

THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

“Teaching the Shoah and Antisemitism”

Summer International Seminar

June 30 – July 18, 2019

A Unique Seminar for English speaking educators from around the world to study at the
International School for Holocaust Studies
Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel

Rabbi Ishmael says:

...One studies in order to teach

one is granted the opportunity to study and to teach;

but if one studies in order to practice,

*one is granted the opportunity to study and to teach,
to observe and to practice.*

Pirke Avot (The Sayings of the Fathers)

Since 1981 thousands of educators from all over the world have completed the International Seminar – *Teaching the Shoah and Antisemitism* at the International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem.

Seminar Structure

More than half a century has passed since the almost total destruction of European Jewry. New research has been published based on information previously unavailable. New materials have been produced to help us learn and teach about the everyday life of the Jewish people and the Jewish communities that were destroyed.

This seminar takes place six days a week: Sunday to Thursday - 08:30-17:00 and on Friday, the lectures end by 14:00.

The seminar is both physically and emotionally taxing. A typical day's activities could include lectures, pedagogic workshops, group discussions, and survivor testimonies. The hours are long and the materials presented – both the academic and the pedagogic – requires a high degree of concentration and commitment. Participants are required to prepare themselves adequately by reading as much background material as possible. Recommended reading materials will be sent to the participant upon acceptance to the seminar.

In order to enrich this 140 hour program – and to get you out of the classroom, we have included field trips – in Jerusalem, Christian and Jewish Holy sites, a visit to the Ghetto Fighters' Museum in the North of Israel, a trip to both the Palmach and Diaspora Museums in Tel Aviv, as well as a trip to Massada and the Dead Sea .

This seminar is accredited by the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and a participant can receive up to four MA credits from HU.

Seton Hill University, Greensburg, PA will award three MA credits. Either option is contingent upon the completion of a required work post seminar and **payment** to the respective institution.

The Uniqueness of a Seminar at Yad Vashem

By attending this seminar at Yad Vashem you will be able to take advantage of everything that is unique to this exceptional place on *Har Hazikaron* – The Mount of Remembrance – in Jerusalem. In addition to exploring our museums, the Valley of Communities and other sites at Yad Vashem, participants will be able to access the wide range of materials located in our archives, library, Hall of Names and the Pedagogic Resource Center. You will also meet and have the opportunity to discuss teaching the Holocaust with educators from all over the world.

Quotes from participants of previous seminars

The state of Florida requires Holocaust education in the public schools but does not really mandate when and how much that education entails, so it is usually incorporated into world history and American history courses. I am inviting all of our social sciences and English teachers to participate so they can learn how to use the Yad Vashem website as a resource. I will also be sharing numerous stories about my time in Israel and what I learned. I have been to countless professional development trainings over the years (thirty and counting!) and NONE even come close to the wealth of information I gained during the nineteen days I spent with you and all of the other excellent scholars at Yad Vashem.

Patrick Nolan, 2016

As I am sitting here on my planning period, culling through the 54 pages of notes I took at Yad Vashem, using two of the resources I purchased there, adding so much depth to a lesson I have always taught on the Warsaw ghetto, I am astounded again at the opportunity I was given this summer. I am a person of many, many words, but I have a hard time even coming up with the words to express the ways in which those three weeks have changed and affected my teaching and my life. I want to send you a more official thank you later, but please know that y'all are doing the most amazing thing there every time you bring teachers in and bestow this knowledge on them. I am so, so thankful. To every single speaker and to all of you... you amaze me.

Athena Davis, 2015

Seminar Cost, Applying and More Information

Tuition: \$1300 - It does **not** include payment for MA credits.

Hotel accommodation: bed and breakfast: **The Prima Kings Hotel**

Approx: \$113 per day in a single room

Approx: \$70 per day per person in a double room

Please click on the on line application form. For more details about the summer international seminar, please contact:

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