

Holocaust Remembrance activities – High School of Glydafa in Greece

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Jewish Greeks Program at the 6th Lyceum of Glydafa

For four conservative years, our school, the 6th Lyceum of Glyfada has been running a program called 'Jewish Greeks' with quite a high percentage of attendance. The Last 3 years I participate as a supervisor teacher of my school.

To be more specific, the Ministry of education organises an annual competition in collaboration with the Jewish Museum. In this competition, teams of students produce short videos about the Jewish Holocaust.

Our school, has been participating with numerous teams throughout these years, many of which have won and had the opportunity to visit Auschwitz. More specific the Last four years 23 students distinguished and visited Auschwitz.

Crocus Project

Our students, within the program's guidelines, they participate in the verified by the Ministry of Education activity named 'Crocus', which is inextricably linked with the Holocaust, and therefore, our program.

To be more specific, our pupils plant flowers in order to honor the lives of the young children lost during the Holocaust.

The primary aim of this activity is to raise awareness about the brutality of the Holocaust. This way, students of our school, not only beautify their surroundings, but also learn about the meaning of the yellow colour to the Jews.

According to Nazi's orders, Jewish people were forced to wear a yellow badge after the age of seven years, so with these yellow, blooming flowers we wish to educate the participants of the program about the horrid conditions under which these people lived. Students learn about how due to the Holocaust's monstrosity, innocent lives were lost, Jews were tortured or became guinea pigs in the name of the Nazi's ferociousness.

Restion

Additionally, our students visited the center called Restion, which houses elderly survivors of the Holocaust, who in order to survive were hiding during these times and had created false identities with the aim of disappearing completely to protect themselves.

The participants had the chance to meet them, have a conversation with them, ask them questions while simultaneously the survivors shared their stories, vividly illustrating the horrors they went through to stay alive.

Jewish Museum of Greece

Moreover, our school's children also visited the Jewish Museum of Greece and were given a tour from historical experts who also added pieces of their knowledge needed to raise awareness and to create the video required to participate in the Panhellenic Competition, organised by the Ministry of Education for five consecutive years, in collaboration with the Jewish Museum of course.

The Holocaust and the Greek Jews Competition

This competition's name is 'The Holocaust and the Greek Jews', and our school, as previously mentioned, has been participating with numerous teams throughout these years and has had the honour of winning each and every single year.

In 2018-2019 school year, we organised seminars during school hours with which we informed approximately 90 students.

The students who decided to partake in this competition, and as a direct result in all the activities related to it were 24, and 8 videos were created.

One of these awarded videos you are going to watch now :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i33R9qIqQjs&feature=share>

When the students return from the educational trip, from Auschwitz, they prepare a video about their experience. One of those you are going to watch now:

<https://youtu.be/xrsIBBWEUXQ>

Also in the end of the competition all of the awarded students visit the Ministry of Education to share their experiences, their emotions and their feelings that they obtain from Auschwitz among the others and the minister of Education.