorial event to commemorate 70 years since the deportation of Polish Jews to the death camps. Israel’s Minister of Education Gideon Sa’ar, Poland’s Secretary of State for National Heritage Piotr Zuchowski and Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev attended the event. Video testimony of Treblinka survivors Eliahu Rosenberg and Abraham Bomba was screened for the participants, and a special musical program featuring Tenor Dudu Fisher was conducted by Eli Yaffe.

Commemorating the Beginning of the Holocaust in Romania

The Jewish community in Romania was a flourishing society, with an extensive educational network, rabbinical centers, charitable organizations and cultural institutions. In June 1940, the Soviet Union annexed the areas of northern Bessarabia and Bukovina. During their hasty retreat, the Romanians, blaming the Jews with abetting the invading Russian forces, murdered dozens of Jews in the Dorohoi pogrom on June 30, 1940. In November 1941, Jews in the area were deported to detention camps in western Romania as well as to forced labor camps and ghettos in Transnistria.

In June 2012, a moving ceremony was held at Yad Vashem marking 72 years since the inception of the Holocaust in Romania. Among the ceremony’s distinguished participants were Colette Avital, Chairwoman of the Centre of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel; Romanian Ambassador to Israel H.E. Mr. Edward Iosiper; Yad Vashem Director General Nathan Eitan; author Shlomo David; Zeev Shwartz, Chairman of the organizations of Romanian Immigrants in Israel; Micha Harish, Chairman of the United Organization of Romanian Immigrants; and Prof. Rafi Vago of Tel Aviv University.
**Kindertransport Children Reunite at Yad Vashem**

At a special gathering of Kindertransport children in February 2012, dozens of former Kindertransport children and their families had a unique opportunity to meet and catch up with friends from the distant past, some of whom they had not seen for decades. The event opened with a memorial service in honor of Rabbi Dr. Solomon Schonfeld, who worked relentlessly to rescue thousands of Jewish children and adults by means of the Kindertransport and other rescue activities; at its closing, participants viewed rare archival footage of the Kindertransport operation itself. In the months following the Kristallnacht pogrom in November 1938 until the start of WWII, nearly 10,000 refugee children from Nazi Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia were sent to safety in Great Britain as part of the Kindertransport rescue mission.

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**Sapling from “Anne Frank Tree” Planted at Yad Vashem**

A sapling from the chestnut tree that Anne Frank mentioned in her diary was planted at Yad Vashem in late March 2012. Anne wrote about the tree three times in her diary, the last time on May 13, 1944: “Our chestnut tree is in full bloom,” she noted. “It’s covered with leaves and is even more beautiful than last year.” In 2010, the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam decided to germinate saplings from the ailing tree in order to donate them to institutions that commemorate the Holocaust. The sapling donated to Yad Vashem was planted near the Children’s Memorial and International School for Holocaust Studies, in the presence of Hanna Pick, Holocaust survivor and friend of Anne Frank; Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev; Ambassador of the Netherlands to Israel H. E. Mr. Caspar Veldkamp; Director of the Museums Division Yehudit Inbar; and a group of Israeli high school students from Jerusalem.
Yad Vashem’s unique collections of Holocaust Art and Artifacts enable it to relay the annals of the Holocaust from a personal and historical perspective simultaneously. The tens of thousands of treasured items that comprise these comprehensive collections are integral to the visitor experience in the displays of the Holocaust History Museum, the Museum of Holocaust Art, the Synagogue and Exhibitions Pavilion. They provide an incomparable tool that sheds light on the lives and fate of the Jewish population in Europe during the cataclysmic years of the Shoah.

max liebermann (1847–1935)
portrait of caecilie markus, 1918
oil on canvas
collection of the yad vashem art museum, jerusalem
anonymous gift

Museum Collections and Exhibitions

On the Precipice of Destruction

This portrait, painted by Max Liebermann, of a handsome woman gazing directly at us, reflects her status in society. As a young woman, Caecilie Bermann (née Lewyn) moved with her parents from Breslau to Berlin, where her father had relocated his textile factory. After the death of her husband, Bernhard Markus, in early 1943, Caecilie remarried to Herbert Bermann. In July of the same year, the couple was deported to the Theresienstadt ghetto and then in the fall of 1944 to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where they were murdered.

The artist Max Liebermann (1847–1935) was the coalescing force behind German impressionism, and from 1899–1911 he led the avant-garde Berlin Secession. Recognized as the premier portraitist of Berlin high society, in 1920, he was appointed president of the Prussian Academy of Arts. He was forced to resign in 1933 when the Nazi German regime removed the artworks of Jewish artists from the public sphere, including Liebermann’s. This portrait, which joins Yad Vashem’s extensive collection of Holocaust art, gives a rare glimpse into the vibrant world of Jewish artists and their subjects on the precipice of destruction.
New Exhibition - Last Portrait: Painting for Posterity

In January 2012, the exhibition “Last Portrait: Painting for Posterity” opened at the Exhibitions Pavilion marking International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The display presented some 200 portraits from Yad Vashem’s Art Collection, by 21 artists of varied origins and backgrounds who strove to immortalize their friends in the ghettos and camps. For many of the subjects, the artists’ record of their faces, moments before death, accounts for their final portrait. The works testify to the tremendous creative impetus that drove Jewish artists to create entire series of portraits, despite harsh living conditions and lacking appropriate materials. By depicting each individual’s facial features, the artists restored the victims’ dignity, the very quality the Nazis sought to eliminate.

The exhibition was accompanied by a catalogue featuring the biographies and fates of the artists and the individuals portrayed.

“By visiting Yad Vashem, by taking part in the act of remembrance, I felt I had a better understanding of my place as a Jew and as somebody who now knows the beauty and wonder of our homeland.”

- Eric Weiner, Birthright participant
The Yad Vashem Artifacts Collection

During 2012, the Artifacts collection at Yad Vashem was expanded by more than 2,600 articles – most of them as a result of the nationwide “Gathering the Fragments” campaign to rescue personal items from the Holocaust. Many of the items were donated by family members or friends who know little if anything about these cherished mementos. Research carried out during cataloging and documentation at Yad Vashem revealed some of the stories behind a number of items; these narratives enrich our knowledge of the history of the Holocaust, and form an additional kind of testimony to the individuals connected to them.

Behind the Scenes of the “Gathering the Fragments” Campaign

In January 2013, a new exhibition opened at Yad Vashem on the nationwide “Gathering the Fragments” rescue project. “Gathering the Fragments - Behind the Scenes of the Campaign to Rescue Personal Items from the Holocaust” displays the process of collection, research and digitization performed in the framework of the campaign, which so far has resulted in the salvaging of more than 71,000 genuine documents, artifacts, photos and works of art from the homes of families across Israel.

The majority of items donated to Yad Vashem during the campaign have come via second- or third-generation descendants of the survivors, who took possession of the items from their families in Europe. Therefore, most of the information received about the precious artifacts was partial at best. Research carried out by Yad Vashem’s staff uncovered many of the details hidden within. The few examples displayed in the exhibition bring to light individual stories and provide testimony to join the array of personal accounts at Yad Vashem that chronicle the Holocaust.
Uncovering Their Stories

Tzvia Shkolnik befriended Edit Faber in Be’er Sheva in the 1960s, but she knew nothing of her friend’s tragic past – how during the Holocaust she had hidden in a Christian orphanage and then was later rescued together with her father by a member of the nobility. Before her death, Edit entrusted Tzvia with the doll she had treasured during the war while in hiding. Tzvia donated the doll to Yad Vashem as part of the “Gathering the Fragments” campaign, but she had no further information regarding the fate of the Faber family during the Holocaust.

A search in Yad Vashem’s databases revealed that Edit Faber had filled out a Page of Testimony relating the fate of her mother, Margit, who was murdered in Auschwitz. The Faber family’s story was further revealed in the database of the Righteous Among the Nations Department, bringing to light the extraordinary character of Count Istvan Gyulai, who risked his life by hiding Edit and her father, Oskar, in the cellar of his castle.

"I know this is the right place for it and it will be protected forever. Now is the time and this is the place."

- Tsilla Shlubsky, upon donating her father’s handwritten diary to the “Gathering the Fragments” campaign
New German Website

In January 2013, a new comprehensive website in German was launched, comprising extensive resources about the Holocaust. The website includes an in-depth historical narrative, video lectures by leading German-speaking scholars and educational materials. It also features online exhibitions on Jewish life in Europe under the Nazis; related resources such as diaries, photos and testimonies; the Central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names, containing information on 4.2 million people; and the “Transports to Extinction” Database, with information on some 500 deportations during the Shoah. The new German website joins Yad Vashem’s existing websites in English, Hebrew, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Farsi, ensuring that Yad Vashem continues to reach an ever-expanding global audience.

Yad Vashem Online

Yad Vashem’s website attracted some 10 million visits during 2012, reflecting the clear global interest in accurate information about the Holocaust. The recently redesigned website allows visitors increased opportunities for interaction and involvement with each other and Yad Vashem.

An innovative "Social Network Wall" integrates Yad Vashem’s social media platforms onto a single page, allowing visitors easy access to current updates. Tens of thousands of individuals who are connected to Yad Vashem via Facebook, Twitter and other social media have created a dynamic community devoted to Holocaust commemoration.

"The Yad Vashem website is a leading example for websites in Israel. It contains an enormous range of content, organized in an exemplary manner."

- Judges’ remarks on the 2012 WebiAward presented to Yad Vashem’s website by People and Computers Magazine
The Horonczyk Family: A Heartbreaking Story

The new online exhibition "From Hope to Despair, The Story of the Horonczyk Family" tells the tragic story of widower Shimon Horonczyk and his five children - Joseph, Symcha, Chaya-Dworja, Leah and Esther - their spouses and their children. The Horonczyks moved from Poland to Paris in 1926 with hopes and dreams of a better life. In the space of a few terrible years, they faced horror and destruction beyond their imagination. The end of the war found the family's few survivors broken and dispersed. The photographs, documents, testimonies and artifacts presented in this poignant exhibition tell their heartrending story. "From Hope to Despair" joins a series of online exhibitions that describe the struggle for survival, the fight to preserve human dignity and rehabilitation after the war.

The Story of the Jewish Community in Würzburg

On the eve of the Nazis' rise to power, 2,000 Jews lived in Würzburg, the capital of Lower Franconia, about 120 km southeast of Frankfurt on the banks of the River Main. It was a community of tradesmen and professionals, a rabbinic center and home to many Jewish communal organizations as well as a Jewish teachers' seminary. In November 1941, the first Jews from Würzburg were deported to the East. The final transport departed in June 1943; few survived.

As part of the ongoing project "Here Their Stories Will Be Told," Yad Vashem has uploaded a new online exhibition relating the story of the Jewish community of Würzburg. Through photos, testimonies, documents and last letters, this touching exhibition depicts the community before WWII, its fate during the Holocaust and the efforts made to commemorate it ever since.

"A great online exhibition that I will be recommending to teachers."

- Zoe Yacoub, via LinkedIn

Torchlighter Videos through the Years Now Available Online

Each year, during the official Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony that takes place at Yad Vashem, six torches, representing the six million Jews, are lit by Holocaust survivors. Since 1995, short films depicting the moving stories of the survivors have been shown as each torch is lit. All of these films, containing documentary footage and video testimony, can now be accessed via the online Torchlighter Film Archive.
Helping Google Bring History to Life

In October 2012, Yad Vashem partnered with Google to bring online exhibitions to an even larger and more diverse global audience. Among the exhibitions featured in Google’s Cultural Institute is Yad Vashem’s exhibition “Faith in the Human Spirit Is Not Lost,” which traces the history of Yad Vashem’s Righteous Among the Nations program from a promise made in 1942 Nazi-occupied Lithuania through the present day. The exhibition highlights the behind-the-scenes efforts to honor the Righteous Among the Nations - courageous individuals like Oscar Schindler and Irena Sendler who risked everything to rescue Jews during the Holocaust. Additional exhibitions curated by Yad Vashem, exploring such varied issues such as Auschwitz, Jewish life in Europe before the war and the immediate postwar attempts to help surviving children, will encourage people to learn more about the Holocaust and its meanings for today.

Online Exhibitions Pay Tribute to Athletes

Jewish life before the Holocaust flourished with creativity and customs, religion and tradition, social life and politics. A special online exhibition, “Jews and Sport Before the Holocaust,” gives visual expression to one facet of what was a very diverse prewar Jewish culture - Jews who engaged in sports. All over Europe, Jews took part and competed in many different types of athletic activities. Many of the individuals in this photo essay were murdered during the Holocaust. In certain instances, when Pages of Testimony were submitted in their memory, there are links to those pages as well.

An award-winning diver and gymnastics instructor, a competitive table tennis player, a sports reporter, the president of a sports club and a soccer player are all paid special tribute in a second sports-related online exhibition entitled “The Game of their Lives.” This special group of Righteous Among the Nations, non-Jewish men and women who risked their lives to rescue Jews, were talented individuals who shared not only a love of athletics and drive to succeed, but the moral courage to do what was right. They embodied the Olympic spirit by dedicating their lives to “social responsibility and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles” (taken from the Olympic Charter). Their inspiring stories are shared this unique exhibition.

Righteous Among the Nations

During 2012, the Righteous Among the Nations Program reached its milestone 50th anniversary. In addition to hundreds of new requests received each year, the Department of the Righteous actively searches through archival documents for information about rescue attempts, and reaches out through survivor organizations to encourage individuals to have their rescuers honored. Although decades have passed since these heroic events occurred, supplementary information is still being uncovered and new stories are being brought to life, helping bring honor to the men and women who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

In 2012, the Commission for the Designation of the Righteous, headed by a retired Supreme Court Justice, recognized 453 individuals as Righteous Among the Nations, bringing the total number honored thus far to over 24,800 individuals from around the world.
Righteous Among the Nations Program Marks 50 Years

In September 2012, President of Israel Shimon Peres honored 50 years of activity of the Commission for the Designation of the Righteous Among the Nations. In a moving reception at the President’s Residence, the President, Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council Rabbi Israel Meir Lau and Commission Chairman Supreme Court Justice (ret.) Jacob Türkel paid tribute to the Commission members and Department staff. The Commission is comprised solely of volunteers, many of whom are Holocaust survivors. Avner Shalev also presented the President a special memento – a copy of the testimony that Peres’ father Yitzhak Perski submitted to the Commission in 1965 for the recognition of Righteous Among the Nations Charles Coward, who rescued Jewish inmates in Auschwitz.

A Noble Rescue Attempt

Despite their noble and courageous intent, not all rescue attempts during the Holocaust succeeded. Rescuers and their charges lived under constant fear from Germans, local collaborators, neighbors and sometimes even friends. In October 2012, a ceremony was held in the recently renovated synagogue of Alkmaar, Netherlands, posthumously honoring Pieter and Adriana Kleibroek and their daughter Nellie. The Kleibroeks hid the Drukkers - a Jewish family from Alkmaar and the former employers of their daughter Nellie - on their small farm. On May 17, 1944, the area was raided and house-to-house searches were conducted by the Germans and their Dutch collaborators. Abraham and Juliette Drukker and their 14-year-old daughter Marjans were found hiding in a haystack. They were sent to the Westerbork transit camp, and then deported to Theresienstadt. From there they were taken to Auschwitz, where they were murdered in October 1944. Their benefactor, Pieter Kleibroek, was also arrested and later taken to the Sachsenhausen camp in Germany. He was shot while on a death march. Based on archival documents and the diary written by Abraham Drukker, the Commission for the Designation of the Righteous bestowed the title of Righteous Among the Nations on Pieter and Adriana Kleibroek and their daughter, Nellie Hetem-Kleibroek. This story and others will be included in a new exhibition about the Righteous Among the Nations to be opened at Yad Vashem in June 2013.

Technology Advances Commemoration

In 2008, Yad Vashem embarked on a project to create a comprehensive Righteous Among the Nations database and to scan all the contents of the Department’s archives. Close to 3,000 files were digitized during 2012, each of which includes original letters, documents and testimonies. The documents will make this archival information more accessible to researchers and family members, while preserving the valuable collection of this unique project. Using information from the digitized documents, rescue stories of about 70% of the Righteous Among the Nations recognized by Yad Vashem are now available online. The stories can be searched by rescuer, country, profession of the rescuer and other keywords. Feedback to this resource has been encouraging, and resulting correspondence has provided additional information and new photos of both the rescuers and the rescued.
With 154 million pages of documentation, Yad Vashem’s Archives houses the world’s unrivalled collection of documentation about the Holocaust era. International agreements and acquisitions continue to bolster the archival collections, while progress in digitization and technological advances are enabling ever-more sophisticated access to and usage of existing documentation.

During 2012, the “Gathering the Fragments” national campaign to rescue personal items from the Holocaust era collected more than 30,000 items - documents, diaries, photographs, artifacts and artworks - from some 2,000 individuals in 50 centralized collection days and 280 home visits across Israel.

“We’re privileged to be able to work with the world’s foremost Holocaust archive.”

- Yossi Matias, Director of Google’s R&D center in Israel
Turning Point in Archival Acquisitions in Poland

During 2012, Yad Vashem concluded an unprecedented number of agreements with Polish archives. Especially significant was the historic agreement signed in October 2012 between Yad Vashem and the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw (ZIH). This agreement formalizes a longstanding tradition of cooperation between the two institutions, and will open a new period of exchange of archival material and researchers. It will also allow for the additional identification of Holocaust victims thanks to the indexing of previously inaccessible archival documents.

In addition to previous existing agreements with the State Archives in Poland and Institute of National Remembrance, Yad Vashem recently concluded agreements of cooperation with the Kraków Historical Museum, which has in its collections of artifacts, photographs, posters, manuscripts and other objects related to the history of its Jewish community during the interwar period, the Holocaust and its aftermath; the State Archives in Lodz; the Warsaw State Archives; and the Archives of the Jagiellonian University and the Jagiellonian Library in Kraków. During 2012, Yad Vashem signed 12 international agreements with various archives. Since 2009, more than 44 agreements with archives in the FSU, Poland, Germany, Austria and Hungary were completed.

Accuracy in Numbers: The Evacuees Project

Millions of Soviet citizens moved eastwards during 1941 and 1942, acquiring the status of evacuees. According to recent new research, it is estimated that the total number of one-time evacuees during the war years was somewhere between 6.6 and 7.3 million individuals; among those evacuated were some 1.5 million Jews.

Yad Vashem’s Archives currently has information on 650,000 Jewish evacuees, much of it due to documentation copied from archives in Moscow, as well as many other local and state archives in FSU. Reconstructing the full list of the evacuees is of enormous historical and personal importance. The List of Evacuees from the FSU will contribute to the accurate documentation of information about the Holocaust period, assist the Claims Conference in locating survivors eligible for compensation, and prevent extreme exaggerations in the number of evacuees from being exploited by Holocaust deniers.

Yad Vashem recently launched a unique indexing project that aims to computerize all known data about the names of the evacuees. During 2012, the names of 120,000 evacuated Jews were computerized, bringing to the total number of indexed names to approximately 350,000 thus far.
Providing Support to the Research Community

The EHRI (European Holocaust Research Infrastructure) project, launched in 2010, aims to support the research community by providing online access to dispersed Holocaust-related sources and by encouraging collaborative research through the development of a Virtual Research Environment (VRE). Twenty organizations – research institutions, libraries, archives, museums and memorial sites – from thirteen countries are working together to build this unique and far-reaching infrastructure, in which Yad Vashem is a leading partner.

Notable achievements so far include: the identification of some 1,500 institutions holding Holocaust-related archives; the production of reports on over 40 countries, containing information on all relevant national institutions and their archival holdings; the development of a multilingual, well-defined thesaurus of keywords to assist access to Holocaust sources; and the creation of a “Hub” offering the opportunity to register through the website and publish user profiles.

In addition, four interdisciplinary workshops were organized, facilitating exchanges between experts in documenting Shoah victims’ names, photos and testimonies, and 60 Holocaust research and archival experts and IT specialists gathered at Yad Vashem in January for the annual EHRI Partner Meeting. During 2012, fellowships were awarded to 12 researchers at five top-Holocaust archival and research institutions, among them Yad Vashem, and a program of four summer courses is being prepared, placing special emphasis on the Holocaust in Eastern Europe.

Leading the Field of Digitization

Millions of Pages of Testimony and documents from the Yad Vashem collections are scanned every year, creating backup digital copies that can then be easily accessed by the public. As a result of the knowledge and experience accumulated by Yad Vashem in this field, it now operates one of the largest and most advanced digitization operations to scan documents from its vast historical archives. The result has been the establishment of working ties with various archives in Israel and abroad that hold documentary material from the Holocaust period, and assisting other museums and archival collectors that seek to carry out similar projects by providing them with expert instruction and advanced digitization services. Through this cooperation, Yad Vashem has built extensive working ties with the Yad Yaari Archives, the Beit Terezin Archives, the Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities of the East and others, facilitating public access to even more documentary collections.

"Yad Vashem houses not only a world class archive, but also a large and varied staff of archivists, researchers, and other scholars. I benefitted from help and advice from not only librarians and archivists, but also scholars from around the institution and other fellows."

- Dr. Eilyana R. Adler, University of Maryland
Unique Collections Expand Archival Documents

More than 500 archival containers weighing over a ton arrived at Yad Vashem in August-October 2012, containing the complete personal archives of renowned historian Prof. Yaffa Eliach. Eliach, who contributed significantly to the establishment of the United States’ Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC, is a pioneer in Holocaust research and teaching via oral history, as well as the compilation of survivor documentation. Her carefully organized collection spans a half century of recorded evidence, transcripts, diaries, authentic memoirs and original documents in English, German, Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian; individual photographs and photo albums; and articles she composed regarding the history of Eastern European Jews in general, and Eisiskes her native town in Lithuania, in particular. This special collection is one of a number of prestigious collections received this year, including those of historian Prof. Yehuda Bauer and survivor/reporter Ernst Michel.

State-of-the-Art Photo Conservation Room

Renovation work was recently completed on the room containing Yad Vashem’s unique Holocaust-related photo collection. The new upgraded room was designed and developed in close cooperation with top experts in the field from Israel and the US, including professionals from the George Eastman House as well as the National Archives at College Park, Maryland. Hermetically insulated, the room has been equipped with state-of-the-art climate control devices that keep it at the ideal conditions for the conservation of photographs. The room will help preserve the unique collections of Yad Vashem for generations to come, particularly original photographs. This collection has been significantly broadened over the past few months through the national “Gathering the Fragments” campaign, and currently contains some 250,000 printed photographs out of a total of 410,000 pictures in Yad Vashem’s Photo Archive.

Central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names: Now in Spanish

Yad Vashem’s Central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names is now available to the Spanish-speaking world. Of the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, Yad Vashem has been able to identify some two-thirds by name. The Database, comprised of names gathered from Pages of Testimony, documentation and postwar commemoration projects, is also available online in English, Hebrew, Russian and German, and users can view and alternate between translations of the recorded information in all five languages.
Page of Testimony Sheds Light on Diary's Author

"I am poor and in the ghetto, I do not know what will happen to me tomorrow, and yet I can laugh at the whole world because I have something very strong supporting me – my faith."

So wrote 14-year-old Rywka Lipszyc in a diary she kept in the Lodz ghetto. After losing her parents and siblings to disease and deportation, Rywka spent the remainder of the war with her cousins, Mina and Esther Lipszyc. Esther last saw Rywka on her deathbed in the hospital ward in Bergen Belsen after the war. She and Mina slowly recuperated in Sweden, but they never again heard any more news of their cousin until last summer, when they were told about the discovery of Rywka's diary. The diary was found in the ashes of the crematoria at Auschwitz-Birkenau in early 1945 by a doctor who arrived with the liberating Red Army. In 2008, the diary was discovered among the late doctor's effects and brought to the Jewish Family and Children's Services Holocaust Center in San Francisco. Archivists at the Center, investigating the authorship of the diary, discovered a Page of Testimony Mina submitted to Yad Vashem in Rywka's memory. Thanks to the Page of Testimony, Mina and Esther were able to read Rywka's words from the original diary. The diary, which is slated for publication later this year, will be released in English and Hebrew through a collaboration between Yad Vashem Publications and the Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco Holocaust Center Publishing Project.
The Visual Center

The Visual Center is the preeminent repository of Holocaust-related films in the world. Details about more than 8,000 documentaries, classics, feature films and testimonies make it a one-of-a-kind resource center for filmmakers, researchers, students and the general public alike.

Visual Center Sponsors Israeli Film Premiere

One of the year’s highlights was the Israeli premiere on Holocaust Remembrance Day of In Darkness (2011), directed by Agnieszka Holland (Europa Europa, Angry Harvest). The screening, sponsored by the Visual Center in conjunction with Lev Films, was held at the Lev Theater in Tel Aviv before an audience of 450, among them members of the Organization of Survivors from Lwow as well as filmmakers and other distinguished guests. In Darkness was nominated for an Academy Award in 2012, and is based on the true story of Leopold Socha, a Polish Catholic sewer maintenance worker and burglar who hid a group of Jews after they escaped the liquidation of the Lwow ghetto. Socha and his wife were honored as Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem in 1978 for risking their lives to rescue Jews during the Holocaust.

Agreements Bolster Collection

As the result of an acquisitions agreement with NMC United, a leading Israeli distributor of quality films in Hebrew or with Hebrew subtitles, the Visual Center obtained high quality DVDs of 39 major Holocaust-related films from NMC United’s catalogue. The films included titles like Metallic Blues, La Rafle, and Adam Resurrected, based on Yoram Kaniuk’s iconic novel. The agreement was part of an ongoing fruitful relationship with NMC United that began in 2005. As a result of agreements with other archives, academic institutions and other commercial companies, scores of films related to the Shoah have boosted the Visual Center’s collection.

"Since Holocaust films have a unique significance for the Israeli audience, we were very pleased to sign an agreement with Yad Vashem’s Visual Center, the most comprehensive digital viewing library dedicated to Holocaust cinema.”

- Moshe Edery, Chairman of the Board, NMC United

The Last Flight of Petr Ginz - Winner of the 2012 Avner Shalev Award

The 2012 recipient of the seventh annual Avner Shalev - Yad Vashem Chairman’s Award for Artistic Achievement in a Holocaust-related Film was the documentary feature The Last Flight of Petr Ginz, (USA 2012), directed by Sandra Dickson. The film pays tribute to the vibrant inner world of a gifted young artist who was only 14 when he was murdered in Auschwitz. The filmmakers used Petr’s futuristic drawings and writings, as well as their own original animation, to tell the tragic tale of a brilliant young life cut short by the Holocaust.

Petr Ginz (1928 -1944)
Moon Landscape, 1942-1944
Pencil on paper
Collection of the Yad Vashem Art Museum, Jerusalem
Gift of Otto Ginz, Haifa
The Library

The Yad Vashem Library is an unparalleled resource for published material about the Holocaust. Containing more than 134,000 titles in 54 languages, it continues to amass all materials published about the Shoah period and make them available to the reading public.

Books Donated by Authors Enhance Collection

During the course of 2012, the Yad Vashem Library supplemented its collection with both new titles and additional copies of significant works already in the collection. Some 70% of the additional items were donated to the library, mostly by the authors or publishers of these works. The donation to the Library of so many of these new works by their producers is a singular statement about the Library’s importance and its unrivalled reputation around the world.

"As a researcher focusing on the Eichmann trial, I use the Library regularly for its extraordinary archival resources as well as for its books, which offer access to updated bibliographies in major foreign languages. Thanks to its expert staff, it is a pleasure to work in the reading room with its great view of the Jerusalem hills."

- Dr. Fabien Theofilakis, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense
The world-renowned International Institute for Holocaust Research is at the forefront of in-depth investigation of the period of the Holocaust. The Institute is engaged in developing innovative research projects, strengthening relationships with other research institutes, nurturing young academics and creating an atmosphere fostering scholarly discourse.

"Yad Vashem offers more than a simple archive or reading room. The coming together of researchers from different backgrounds and disciplines forces reflections and reconfigurations of one's own approach to writing good history of this period, but also generates communal thinking which opens the doors to future unexplored areas of research."

- Dr. Daniel Lee, British Academy of Sciences, University of Oxford
International Conference on the End of 1942

An international conference was held by the International Institute in December 2012 entitled, “The End of 1942: A Turning Point in WWII and in the Comprehension of the Final Solution?” The four-day conference attracted 30 scholars from 15 countries, including Israel, the US, Great Britain, France, Russia, Poland and Australia, who came to Yad Vashem to present new findings and to discuss and share their research with their peers. Keynote speakers were Prof. Antony James Beevor (Visiting Professor at University of London, University of Kent) and Prof. Gerhard Weinberg (University of North Caroline - Chapel Hill). The various papers in the conference dealt with the extent of knowledge and understanding of the realities of the Nazi murder campaign, and the impact of the war theater — especially the landing of the Allies in North Africa (Operation Torch) and the realities in the Far East — on rescue possibilities and the fate of North African Jewry.

"The setting was both professional and friendly, and allowed for plenty of conversation and the chance to become acquainted with excellent researchers."

- Dr. Karel Berkhoff, leading Dutch specialist in the field of the history of the USSR during WWII

International Workshop Examines Wartime Diaries and Letters in Russian and Yiddish

“My heart bleeds as I think about it... There are nights when I cannot stop thinking about my beloved ones, my family, left in the hands of such an animal. I didn’t sleep last night. I ran around the room, crazed, and I am close to insanity. I try to force myself not to think, to expel these thoughts, to divert them to other directions...”

So wrote a desperate Feiwel Weiner on reading in the Soviet press in December 1942 about the Allied declaration concerning the mass murder of European Jews. Weiner had fled from Poland to the Soviet interior during the war; his diary was one of the first-hand testimonies featured in an international workshop held by the International Research Institute’s Center for Research on the History of Soviet Jews during the Holocaust. The workshop examined how the topic of the Holocaust in the USSR and the fates of Jews during the years of the Soviet-German war were reflected in diaries and letters written in Russian and in Yiddish. At the workshop, scholars from Germany, Holland, Russia, Moldova, Belarus and Israel met to share their own unique findings using a range of sources.
The Encyclopedia of the Ghettos—Now Online in Hebrew

A new online version of the Yad Vashem’s monumental publication *The Encyclopedia of the Ghettos during the Holocaust* is the first comprehensive Hebrew account of 1,150 ghettos established in German-occupied areas during WWII. The entries create a complex mosaic of time in the ghetto, and of the vibrant life and tragic death that took place there. The pioneering research project, which lasted some six years, gathered together documents, testimonies and historical information, much of it concerning smaller and less well-known ghettos. Each entry is easily searchable alphabetically, by country before the war, and even by administrative divisions during the period of Nazi occupation. A Google-based map is linked to every entry, and wherever available original photographs from Yad Vashem’s Photo Archive are incorporated. Now on Yad Vashem’s website, the new online version enables Hebrew-speaking researchers, students and general readers alike easy access to a wealth of information.

Wannsee Symposium

In January 2012, the International Institute for Holocaust Research held a special symposium marking 70 years since high-level German leaders met in the Berlin suburb of Wannsee on January 20, 1942 to discuss the “Final Solution to the Jewish Question in Europe.” The symposium, entitled “The Wannsee Conference: The Organization of the Operation to Murder the Jews and its Significance,” was held in the presence of Minister of Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Yuli Edelstein and the Diplomatic Corps in Israel, with the participation of Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev and Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, as well as expert lecturers on the topic.
Theology in the Shadow of the Holocaust

When Czech researcher and Holocaust survivor Prof. Tomas Radil began singing the melody that he and his friends used to hum as children at the Auschwitz concentration camp, there was complete silence in the Yad Vashem Auditorium. Prof. Radil was in the midst of analyzing the development of religious thinking among the youth growing up in Auschwitz. His words - and his rendition - undoubtedly provided one of the major highlights of the Research Institute's fifth Summer Workshop, "Theological Contemplations and Debates vis-à-vis the Holocaust in Real Time," held in July 2012. The workshop touched upon the ranges of opinion and knowledge in this fascinating field of research: how religious Jews and Christians witnessing the Holocaust coped with the theological implications of the mind-boggling events surrounding them. Some 15 presenters and a similar number of other participants from a dozen countries exposed a wide variety of theological stances taken by Jewish thinkers of diverse persuasions, as well as by Christian churches and denominations in various countries.

International Book Prize Awarded to Dr. Christoph Dieckmann

In December 2012, the International Research Institute awarded the second annual Yad Vashem International Book Prize for Holocaust Research, in memory of Holocaust survivor Abraham Meir Schwarzbaum and his family members murdered in the Holocaust. Dr. Christoph Dieckmann of Keele University (UK) received the award for his two-volume monumental work Deutsche Besatzungspolitik in Litauen 1941-1944 (German Occupation Policy in Lithuania 1941-1944). The Prize Committee called Dieckmann's 1,652 page comprehensive study of German occupation policies in Lithuania "a model for similar research to be done in other countries."

Rescue Symposium Marks 100 Years since the Birth of Raoul Wallenberg

In June 2012, the International Research Institute conducted a symposium on rescue activities during the Holocaust, marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of Righteous Among the Nations Raoul Wallenberg. The symposium was held in the presence of Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon, MK Dr. Marina Solodkin, Sweden's Minister for Integration H.E. Mr. Erik Ullenag, Hungary's Ambassador to Israel H.E. Mr. Zoltan Szentgyorgyi and Michael Wernstedt, who represented Wallenberg's family. The symposium included lectures on the humanitarian legacy of Raoul Wallenberg, a biographical portrait of the diplomat and a review of his rescue activities. A discussion on rescuers and survivors was a highlight of the day, as was a special lecture by David Gur, a former underground activist in Budapest, who spoke about his experiences and rescue activities during the war. Also marking the 100th year of Wallenberg's birth, Israel's Foreign Ministry sent Yad Vashem staff to speak in countries around the world, such as Italy, South Africa, Holland, Myanmar and Canada.
The project benefited from the unique possibility to make use of the extensive material collected in different Yad Vashem facilities such as the Archives, the Library and, foremost, the collection of Yad Vashem’s Visual Center.”

- Dr. Tobias Ebbrecht, Bauhaus University of Weimer

Visiting Scholar: Depicting Deportations on Film

Moving images are important forces that shape our perception of the past, and when films extensively reuse historic film footage, questions arise concerning the origins and meaning of such archival material. During the fall of 2012, Dr. Tobias Ebbrecht spent a four-month fellowship at the International Research Institute studying the use of films and moving images from the period of the Holocaust. His research focused on analyzing archival films that present deportations and have become part of the most iconic material distributed in films and documentaries about the Holocaust, as well as in museums and exhibitions. The extensive material available at Yad Vashem facilitated the discovery, analysis and contextualization of both new and lesser-known footage.

New German Research Center

The International Research Institute’s Center for Research on the Holocaust in Germany, inaugurated in June 2012, was established to encourage new Israeli research activities in the field and to promote cooperation with research centers around the world. The Center aims to publish the work of young scholars dealing with different aspects of the subject, and to hold workshops and conferences for researchers from Israel and abroad. The Center’s initial project was the publication of Wavering Identity on the Verge of Annihilation: The Centralverein and German Jews 1893-1938 (Heb.) by Avraham Barkai - a research study of the history of the central Association of German Citizens of Jewish Faith from the late 19th century until 1938. During the coming year, the Center will commence work documenting and translating articles that appeared in German Jewish newspapers from the 1930s until 1943, focusing on specific topics. The Center aims to publish additional important documentation in order to enrich knowledge and further academic and educational discourse. The Center for Research on the Holocaust in Germany joins the Institute’s other two specialized research Centers that concentrate on the history and study of Soviet and Polish Jews during the Holocaust.
University Cooperation: Encouraging Young Academics

During the fall of 2012, Yad Vashem Senior Historian and Editor-in-Chief of Yad Vashem Studies Dr. David Silberklang taught a graduate seminar entitled "The Final Solution to the Jewish Question: The Nazi Policy of Extermination," at the University of Haifa's new International Master's Program in Holocaust Studies. In 2012, the prestigious program included 29 participants from all over the world and from a wide variety of academic and professional backgrounds, ranging in age from their mid-twenties to retirees. The close cooperation between the University of Haifa and Yad Vashem is part of the International Research Institute's ongoing efforts to promote and nurture a new generation of Holocaust scholars and educators. The new program joins Yad Vashem's ongoing cooperation with Israeli university programs, including those at Tel Aviv University.

Yad Vashem Publications

During 2012, Yad Vashem Publications released some 30 new titles - research studies, reference books, memoirs and diaries - in a wide variety of languages. These publications help promote the study of the Shoah and perpetuate its memory among researchers, students and the general public.

Seminal Work Now in Hebrew

Raul Hilberg's work The Destruction of the European Jews is considered a fundamental, comprehensive research publication. Originally released in English in 1961 by an American publisher, the three-volume work established the contours and framework of academic discourse, posing questions about the relationship between ideology and structure in the implementation of the "Final Solution," and stimulated debate regarding key aspects of Holocaust history.

Supported by a wealth of documentary material, mostly of German origin, Hilberg based his work on the hypothesis that the "Final Solution" was implemented efficiently by an administrative process, and that it was the bureaucracy of the Nazi state that drove forward, with even more lethal radicalism, the policies inflicted on Europe's Jews. The officials' domain was divided into four hierarchies that controlled Nazi Germany: government officials, armed forces, industry and the Nazi Party. Cooperation between the four arms became an almost seamless homogeneous killing machine.

The Hebrew edition of Hilberg's work, edited by the late Prof. David Bankier and Dr. Bella Guterman, was released by Yad Vashem in October 2012. This new edition was facilitated by an extended, fruitful dialogue between Yad Vashem's International Institute for Holocaust Research and Prof. Hilberg, who collaborated closely with the Institute, sending frequent additions, corrections and remarks, the last of which arrived just months before he passed away in August 2007.
Yad Vashem Studies Ranked A+

New research on rural landowners, left-wing resistance fighters and liberals in Poland, the radical regime in Hungary in the last months of the war and Romanian attitudes towards Jews on the eve of and during WWII paint a depressing yet varied - and sometimes surprising - picture of local and national attitudes towards Jews during the Shoah. At the same time, research on the postwar period reveals the varied and unexpected ways that Jewish survivors found to rehabilitate themselves through widespread Yiddish theater activity in the DP camps amidst the enduring scars of the Holocaust. These are some of the subjects addressed in Yad Vashem Studies Vol. 40 (2012). Since its inception in 1957, Yad Vashem Studies has featured more than 560 path-breaking and thought-provoking articles, attracting contributions both from leading, established researchers and from emerging scholars from around the world.

Yad Vashem Studies has been ranked among the leading scholarly journals in the world in all fields, receiving the highest rating, A*, from both the Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification, which ranks more than 22,000 journals worldwide in all fields; and A+ in Bar Ilan University's rankings of 765 international scholarly journals in Jewish Studies in all languages and 113 journals in Hebrew.

"The wealth of information included in this tome and the superior organization and presentation makes it a must for any Judaica library with a Holocaust collection, whether a basic collection, or a rich, academically focused one."

- Michlean Amir, the Association of Jewish Libraries Book Review, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC

National Jewish Book Award

The History of the Holocaust in Romania by Jean Ancel (University of Nebraska Press and Yad Vashem) was the 2012 National Jewish Book Award Winner for writing based on archival material.
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Operational Budget, as of December 31, 2012, unaudited

Revenues

- Israel Ministry of Education: 48%
- Funds & Donations: 31%
- Department Activities: 21%

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Expenditures

- Education: 17%
- Remembrance: 16%
- Documentation: 17%
- Research: 11%
- General & Administrative: 10%
- Maintenance & Technological Infrastructure: 29%

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* Projects and programs in the spheres of Education, Remembrance, Documentation and Research

** Construction of the new International Seminars Wing at the International School for Holocaust Studies, general construction works, and development of technological infrastructure

The primary source of all revenues for Yad Vashem development projects is donations and legacies.
Yad Vashem is deeply grateful for the dedicated work and fundraising efforts of its Friends Societies: the activities, events and awareness-raising endeavors of our partners are crucial to our shared mission of spreading Holocaust Remembrance and Education worldwide.

In September 2012, Eli Zborowski z"l, Holocaust survivor, dear friend, partner, founder and Chairman of the American Society for Yad Vashem passed away. For 30 years, Eli selflessly devoted himself to Yad Vashem, believing fervently in its vital role as the Jewish people’s center for Holocaust commemoration, documentation, research and education, as well as in its essential expression of Jewish unity.

The chairmanship of the American Society has now been assumed by Leonard Wilf. Lenny’s commitment to Holocaust remembrance and education has grown steadily since his childhood as the son of Holocaust survivors. The Wilf family’s bond with the American Society began almost from its onset, and thus Lenny’s personal tie with Yad Vashem and the American Society is deep and strong. For years, Lenny worked closely with Eli, a relationship which continued until Eli’s passing. "I have taken hold of the torch that has been passed to me," says Lenny, "and will work to ensure that we continue to pass the memory and meanings of the Holocaust to future generations."

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New Benefactors 2012

“We are proud to be members of the Yad Vashem family, and to be partners in its vital work of Shoah remembrance and education. In these tenuous times of growing Holocaust denial, antisemitism and xenophobia, this work is more important than ever. We are delighted to join Yad Vashem, once again, in congratulating its new Benefactors, and encourage others to join us in supporting Yad Vashem’s inspirational and admirable activities.”

Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson

Jan and Rick Cohen

Jan and Rick Cohen, Benefactors of Yad Vashem, have been involved in Holocaust education for some 30 years. Jan is Chair of the Advisory Board of the Kaddish Project, Lawrence Siegel’s musical oratorio on the Holocaust which was performed at Yad Vashem in September 2011. She has also been an Advisory Board member of the Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies at Keene State College since 1999. In the spring of 2006, Jan represented the Cohen Center at the New Hampshire State Department of Education’s hearing to advocate for adding Holocaust and genocide education to the New Hampshire social sciences curriculum. In recognition for her work on behalf of Holocaust studies, she received an official commendation by New Hampshire Governor John Lynch in August 2006. In May 2012, she received an honorary degree from Keene State College. Through the Kaddish Project, Jan continues her efforts to raise awareness and inspire action to prevent injustice and genocide in the world today.

Rick is the President and CEO of a large US company. He has also served on the boards of various civic organizations in both Brattleboro, Vermont and Keene, New Hampshire, and was awarded an honorary doctorate from Assumption College. Jan and Rick have three grown daughters and two grandchildren.

The Ford Foundation

This year marks the start of the 50th anniversary of the Righteous Among the Nations program at Yad Vashem. It is very symbolic, therefore, that the Ford Foundation, under the leadership of its president, Luis A. Ubiñas, recently announced the continuation of its support of Yad Vashem with the establishment of an endowment fund to honor the Righteous Among the Nations, and to assist in maintaining the 2,000 trees planted in their honor.

Established in 1936, the Ford Foundation has become one of the world’s foremost philanthropic entities, supporting visionary leaders and organizations on the frontlines of social change. The Foundation’s programs continue to serve public welfare by strengthening democratic values, reducing poverty and injustice, promoting international cooperation and advancing human achievement. Currently, the Foundation offers grants throughout the United States and supports programs in more than 50 countries. Since 2006, as part of their commitment to advancing human achievement, the Ford Foundation has supported the activities of Yad Vashem’s Righteous Among the Nations Department.
Lily Safra

Lily Safra shared her commitment to caring for the less fortunate with her husband, the late Edmond J. Safra, one of the 20th century's most accomplished bankers and founder of the Edmond J. Safra Philanthropic Foundation. Since 1999, Mrs. Safra has chaired this Foundation, which supports projects related to education, science and medicine, religion and culture and humanitarian relief in over 40 countries.

Mrs. Safra has initiated many educational projects in memory of her husband, including endowing the Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall in the new International Seminars Wing of Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies.

Recently, Mrs. Safra donated the full proceeds from the auction of "Jewels of Hope: The Collection of Mrs. Lily Safra," totaling $32 million, to 32 charitable organizations around the world. This included a gift of $1 million for the establishment of the Lily Safra Chair of Holocaust Education at Yad Vashem.

Jona Goldrich

Jona Goldrich has never forgotten where he came from: born near the city of Lvov, Poland in 1927, he and his brother Avram were smuggled out of Europe in 1942 and eventually made it to Eretz Israel. Jona's parents Alexander and Elka and his brother Isaac were murdered in the Sambor ghetto in 1943. Many other family members were also slaughtered during the Holocaust.

Jona received his mechanical engineering degree at the Technion in Haifa and worked as an auto mechanic and taxi driver. He served as a mechanical engineer in the Israeli navy and participated in Israel's War of Independence. When he arrived in the US in 1953, Jona had 50 dollars in his pocket. In Los Angeles, he opened a business cleaning new construction sites; he later became a real estate developer and formed "G & K Industries" with his partner, Sol Kest.

Now one of the most successful developers in California, Jona Goldrich is a champion of Israeli and Jewish causes, including, naturally, Holocaust remembrance. He built the Holocaust Memorial in Los Angeles, the site of an annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program, and sponsored it for many years. He is also a major supporter of the city's new Holocaust Museum. Jona Goldrich and his wife Doretta are proud parents to Melinda and Andrea, and grandparents to Garrett, Lindsay and Derek.

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation recently became Benefactors of Yad Vashem for their support of the International Seminars Wing at the International School for Holocaust Studies. The dedication ceremony was attended by the Foundation's President, Rachel Garbow Monroe and Foundation Trustee Robert T. Kelly, Jr. who spoke on behalf of the Foundation, representing all of the Foundation Trustees, including Donn Weinberg, Barry I. Schloss, the Hon. Ellen M. Heller and Alvin Awaya. More than 20 Weinberg Foundation Annual Israel Mission participants from Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC also attended the special ceremony.

The Weinberg family came to America with extremely modest means. Harry worked hard to accumulate his fortune in securities and real estate, but he never forgot his roots as a poor immigrant child in Baltimore. During the late 1930s, while still a young married man with an infant son, he unhesitatingly signed affidavits of support, pledging his then modest assets to enable many German Jews to reach safe haven in America. In 1959, he created The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation as a long-term vehicle for consistent charitable activity to continue long after he and Jeanette had passed on. Harry Weinberg z”l died on November 4, 1990, little more than a year after his beloved wife, Jeanette z”l. Today the Foundation distributes an estimated $100 million every year in grants to numerous public charities worldwide.
Yad Vashem's accomplishments would not be possible without the support and commitment of our valued partners. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many friends who have shared in our vision in 2012, and in previous years, enabling its realization:

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