

LIVING BRIDGE FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 2014

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A. INFORMATION ABOUT FOUNDATION

Living Bridge Foundation was established by Mr Boaz Ben Zion Yardeni called the Founder, by a notarial deed prepared by Rafał Skup the assistant of the notary Marek Zieliński in the notary chancellery in Warsaw, Jagiellońska 6/15 St. on 06.08.2012 on the basis of the Polish legal act about Foundations from 6.04.1984 (Dz.U.1991, Nr 46, poz. 203 with later updates) and the articles of the foundation. Foundation address is Puławska 114/12 St., 02-620 Warsaw, Poland.

Foundation was registered in the National Court Register – Register of Foundations and Associations on 02.08.2013 under number 0000468664.

The Foundation has been inscribed in the National Court Register – Register of Associations and Register of Entrepreneurs under the KRS number 0000468664 on August 2nd, 2013 in the Local Court for Warsaw with a seat in Warsaw, XII Economic Department of the National Court Register.

The Foundation operates under the Statistical ID Number **REGON 146814011**. The Foundation operates under the Tax ID Number **NIP 108-001-56-58**.

Members of the Foundation's Board: Boaz Ben Zion Yardeni, Yosef Erez, Dominika Magdalena Zakrzewska, Vera Korsunsky.

Time of the Foundation's operation: Unlimited.

For the purpose of cooperation with foreign entities the Foundation can use translations of its name in various foreign languages.

The objectives of the Foundation's activities are as follows:

1. Promoting international, inter-cultural and interdenominational dialogue.
2. Fighting with existing stereotypes and bias and preventing the forming of new ones, as well as conducting scientific research on the preconditions of their creation and on the effectiveness of methods employed to prevent their negative impact.
3. Creating an appropriate environment for the creation of constructive relationships between Poles and other nations.
4. Promoting the strengthening and development of positive Polish-Israeli and Polish-Jewish relationships.
5. Preserving a positive image of Poland.
6. Promoting Polish culture and knowledge about Poland abroad.
7. Fighting with all instances of discrimination.
8. Fostering leadership skills.
9. Promoting knowledge about the culture and customs of other nations and ethnic groups.
10. Strengthening cooperation at an international level.
11. Promoting ideals of mediation and tolerance.
12. Promoting and strengthening an approach focused on active cooperation with the aim of developing a civic society.
13. Supporting young people in fulfilling their potential.

The Foundation's statutory activities are as follows:

1. Organization and conducting conferences, workshops, symposiums, seminars, study visits, coaching sessions, foreign exchange programs, festivals, training sessions, culture days, lectures, stipend programs.
2. Conducting inter-cultural education.
3. Organization and conducting educational programs.
4. Creating original educational programs.
5. Visits in educational, cultural and academic institutions.
6. Conducting educational, publishing and research-related activities.
7. Cooperation with local and governmental authorities and with NGOs in the scope of the Foundation's objectives as stated above.
8. Providing support in establishing partnership contacts between educational, social and cultural institutions in Poland and abroad.
9. Initiating and supporting innovatory solutions in various spheres of social life, especially with regards to inter-cultural education, inter-denominational dialogue, international cooperation, conflict-solving, promoting activities strengthening social responsibility.

B. FOUNDATION ACTIVITY

1. TIME PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT

The report was produced for the year 2014

2. FOUNDATION ACTIVITY IN THE YEAR 2014

During the last year Living Bridge Foundation carried out following activities:

- a) **LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - SEMINARS FOR ISRAELI EDUCATORS IN POLAND-** 6-months project (July-November) financed by Prime Minister Chancellery of Poland dedicated to Israeli and Polish educators dealing at work with the subject of Jewish heritage in Poland, to give them knowledge about the great achievements of Jewish community in Poland before the War and its greatest figures (like Janusz Korczak, Julian Tuwim, Mosze Isserles and many others) as well as learning about revival of Jewish life in Poland, its challenges and successes. Each weekly seminar consisted of a range of workshops, presentations, study visits, meetings and discussions. Last year in the program took part over 40 teachers from both countries – two 12-people groups from Israel and educators from Poland (from both Jewish and Christian community) who joined the group, some for all the time and some for exact activities.

- a) **MUZYCZNY DIALOG** – Cultural-artistic project co-financed by the Cultural Department of Warsaw, directed to Polish, Jewish and Israeli young musicians at the beginning of their carrier 10-days seminar preceded by two months preparations took place in Warsaw and attracted over 20 young artists (15 participants from Israel and 10 from Poland) who participated in various educational workshops about Jewish-Polish history and heritage and musical workshops with Polish artist Maria Pomianowska (the artistic director of Four Cultures Music Festiwal) The aim was to give participants possibility to meet their colleagues, learn together and from each other, train ability of working in international and intercultural team Project was concluded by giving 4 great concerts for Warsaw inhabitants.

- b) **HEBREV UNIVERSITY STUDENTS STUDY VISIT IN WARSAW** – Project financed by Sparkpro Israeli Organization, for a group of 15 Israeli students of foreign relations and politics who came to Poland to learn about its way to democracy, Polish- Israeli political and economical relations and revival of Jewish life in Poland by visiting all 5 Jewish congregations in Warsaw. Their study visit consisted of a wide range of meetings and discussions with representatives of Polish Parliament, Foreign Ministry, Educational Ministry, representatives of various non-governmental organizations, Jewish organizations and educational institutions like schools, universities and cultural centres.
- c) **FAMILY JOY OF SPRING EVES 2014** – family educational-artistic intercultural project dedicated to inhabitants of one of the Warsaw districts which main aim was to broaden knowledge about spring eves (Pesach and Easter) and connected with them customs in different denominations. It was also meant to give an opportunity for integration of local community coming from different cultural and religious background. It attracted over 60 participants in the age between 4 to 73. Project was financed by the Capital City of Warsaw – Office of Social Communication.
- d) **POLIN ROKEDET** - Weekend of Jewish and Israeli culture presenting dances, songs, cuisine, arts & crafts and aspects of Judaism like customs connected with holidays, Shabbat traditions and Kosher rules. Participated over 150 people from Poland and whole Europe. We invited instructors from Israel and Poland, who led various workshops and discussions. Project was financed by a participants fees and private donors. It was prepared in cooperation with Israeli Embassy in Poland and SportPlus Foundation.
- e) **FAMILY JOY OF WINTER EVES 2014** - family educational-artistic intercultural project dedicated to inhabitants of one of the Warsaw districts which main aim was to broaden knowledge about winter eves (Chanuka and Christmas) in various denominations and to give possibility for integrating local community members coming from various cultural and religious background. It attracted over 60 participants in the age between 4 to 73. Project was financed by the Capital City of Warsaw – Office of Social Communication.

All Foundation members are taking part actively in carried out projects and put a great efforts to serve more and more effectively public interest, strengthen civil society, develope intercultural dialog, create positive image of Poland and Poles of various background in abroad and disseminate knowledge about Poland.

ACCEPTED: Warsaw, 8.05.2015