

**European Association of Holocaust Child Survivors EUAS
Association of Holocaust survivors in Croatia**

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Uvod

EUAS - je krovna organizacija koja okuplja udruženja i grupe Židova koji su preživjeli Holokaust, većinom kao djeca, i koji danas žive u zemljama zapadne, srednje i istočne Evrope.

EUAS je osnovana je u Pragu 2001. godine, i održala je svoje godišnje konferencije u Pragu, Zagrebu, Bratislavi, Amsterdamu i Jeruzalemu.

Osnovna zadaća EUAS-a je da zastupa interese preživjelih Holokausta, traži za njih pravednu potporu i restituciju; da održava uspomenu na žrtve Holokausta , sudjeluje u edukaciji o Holokaustu, promovira toleranciju i bori se protiv anti-semitizma.

Introduktion

European Association of Holocaust child survivors, is umbrella organization for associations and groups of Holocaust (child) survivors, who presently live in Western, Eastern and Central Europe.

EUAS has been founded in Prag in 2001, and since then annual meetings was held in Prag, Zagreb, Bratislava, Amsterdam and Jerusalem.

The key mission of EUAS is to represent the interest of the Holocaust survivors, to obtain for them justice in support and restitution, to keep the memory of the Holocaust victims alive, to participate in Holocaust education, to promote tolerance and fight against anti-Semitism.



Osnivanje EUAS -a u Pragu - Izvršni odbor

First Executive board, Prag 2001



Sjednica Izvršnog odbora EUAS u Jeruzalemu, 2007,
u vrijeme održavanja Svjetske konferencije

Meeting of the Executive board in Jerusalem, 2007,
during the World conference



Yad Vashem in the Ohel Yizkor
Laying a wreath for all victims in the name of WFJCS, 2007
Polaganje vijenca u Yad Vashemu, u ime Svjetske organizacije.

Letter from EUAS president, Max Arpels Lezer

Dear friends,

I am very pleased to inform you all that our first conference will be held in Zagreb, Croatia on October 11 and October 12 2008.

Our executive committee and our friends of the Survivors group in Zagreb have been working very hard to make this European Gathering successful.

Especially I am pleased that we have been able to start in 2008 with this conference in Zagreb because this will be our first exclusive European Conference. As you know since the start of our European Association in Prague 2001 we have held our meetings during the World Federation Conferences in USA, and Israel and one time in Amsterdam.

We have always felt that we need our Associations conferences on the European continent so that more European (Child) Survivors have the opportunity to come, to talk and meet each other.

Dear friends I call upon you all to come to this conference and together we can make this conference a memorable gathering of all European Jewish (Child) Survivors.

Max Arpels Lezer, president

Pismo predsjednika Maxa Arpelsa Lezera

Dragi prijatelji,

Imam veliko zadovoljstvo da vas informiram da će naša prva konferencija biti održana u Zagrebu, Hrvatska 11. i 12. listopada 2008.

Nas Izvršni odbor i naši prijatelji iz Zagreba, iz organizacije preživjelih, naporno su radili da bi ova Evropsko okupljanje uspjelo..

Posebno mi je zadovoljstvo da mi možemo u 2008. godini početi sa ovom konferencijom u Zagrebu, koja će biti prva, samo naša, Evropska konferencija

Kao što Vam je pozno od osnivanja naše Evropske udruge EUAS u Pragu 2001, mi smo održavali naše sastanke u vrijeme Svjetskih konferencija u USA, Izraelu i jednom u Amsterdamu.

Mi smo uvijek osjećali da nam je potrebna naša konferencija, na Evropskom kontinentu, tako da više evropskih Židova koji su preživjeli Holokaust imaju mogućnost da dođu, da se druže i razgovaraju.

Dragi prijatelji, ja vas sve pozivam da dođete na ovu konferenciju i zajedno mi možemo učiniti da konferencija bude nezaboravno druženje svih Evropskih Židova koji su (kao djeca) preživjeli Holokaust.

Max Arpels Lezer, president



**Predsjednik Max Arpels Lezer otvara
konferenciju**

**EUAS president Max Arpels Lezer open the
conference**

The First European Conference took place in the Zagreb Jewish Community building, 16 Palmotićeva street. We were offered a truly beautiful venue, excellent kosher food, the perfect location for an exhibition and concerts which greatly contributed to the success of the Conference.

The Conference was organized by the Association of Holocaust Survivors in Croatia, whose president, dr. Melita Švob, is the general secretary of the EUAS and the vicepresident of the global World federation.

**Predsjednik Židovske općine u Zagrebu
dr. Ognjen Kraus pozdravlja učesnike konferencije**

Dr.Ognjen Kraus , president of the Jewish community in Zagreb

Dr.Melita švob, predsjednica udruge Holokaust preživjelih i sekretar EUAS-a

dr. Melita Švob, president of the Association of Holocaust survivors in Croatia and secretary of the EUAS.

Konferencija je održana u zgradi Židovske općine Zagreb u Palmotićevoj 16, koja je pružila sve mogućnosti za okupljanje, od službe u sinagogi, predavanja, izložbe do izvrsne košer hrane .

Konferenciju je organizirala Udruga Holokaust preživjelih u Hrvatskoj čija je predsjednica dr. Melita Švob, sekretar EUAS-a i potpredsjednica Svjetske federacije.



Participants of the Conference were greeted by the representatives of the Jewish community, Council of Minorities of the Republic of Croatia, the representatives of the Jewish minority in Zagreb, the Government, Parliament, Ministry of sciences and Ministry of culture , dr. Lang and others

**and by the JDC director of the JOINT for the countries of former Yugoslavia
Mr. Robert Djerassi**

**Pozdrav konferenciji
Robert Djerassi, JDC direktor za zemlje bivše Jugoslavije**



**Coordination of national minorities
Savjet za nacionalne manjine RH ,
Aleksandar Tolnauer**



**Predstavnik manjina u Vladi RH , g.Memedi
Represent of national minorities in Goverment ,
Mr. Memedi**

U ime Sabora, pozdrav g. Munivrane

In the name of Croatia parliament, Mr. Munivrana



Predstavnik židovske manjine u Zagrebu, Sanja Tabaković

Represent of Jewish minority in Zagreb, Sanja Tabaković





sala za konferenciju

Conference room

The Conference programme was rich and diverse, and focused on the basic goals of the Conference

Petak, 10.listopad	
19.30	Židovska općina Palmotićeva 16
20,00	Služba u sinagogi, Šabatna večera
Subota, 11.listopada	
9,00	Posjeta Memorijalnom centru Jasenovac
17,00	Razgledavanje Zagreba
Subota, 11.listopada ŽOZ, Palmotićeva 16	
20,00	Večera i otvaranje konferencije Kulturni program
Nedjelja 12. listopad ŽOZ.Palmotićeva 16, auditorij	
	Otvorenje konferencije Max Arpels Lezer, predsjednik EUAS-a
9.30	Panel Židovi u Novoj Evropi Prof.dr. Karmela Belinki, Helsinki
10.30	Pauza za kavu, klub
11,00	Židovi u Novoj Evropi, diskusija Moderator dr. Melita Švob
13,00	Ručak
14.30	Sastanak Izvršnog odbora EUAS
14.30	Sastanak Gillian Gold, predsjednice ICJW sa židovskim ženskim organizacijama
Posjeta Domu Lavoslav Schwarz u Zagrebu	
	Izložba "Holokaust u Hrvatskoj" i izložba knjiga
16.00	Pauza za kavu , klub
16.30	Zatvaranje konferencije, zaključci
20.00	«Gala» večera- zabavni program

Friday, 10. October	
19.30	Jewish community Palmotićeva 16
20,00	sinagogue, shabat dinner
Saturday, 11.October	
9,00	Visit to the memorial center in Jasenovac
17,00	Sight-seing tour in Zagreb
Saturday, 11.October, ŽOZ, Palmotićeva 16	
20,00	Dinner and oppening of the conference Enterteiment
Sunday, 12. Otober, ŽOZ.Palmotićeva 16, auditorij	
	Opening of the Conference Max Arpels Lezer, president EUAS
10,00	Panel Jews in New Evrope Prof. dr. Karmela Belinki, Helsinki
10.30	Cofee breaks
11,00	Jews in New Evrope, discussion Moderator dr. Melita Švob
13,00	Lunch
14.30	Meeting of the EUAS Executive board
14.30	Meeting Gillian Gold, ICJW, with Jewish women organization
Visit to the Old age home Lavoslav Schwarz u Zagrebu	
	Exhibition «Holocaust in Croatia», book exhibition
16.00	Cofee break
16.30	Closing the conference, conclusions
20.00	"Gala" closing dinner, Enterteiment

It is important to mention the great number of participants and large number of volunteers of all generation, as well as friendly atmosphere throughout the duration of the Conference.

Holocaust survivors today make up over 50% of the total membership of Jewish communities, and majority of survivors are women, who are also leaders of humanitarian and volunteer activities.

This is the reason why we invited to the conference representatives of the women's organization and Mrs Gillian Gold, the President of the Jewish women organization in Europe.

We invited the representatives of the Jewish communities in Zagreb, Osijek, Split, Dubrovnik, Čakovec, Rijeka as well as the representatives of some communities from Serbia, Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (which sent their regrets for not being able to attend).

The conference received support from the Association of Holocaust survivors in Croatia, Jewish community in Zagreb, JOINT, The Jewish community of Dubrovnik, Council of National Minorities, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Ministry of culture, Research and Documentation center CENDO, Union of Jewish Women in Croatia, Senior club, old age home Lavoslav Schwarz and numerous volunteers.

In the evening, we enjoyed wonderful dinners made by our "Kitchen team". Participants also enjoyed entertainment and performances of the Israeli dance group Or HaShamesh, a concert of Sephardic songs performed by Saša Kabiljo on his guitar, as well as the concert of the Klezmer jazz quartet headed by Neven Tabaković.

We received many letters of thanks and letter from the president of EUAS, Mr. Max Arpels Lezer are attached on the end of this report.

Važno je spomenuti da je na konferenciji sudjelovao veliki broj učesnika i volontera svih generacija kao i prijateljsku atmosferu u toku cijelog vremena druženja na konferenciji.

Osobe koje su preživjele Holokaust čine danas preko 50% ukupnog članstva židovskih općina, a većina preživjelih su žene, koje su i voditelji humanitarnih i volonterskih akcija.

Stoga smo na konferenciju pozvali predstavnice židovskih ženskih organizacija i gospođu Gillian Gold, predsjednicu ženskih organizacija ICJW u Evropi.

Na konferenciju smo pozvali predstavnike židovskih općina u Zagrebu, Osijeku, Splitu, Dubrovniku, Čakovcu, Rijeci.. te predstavnike nekih zajednica iz Srbije, Slovenije te Bosne i Hercegovine (koji su se ispričali da ne mogu nažalost doći).

Potpore organiziranju konferencije sa dali : Udruga preživjelih Holokausta u Hrvatskoj, Židovska općina u Zagrebu, JOINT, Židovska općina u Dubrovniku, Savjet za nacionalne manjine, Ministarstvo kulture, Ministarstvo znanosti, obrazovanja i športa, Istraživački i dokumentacijski centar Cendo, Unija židovskih žena Hrvatske, Seniorski klub, Dom Lavoslav Schwarz i brojni volonteri.

Na večer smo uživali u izvrsnim večerama koje je pripremio naš "Kuharski tim". Učesnici su također uživali u zabavnom programu i izvođenju izraelskih plesova grupe Or Hashamesh, koncertu sefardskih pjesama koje je uz gitaru pjevao Saša Kabiljo, kao o koncertu Kletzmer jazz kvarteta pod vodstvom Nevena Tabakovića.

U prilogu donosimo pisma zahvale predsjednika EUAS-a gospodina Maxa Arpelsa Lezera.



Welcome dinner, opening of the conference
organizator dr. Melita Švob
Večer dobrodošlice, otvaranje konferencije



From left to right:
Mira Wolf – Board for cultural heritage

**Živko Gruden- president of Cultural society
"Miroslav Šalom Freiberger"**
Dr.Dragan Stern- B'nei B'rith
Potežica Narcisa- Croatian library
Kyra Kardun- Senior club



From left to right:
Susan Polack from London

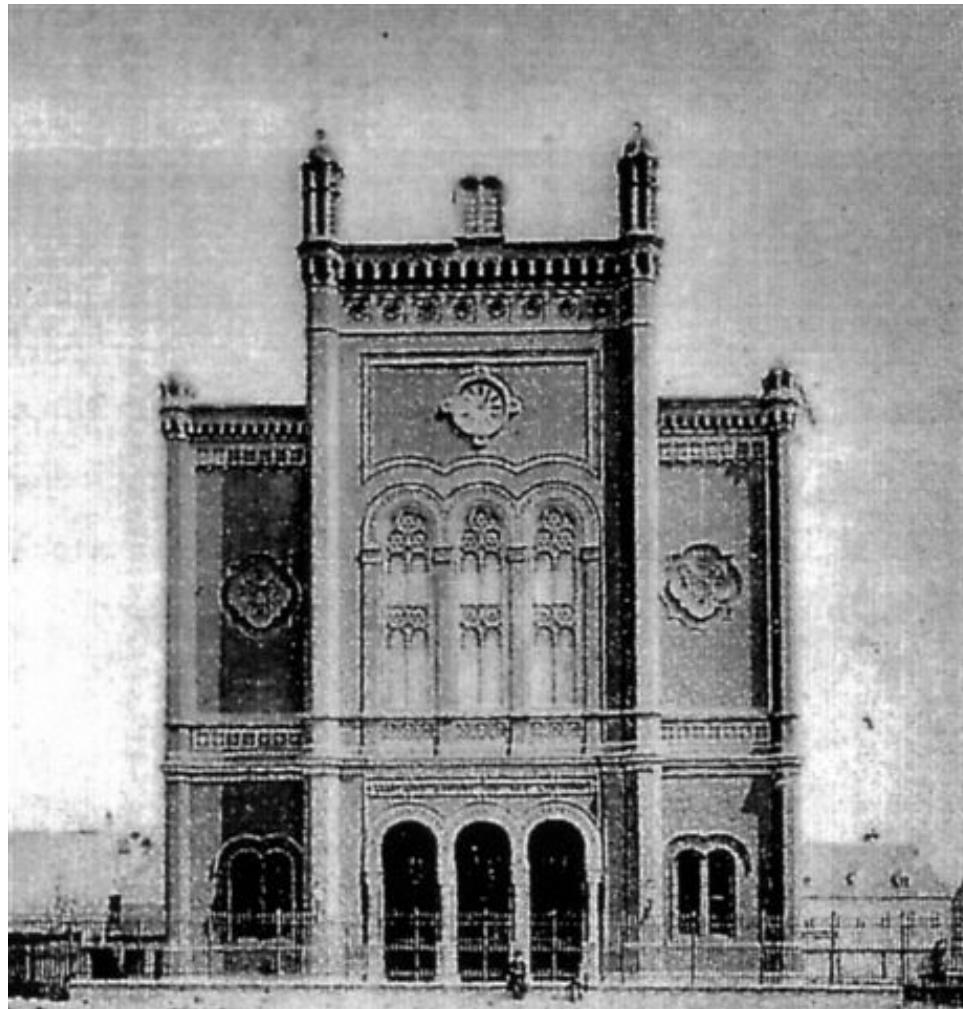
Jolan Strapac,delegate from Osijek
Bojana Hodalić and dr. Fisher, Osijek



**On the left: Paolo Ruggero Jena, Italy
On the right: Boris Braun, Auschwitzz survivor
Habermann Annamaria, Milano
Mrs Jena, Verona**



**From left to right:
Rabbi Prelević - Zagreb
Max Arpels Lezer - Amsterdam
Henry Obstfeld- London**



**Great sinagogue in Zagreb, destroyed in 1942.
Today is there parking place and only memory table (sight seeing tour)**



**Meteorološki stup na Zrinjevcu, donacija dr. Adolfa Holzera Zagrebu
Glazbeni paviljon na Zrinjevcu, donacija industrijalca Eduarda Pristera**
From sightseeng tour- Main park Zrinjevac and two Jewish donation to the town



**During the visit to Memorial in concentration camp Jasenovac:
Delegates from Slovakia: Anita Podhorna-Bratislava and Mirjam Galova- Košice
Delegates from Poland- Tereza Lantner and Jadwiga Hofmokl
with Otto Konstein-Zagreb, survivor from Auschwitz**



**Jasenovac- in front of Wagon for transportation of victims
Max Arpels Lezer -president EUAS
and Mirjam Radman - survivor of camp Jasenovac**



**Dr.Vera Lukić- president of Union of Jewish women in
Serbia in front of Monument to the victims of Jasenovac**

The introductory plenary lecture entitled "Jews in the New Europe" was given by the internationally known researcher and author, dr. Karmela Belinki (Helsinki). The goal of the lecture was to get to know and analyze the position of Jews in various European countries.

Dr Karmela Bélinki discusses the dichotomy of the term New Europe, which has a twofold meaning in political language. It denotes, on one hand, the ex-Communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe and on the other hand the objective of the pan-European ideology. Both are complicated from the Jewish point of view.

The first example indicates a narrow picture of countries, which throughout the centuries were centers of European Jewish culture until the Shoah and the decades after. The pan-European ideology is problematic, because Jews comprise a very small minority in an entity with a growing influx of different Moslem groups, the most radical of them even belligerently anti-Semitic.

She analyses the complex situation of European Jewry after the Shoah, in general terms, and also from a women's perspective. Jews are targeted by both the extreme right and particularly extreme Islamic movements in Europe. Growing anti-Semitism and the dependence of European Jews on the fluctuations in Israel's politics are well-known causes of concern.

In the new-old Jewish Communities internal problems have risen as a consequence of too little Jewish education and awareness. The demographic situation is not good in these Communities.

Particularly in the Baltic States there is a problem caused by the Soviet-Russian occupation and Jews having moved to these countries from all over the Soviet Empire. Their Jewish knowledge was very poor if not non-existent and their ways not congruent with those of the original Jewish population of whom very few were left after WWII. It culminated in a linguistic discrepancy. Whereas the original Jews were well integrated and knew the language of the country, the Russian newcomers have never learnt the local language and are now with growing age and non-existent interest from the governments almost totally dependent on aid from the Jewish Communities, which are struggling with enormous social and economic problems.

In that perspective the countries in Central Europe are in a better position, because in spite of being still economically and financially in an inferior position, their Jewish Communities are although very small getting more organized and functioning.

The established Jewish Communities in Western Europe are facing similar problems with different Jewish groups and immigrated Israelis forming conclaves of their own instead of working together. With global economy on the brink of a recession these Communities will have growing social problems

Dr Bélinki's cautiously optimistic conclusion is that Jews have survived literally through hell and fire in Europe, and must with joint Jewish effort continue to be part and parcel of the future of Europe and not just a monument of an extinct culture

Uvodno plenarno predavanje "ŽIDOVI U NOVOJ EVROPI" je održala dr. Karmela Belinki (Helsinki) poznati istraživač i autor. Svrha predavanja bila je upoznavanje sa položajem Židova u raznim evropskim zemljama.

U svom predavanju Dr. Belinki, ponajprije, objašnjava koje dvostruko značenje, u političkom rječniku, ima naziv "Nova Evropa". Taj termin ima drugačije značenje u zemljama Centralne i Istočne Evrope, a drugo značenje kao pan-evropska ideologija. No oba su značenja komplikirana sa židovskog stanovišta.

U prvom slučaju, to ime indicira sliku zemalja, koje su kroz stoljeća bile centar evropske židovske kulture do Holokausta (Shoa) i u dekadama nakon njega. Pan-evropska ideologija je, s druge strane, problematična za Židove zbog toga što oni u Evropi predstavljaju vrlo male manjine u sredinama u kojima raste priljev različitih muslimanskih grupa, najradikalnije su ratoborni antisemiti.

Dr.Belinki analizira kompleksnu situaciju evropskog Židovstva nakon Holokausta općenito, ali i sa ženske perspektive. Židovi su danas napadani i od ekstremnih "desnih", a osobito od ekstremnih islamskih pokreta u Evropi. Rastući antisemitizam i ovisnost evropskih Židova od fluktuacija u Izraelskoj politici je dobro poznati razlog za zabrinutost.

U novo-starim židovskih zajednicama rastu i unutrašnji problemi zbog premalo židovske edukacije i znanja. Također nije dobra demografska situacija.

U Baltičkim zemljama, na primjer, je problem uzrokovani Sovjetsko-Ruskom okupacijom, kada su se Židovi raselili preko cijelog Sovjetskog carstva. Nakon povratka, pokazalo se da je njihovo znanje o Židovstvu vrlo slabo ili da ga uopće nema, te da njihov put nije usklađen sa originalnom židovskom populacijom tih zemalja, od koje je vrlo malo ostalo nakon II. Svjetskog rata. To je osobito kulminiralo u njihovoј jezičnoj različitosti. Dok su «domaći» Židovi dobro integrirani i znaju jezik zemlje u kojoj žive, Židovi koji su novo-došli iz Rusije, nikada nisu naučili lokalni jezik. Sada, u starijim godinama, kada za njih nema interesa od strane vlade, oni potpuno ovise od pomoći židovskih zajednica, koja se tako bori sa enormnim socijalnim i ekonomskim problemima.

Iz te su perspektive, Židovi u zemljama u Centralnoj Evropi u boljem položaju, jer usprkos tome da su još uvijek ekonomski i financijski u inferiornoj situaciji, židovske zajednice, iako malene, bolje su organizirane i bolje funkcioniraju.

Organizacije u Zapadnoj Evropi su suočene s dolaskom židovskih grupa, koje imigriraju iz Izraela, ali stvaraju «conclave», svoje zatvorene jedinice.

Sa globalnom ekonomijom koja ide u recesiju, zajednice u Zapadnoj Evropi će imati i rastuće socijalne probleme.

Dr Belinki, na kraju (oprezno), daje optimistički zaključak da Židovi, koji su doslovno preživjeli pakao u Evropi, moraju sada ujediniti svoje napore da nastave biti dio evropske budućnosti , a ne da su samo spomenik jedne izumrle kulture.



Predavanje dr.Karmele Belinki

Keynote speaker dr. Karmela Belinki
"Jews in the New Europe"

The lecture was followed by a discussion that
enabled the listeners to actively participate

Panel diskusija nakon predavanja
Panel discussion after lecture

Moderator and translator dr. Melita Švob



Dinner



President of Jewish community in Dubrovnik

dr. Horovic Sabrina and her sister Sonja;
Jasna Čirić president of Jewish community in Niš (Serbia)
and Robert Djerassi, JDC

Večera



Robert Djerassi-JDC director with Jasna Čirić Niš and dr. Vera Lukić,
Belgrade

We organized a meeting between Mrs. Gillian Gold from ICJW and the representatives of the women's organizations from Croatia, Slovenia and Serbia (Bosnia and Hercegovina sent their regrets for not being able to attend).



**«Women Loby» Ana Lebl- president of Jewish community in Split;
Gillian Gold, president of European ICJW
Dr. Karmela Belinki, Helsinki
and dr. Melita Švob president of Union of Jewish Women in Croatia**

Mrs. Gillian Gold, the president of Jewish Women of Europe, from London, was invited to the Conference and gave a lecture about the role and organization of the International council of Jewish women ICJW.



iz govora gospođe Gillian Gold, predsjednice ICJW za Evropu

Internacional council of Jewish Women, ICJW, je krovna organizacija koja okuplja preko 2 milijuna žena iz 47 zemalja, radeći za socijalnu pravdu i dobro svih. Većina članica je angažirana u volonterskom radu u svojim židovskim zajednicama, ali često i izvan nje, u općoj zajednici.

ICJW su osnovale 1912. židovske žene u Njemačkoj, Americi I Engleskoj kako bi zaustavile "trgovinu bijelim robljem"- u kojoj su mlade židovske djevojke uzimane iz luka u Hamburgu, Londonu i New Yorku i prodavane u prostituciju. Sada se to ponovno vraća, kao trgovanje ljudima, ženama i djecom, i to je jedna od prioritetnih briga u našem programu.

Mi se, također, zalažemo za jednak prava žena, djece te starijih i hendikepiranih ljudi, kao i za mogućnost da žene budu "lideri". Potpomažemo međureligijske i dijaloge među kulturama, podižemo svijest o zdravstvenim i pitanjima okoliša te promoviramo edukaciju baziranu na osnovnim moralnim I židovskim principima.

Borimo se protiv nasilja u obitelji, antisemitizma i rasizma i tražimo slobodu za Agunot- židovske žene kojima je uskraćeno pravo na religioznu rastavu.

Mi , naravno, pokazujemo svoju solidarnost sa narodom Izraela.

Mnoge naše kampanje se vode zajedno sa internacionalnim ženskim organizacijama, s kojima surađujemo u Ujedinjenim nacijama, gdje imamo konzultativni status i imamo stalne delegacije u New Yorku, Ženevi, Beču i Parizu.

Naše predstavnice redovno sudjeluju na sastancima organizacije ECOSOC, Komisije za položaj žena, Konciliu za humana prava, UNICEF-u i UNESCO-u, kao i u Council of Europe.

Mi smo također predstavljeni u Evropskom ženskom lobiju (European Women Loby) te je na našem evropskom sastanku u Briselu traženo od svih evropskih članica da se pridruže toj organizaciji, ja se nadam da će i Hrvatska to učiniti.

Na lokalnoj razini, naše su članice uključene u sve oblike volonterskog rada. U Kolumbiji su za siromašnu djecu osnovale i vode školu nazvanu Golda Meir; u Brazilu naše su žene, u posljednje vrijeme, morale prestati djelovati u slamovima zbog opasnosti od gangova koji prodaju drogu.

Predškolski programi za ugrožene majke i njihovu djecu, koje su naše članice razvile u Južnoj Africi, prešli su Atlantik i djeluju u USA, i zatim su, zajedno sa migracijom žena iz Južne Afrike, preneseni u Australiju gdje rade sa obiteljima "Aboriđina" .

Mnogi od nas vode socijalne projekte, projekte "hrane na kotačima", dnevne centre za starije i programe edukacije za odrasle.

**Gospođa Gillian Gold, predsjednica Evropskih židovskih žena ICJW drži predavanje
predsjednik EUAS-a Max Arpels Lezer pažljivo sluša**



From the speech of Mrs Gillian Gold:

The International Council of Jewish Women is an umbrella organisation comprising over 2 million women in 47 countries working for social justice and welfare for all. Most affiliates are engaged in voluntary work within their Jewish communities and often outside in the general community.

Founded in 1912 by Jewish women in Germany, USA and UK, to stop what was then known as the white slave trade – that is young Jewish girls being taken from the ports of Hamburg, London and New York and being sold into a life of vice, Now it is back again, as human trafficking, women and children this time and is one of the concerns at the top of our agenda.

We also campaign for equal rights for women, children, elderly and disadvantaged people and feminine leadership, we encourage interfaith and inter-cultural dialogue, raise awareness of health and environmental issues and promote education based on fundamental moral and Jewish principles. We fight against domestic violence, anti-semitism and racism and seek freedom for Agunot – Jewish women denied a religious divorce.

And of course we show solidarity with the people of Israel.

Many of our campaigns are with other international women's organisations with whom we work at the United Nations, where we have consultative status and maintain permanent delegations in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Paris. Our representatives regularly attend meetings of ECOSOC, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Human Rights Council, UNICEF and UNESCO, as well as the Council of Europe. We are represented too at the European Women's Lobby, and at our European meeting in Brussels all European affiliates were asked to join their representative body at the Lobby, and I hope Croatia will soon be doing this.

At local levels our affiliates are involved in all kinds of volunteer work. In Columbia our women fund and run a school for poor local children called the Golda Meir school and the children there can tell you all about her. In Brazil our women in recent years had to stop working in the Favellas, hillside slums, due to the danger from drug gangs. A pre-school programme for disadvantaged mothers and their children, created by our affiliate in South Africa, crossed the Atlantic to the US and then migrated with South African women to Australia, where our affiliate there is now using it with Aboriginal families. Many of us run social welfare projects, meals on wheels, day centres for elderly people and adult education programmes.....

We organized visit to the Jewish old age home Lavoslav Schwarz, where some of the Holocaust survivors reside. They were met at the Home by the home's director Mrs Paula Novak, the residents of the Home and by songs of the Home's choir led by Mrs. Šarika Danon.



Organizirali smo posjetu Domu Lavoslav Schwarz u kojem žive i osobe koje su preživjele Holokaust.Tamo ih je dočekala direktorica Paula Npvak, domari i pjesme njihovog pjevačkog zbara sa voditeljicom Šarikom Danon



**In the old age home- everybody is singing
U domu Lavoslav Schwaz- svi pjevaju**



Director of the old age home Lavoslav Schwarz Mrs Paula Novak



**During the visit to the Old age home, participants of the conference and holocaust survivors
Living in home in good spirit and entertainment**

**Za vrijeme posjete Domu Lavoslav Schwarz, učesnici konferencije i domari -Holokaust preživjeli
u dobrom raspoloženju**



**During the visit to old age home , director Paula Novak with the guest
On the table "famous" swits made in old age home**
**Paula Novak, direktorica Doma u razgovoru s gostima
Na stolu poznati kolači napravljeni u domu**

The visit to the Jasenovac memorial Center, where the Nazi concentration camp was located and where the majority of Croatia Jews perished, enabled the participants of the Conference to understand the proportions of the Jewish tragedy in Croatia.

Posjeta Memorijalnom centru Jasenovac, gdje je bio koncentracijski logor u kojem je stradala većina Židova Hrvatske, omogućila je učesnicima konferencije da razumiju veličinu tragedije Židova u Hrvatskoj



**Entrance to the Museum
Ulaz u Muzej**

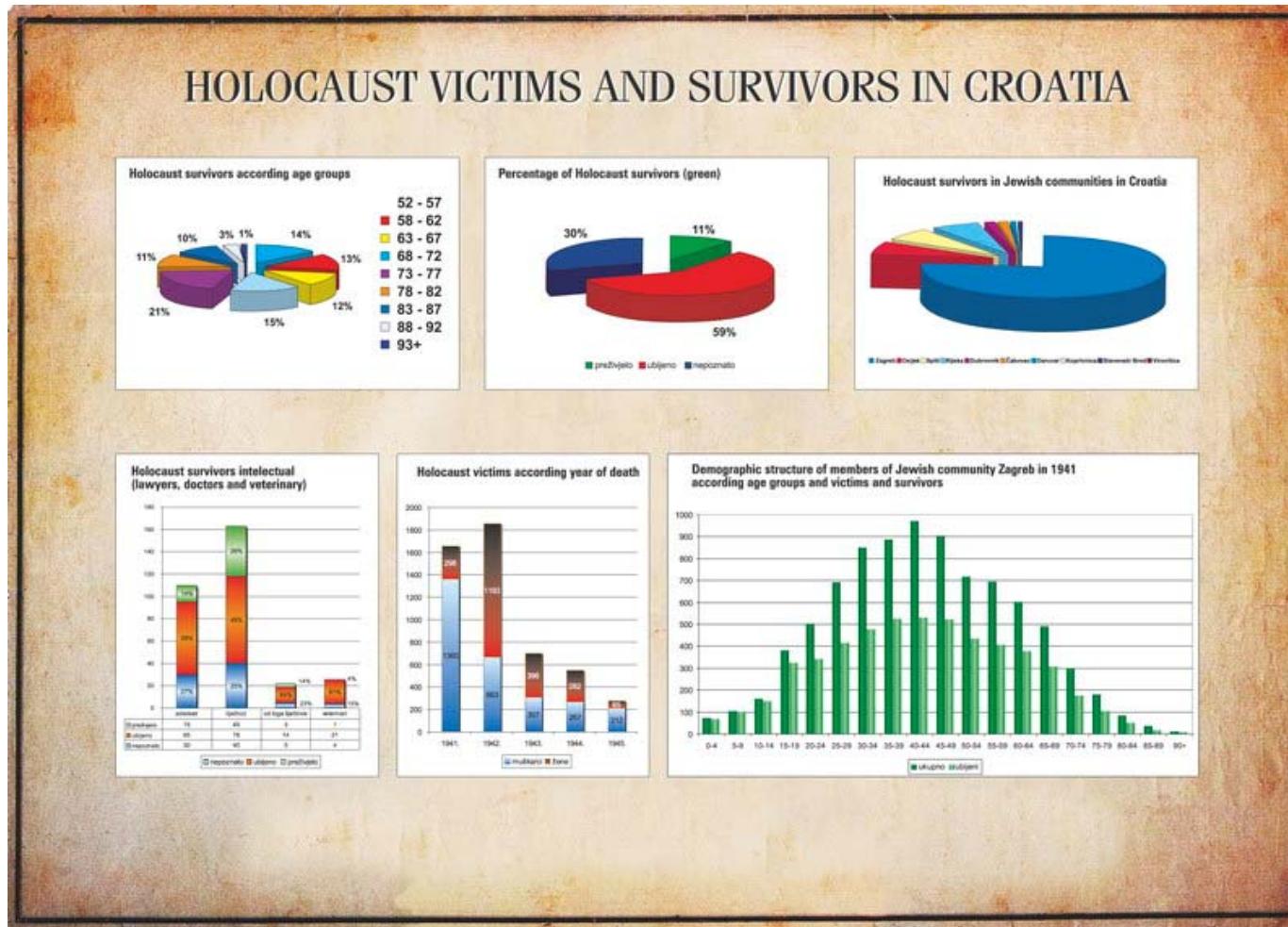


Visit to Jasenovac- lecture about Holocaust in Croatia
Posjeta Jasenovcu- predavanje o Holokaustu u Hrvatskoj

Names of victims

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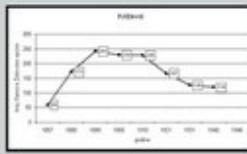
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ZLATA HEKŠ JAKOB HELD JULIJANA HELD IZIDOR HELVING KATA HEMETEK BERTA HENDEL DAVID
PERA HENDLER BERIJA HENDLER RAHELA HENDLER BOZA HENDLER JOSIP HENGERI ANDRIJA HE
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"The Holocaust in Croatia" exhibition from the fund of the Research and Documentation Center Cendo (director dr. Melita Švob), which was set up in the Community Club, along with a book exhibit, also helped us widen our knowledge about the Holocaust in Croatia. Before the Holocaust, there were around 25.000 Jews in Croatia, but around 80% of them were murdered. The big Aliyah in 1948 cut the small remaining community in half, and of 30 Jewish communities, only ten still exist and they number around 3.000 members.

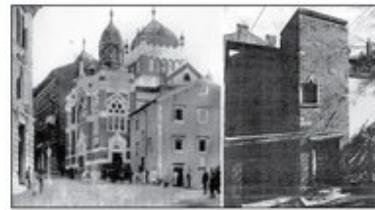
Jewish communities destroyed in the Holocaust (Križevci, Rijeka, Slavonski Brod, Zagreb, Osijek)

Židovske općine u Hrvatskoj - stradali Židovi i Sinagoge



Židovska općina Križevci 1930.

Židovska gradačac osnovana godine	1849.
Šinagoga izgrađena godine	1894.
Broj Židova općine	62
Broj "Mala" židovstvo i njihove obitelji	210
Broj djece u školiama	31
Broj Židova	1
Broj preduzeća	2
Broj gradskih članovika	1
Broj mandatarstva u gradskom zastupstvu	Aleksandar Goldschmidt
Predsjednik Židovske općine	
Hevrat kadisa, predsjednik	Jakob Hirsch
Rabin	dr. Jakob Enger
Kantor	Lazar Schlesinger
Gospodarsko društvo	Leopold Schlesinger
Cionističko udruženje	David Hirszfeld
Omladinsko udruženje "Bez Ženot"	Robert Pfeffer
	Zdenko Hirsch



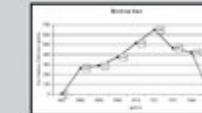
Židovska općina Rijeka 1930.

Židovska općina osnovana godine	1791.
Židovska gradačac osnovana godine	1838.
Šinagoga izgrađena godine	1903.
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Broj Židova općine 1800.-1900.	Broj Židova općine 1900.-1930.
Broj Židova općine 1930.	Broj Židova općine 1930.
Predsjednik Židovske općine	David Klein
Kantor	Giuseppe Frank
Predsjednik ortodoksnog zastupstva	Emanuel Berger
Rabin ortodoksanog zastupstva	Mehr Lipschitz



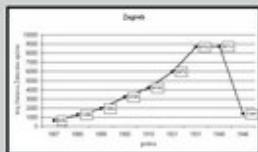
Židovska općina Slavonski Brod 1930.

Židovska općina osnovana godine	1873.
Židovska gradačac osnovana godine	1896.
Šinagoga izgrađena godine	1896.
Broj Židova općine	177.
Broj "Mala" židovstvo i njihove obitelji	418
Broj djece u školiama	396
Broj Židova	2
Broj gradskih članovika	4
Predsjednik Židovske općine	dr. Josip Abramovits
Hevrat Kadisa, predsjednik	Sandor Krauss
Rabin	dr. L. Weisberger
Kantor	Berta Zadra
Gospodarsko društvo	Lazar Mark
Cionističko udruženje	Rudolf Fuchs
Omladinsko udruženje	Nelly Kohn i Stanko Weiss



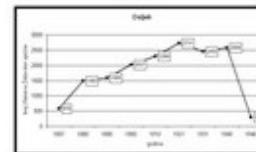
Židovska općina Zagreb 1930.

Židovska gradačac osnovana godine	1878.
Šinagoga izgrađena godine	1892.
Broj Židova općine	2740
Broj Židova sefardske općine	121
Broj "Mala" židovstvo i njihove obitelji	10000
Broj djece u školiama	520
Broj polaznika Židovske škole	232
Broj Židova	40
Broj Židova	70
Broj Židova	65
Broj Židova	55
Broj Židova	3
Predsjednik Židovske općine	dr. Hugo Kohn
Potpredsjednik	dr. Lovroš Šik i dr. Lav Štern
Predsjednik ortodoksnog općine	Lavoslav Rothstein
Potpredsjednik	dr. Leo Plachter i J. Hollman
Predsjednik hrama	Anton Sacher
Predsjednik	David Goldberger, Adolf Haas,
Grafaj	Lavoslav Schulman i Ignjat Weiser
Službenici u kancetariji	Lavoslav Hamberger i
Hevrat kadisa, predsjednik	Ela Ebenfreund
Nadštetnut	Sandor B. pt. Aleksander
Rabin	Hevrat Gospodarske
Kantor	dr. Gavril Schöniger
Kantor ortodoksnog općine	dr. Mojsije Margel
Vježbeni odbor za škole	Ferdinand Jura, Josip Weismann, Isaak Wendl
Predsjednik odbora za upravu	I Samojele Singer
Predsjednik odbora za socijalno-dobrobitne установе	Moses
	dr. Marko Proferger
	dr. Stjepan Šimonić
	Eugen Bošić
	dr. Drag. Zweibaum i Jakob Lachmann



Židovska općina Osijek (gornji grad) 1930.

Židovska općina osnovana godine	1849.
Židovska gradačac osnovana godine	1860.
Šinagoga izgrađena godine	1880.
Broj Židova općine	702
Broj "Mala" židovstvo i njihove obitelji	3029
Židovska škola	80
Broj djece u školiama (počeci i srednje)	265
Broj Židova	23
Broj Židova	23
Broj Židova	24
Predsjednik Židovske općine	3
Hevrat kadisa, predsjednik	dr. Hugo Spitzer
Rabin	dr. Josip Horn
Nadštetnut	dr. Stjepan Ugar
Kantor	Jakob Steiner
	Arnold Kilićki



Židovske općine u Križevcima, Rijeci, Slavonskom Brodu, Zagrebu i Osijeku stradale u Holokaustu

Spašeni štićenici staračkog doma na povratku iz Brezovice (imanje kardinala Stepinca) u Zagreb



Old Holocaust survivors at the time of return to Zagreb - they survived on the estate of Cardinal Stepinac

Prigodna izložba knjiga

From the book exhibition





Dinner

Večera

**On the left- Mrs Gulpolt-president of Jewish women in Slovenia with the members of the
Jewish community in Zagreb**
**Prva lijevo gospođa Gumpolt, predsjednica židovskih žena Slovenije sa članovima
Židovske općine u Zagrebu**



Dinner

**Delegates from Poland Lantner Tereza and Hofmokl Jadwiga
and from Slovakia Miriam Galova and Anita Podhorna
Delegati iz Poljske i Slovačke**



**Delegates from Italy Paolo Ruggero Jena with wife and Mrs. Haberman Anamaria (Milano)
with Dr. Polak-Babić Jelica, president od Senior club**

Delegati iz Italije sa dr. Polak-Babić Jelicom , predsjednicom Kluba seniora



**Delegates from Community in Osijek Fisher Darko with wife and Štrapac Joland
with Suzan Polack (London but from Hungary origin) and hungarian speaking members of community
On the right Bjanka Auslender vicepresident of Union of Jewish women in Croatia
Delegati iz Osijeka sa goćom I Londona I članovima općine koji govore mađarski
Desno Bjanka Auslender, potpredsjednica Unije židovskih žena Hrvatske**

**Neda Wiesler established Or HaShamesh
Israeli dance group**



Neda Wiesler je osnovala plesnu grupu Orhashemesh





Meeting of the EUAS Executive board in the conference room . On the wall photos of the former rabbis Sastanak Izvršnog odbora EUAS. Na zidu slike nekadašnjih rabina.



EUAS president Max Arpels Lezer and secretary dr. Melita Švob
Predsjednik Max Arpels Lezer i sekretarica dr. Melita Švob

Participant enjoyed in performances of the Israeli dance group "Or Hashemesh"
Učesnici konferencije uživaju u predstavi plesne grupe "Or hašemeš"





Concert of Sephardic song -Saša Kabiljo
Koncert sefardskih pjesama - Saša Kabiljo



**Concert Kletzmer jazz quartet- Neven Tabaković
Koncert Kletzmer jazz kvarteta Nevena Tabakovića**



Changes in Europe and integration into European Union brought great political, economic and social changes, particularly in the countries which used to be located behind the "Iron Curtain". This also effects the position of the Jews.

However, the position of the Jews in various European countries varies, as does the financial support provided by the Claims conference (pensions, social funds), as well as the return of stolen property.

Because of that, it is important for EUAS to assemble the organizations of all European countries and, in an organized manner, jointly ask for equal right for all the Jewish Holocaust survivors, regardless of the country where they reside. This is the task of this conference.

These were also the questions discussed by the executive board of the EUAS (alongside other organizational issues).

The Board also suggested the conclusions which we are bringing here. These conclusions will also be important to the following Conference of the World federation which will take place in Virginia, USA.

We also bring you letters of thanks from the president of EUAS, Mr. Max Arpels Lezer and other participants as well as "Highlights" from the Conference illustrated by numerous (amateur) photographs.

Promjene u Evropi te ujedinjenje u Evropsku zajednicu donose velike političke, ekonomске i društvene promjene, osobito u zemljama koje su bile iza "željezne zavjese", što se odražava i na položaj Židova.

No položaj Židova u evropskim zemljama je različit, a različite su čak i potpore Claims konferencije (penzije, socijalni fondovi), kao i povratak otete imovine.

Zbog toga je važno da EUAS okupi organizacije iz svih evropskih zemalja te da zajednički i organizirano traži jednaka prava za sve Židove koji su preživjeli Holokaust, bez obzira u kojoj zemlji danas žive, a to je i zadaća ove konferencije.

O tome je raspravljao i Izvršni odbor EUAS-a (uz druga organizaciona pitanja) i predložio zaključke koje je prihvatile konferencija i koje ovdje donosimo.

Ti zaključci su također važni za slijedeću konferenciju Svjetske federacije u Virginiji, u Americi.

U prilogu donosimo pisma zahvale predsjednika EUAS-a gospodina Maxa Arpelsa Lezera i drugih sudionika, kao i "događaje" sa Konferencije ilustrirane brojnim (amaterskim) fotografijama.



Closing the Conference EUAS president and secretary proposing conclusions
Zatvaranje konferencije- predsjednik i sekretarica predlažu zaključke

Conclusions of the conference

- EUAS office (seats) will be moved from Bratislava to Amsterdam
- President Max Arpels Lezer has been reelected for years 2009/2010
- Membership fees for all organization will be the same (50 Euro/Year)
- New members will be accepted from Jewish communities of ex-Yugoslavia. They should send their "resolution to join EUAS"
- Questionnaire about address, president, number of member etc will be send to all organization
- Data base , network and electronic accessible EUAS newspaper will be established
- European organization of Holocaust child survivors (EUAS), as umbrella organization, will be not member of WF (one another umbrella organization)
- EUAS will ask membership (seat) in Claims conference board
- Resolution was accepted that CEEF pension for Holocaust survivors should be the same in all European countries
- In the process of education about Holocaust should be included communities and Holocaust survivors
- Each organization can apply for their funding
- Next conference - in Warsaw in September 2009
- Max Arpels Lezer, and Henry Obsfeld will attend WF conference, in November 2008, in Virginia, especially panel about East Europe and panel about Jewish cemeteries
- Participants of the Conference thanks for good organization to the Association of Holocaust survivors in Croatia and their president Melita Svob and to the Jewish community in Zagreb.

Zaključci konferencije

- Ured EUASA će se premjestiti iz Bratislave u Amsterdam
- Predsjednik Max Arpels Lezer je reizabran za godine 2009/2010
- Članarina EUASA je 50 Eura na godinu i jednaka je za sve organizacije- članice
- Prihvatići će se novi članovi iz Židovskih zajednica Ex-Jugoslavije. Oni trebaju poslati svoju «odluku da se pridruže EUAS-u»
- U sve organizacije poslati će se upitnik o njihovoj organizaciji: adresi, broju članova, predsjedniku..
- Ustanoviti će se baza podataka, suradnička mreža i elektronski (Internet) časopis
- Evropska organizacija preživjelih Holokausta je krovna (umbrella) organizacija i kao takva nemože biti član Svjetske Federacije (WF), koja je također krovna organizacija.
- EUAS će tražiti članstvo (mjesto) u odboru Claims konferencije
- Prihvaćena je rezolucija da CEEF penzije za osobe koje su preživjele Holokaust trebaju biti jednake u svim evropskim zemljama.
- U proces edukacije o Holokaustu trebaju biti uključene zajednice i Holokaust preživjeli
- Svaka organizacija može konkurirati za financiranje
- Slijedeća konferencija biti će 2009. godine u Varšavi
- Max Arpels Lezer i Henry Obsfeld učestvovati će na WF konferenciji u Virginiji, u studenom 2008, osobito na panelu o Istočnoj Evropi i panelu o židovskim grobljima
- Učesnici konferencije se zahvaljuju za dobru organizaciju Udrudi Holokaust preživjelih u Hrvatskoj, njenoj predsjednici dr. Meliti Švob i Židovskoj općini u Zagrebu

Dear friends of the Association of Holocaust survivors in Zagreb,

When I returned 2 days ago from Zagreb, I was constantly thinking about the wonderful and warm reception all our members have received from your organization.

I was very much impressed about all the work you have done, the preparations, the print work, and especially the delicious food which was served to all of us. Kol Hakavod.

I also hold the deepest respect for our secretary Mrs. Melita Svob who did a wonderful job organizing our annual conference, being very active during the days, having a clear watch on everything that needed to be done. Her translations during the speeches were top class.

Thanks to all of you we can look back to a very productive and successful conference of the European Association of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust.

Personally I will never forget all the friendly and warm people I had the privilege to meet in Zagreb during the weekend of 10-12 October 2008.

With best and warmest regards.

Max Arpels Lezer, president
European Association of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust

Dear Dr Kraus,

We have had the pleasure of attending in Zagreb the 2008 conference of the European Association of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust. It has been a succesfull and wonderfull experience.

From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of all participants I thank you for the warm welcome and the assistance from your people we enjoyed in the Jewish Community Centre in your beautifull city.

Without the help of all these volunteers it would have been hardly possible to make our anual meeting to a succes.

I hold the greatest respect for your organisation and your volunteers.

Chak Sameach and with best regards.

Max Arpels Lezer, president
European Association Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust

Dear Melita,

I hasten to write to say thanks for everything. The Conference was simply wonderful to the smallest detail. I arrived very late early morning (3 a.m.), because of delays in the airports. But here I am, home again. I'll send my revised lecture as soon as possible.

Keep well, and rest alittle after this enormous effort.All the best
for Succot and Simchat Tora. Love Karmela

Dragi prijatelji iz Udruge Holokaust preživjelih u Zagrebu

Kada sam se vratio prije 2 dana iz Zagreba, stalno mislim o izvanrednom i toplom prijemu Vaše organizacije za sve naše članove.

Ja sma veom impresioniran svime što je učinjeno, pripremama, štampanim materijalima i specijalno izvrsnoj hrani koja nam je servirana. Kol Hakavod.

I također imam najdublje poštovanje za našu sekretaricu melitu Švob koja je odradila izvrstan posao organizirajući našu godišnju Konferenciju, koja je bila veoma aktivna tokom svih dana i imala Jasan pregled svega što je trebalo učiniti. Njezini prijevodi u toku govora su bili vrhunski.

Zahvaljujući svima vama mi možemo imati stanovište da je konferencija European Association of Jewish Child survivors of the Holocaust bila produktivna i uspješna.

Osobno, ja neću nikad zaboraviti sve prijateljske i tople ljudi koje sam imaju privilegiju susresti u Zagrebu u toku vikenda 10-12 listopada 2008.

Sa najboljim i toplim pozdravima
Max Arpels Lezer, predsjednik
European Association of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust

Dragi dr. Kraus

Mi smo imali zadovoljstvo da sudjelujemo u Zagrebu u 2008 Konferenciji Euroepan Association of Jewish Child survivors of the Holocaust. To je bilo izvanredno i uspješno iskustvo.

Iz dubine svog srca i u ime svih učesnika, ja Vam zahvaljujem na toj dobrodošlici i pomoći Vaših članova, koju smo uživali u Židovskoj općini u Vašem lijepom gradu.

Bez pomoći svih Vaših volontera bilo bi teško učiniti uspješnom našu godišnju konferenciju
Ja imam najdublje poštovanje za Vašu organizaciju i Vaše volontere Chak Sameach uz najljepše pozdrave

Max Arpels Lezer, predsjednik
European Association Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust

Draga Melita.

Želim napisati i kazati hvala za sve. Konferencija je jednostavno bila izvrsna sve do najmanjih detalja. Ja sam stigla kasno kući.....
Poslati ću svoje revidirano predavanje što je prije moguće.

Budi dobro i malo se odmori nakon tih enormnih npora.
Sve najbolje za Succot i Simchat Tora.
Srdačno Karmela