



Haver Informal Jewish Educational Public Benefit Foundation

The word „Haver“ means friend in Hebrew just as in Hungarian.

Mission

By providing a wide range of information and knowledge about Judaism, Jewish culture and heritage as well as the Shoah, Haver Foundation seeks to dispel misbeliefs about Judaism and the Jewish people.

Goals

We aim to start an open and honest discussion and dialog between Jews and non-Jews that leads to tolerance and common understanding. It is essential to give special attention to the colorful modern Jewish life of the 21st century.

Only a thoughtful youth open to diversity can be immune to anti-Semitism and prejudices. The main objective of Haver's work and activities is to promote mutual respect between people and contribute to the cross-cultural dialogue.

What we do

- **Holocaust Memorial programs and activities**
- **Discussions with Holocaust survivors and memories of the Holocaust.** Discussions lead by young Jews with a Holocaust survivor. Our goal is to introduce non-Jews to the tragedy of the Holocaust. However, we offer more than just regular History classes. We believe that the true tragedy of the Holocaust reveals itself through the fate of the individuals.
- **Classes of Tolerance:** Interactive class and group discussions on tolerance and Jewish identity, dealing with the general

questions and consequences of anti-Semitism, racism and xenophobia.

- **Jewish tradition and Jewish culture:** We have come to realize the growing interest of the public in the Jewish Heritage putting a special emphasis on the relation of Israel and the countries of the Diaspora.
 - **Teacher-trainings**
 - **Contests, educational competitions**
 - **Film-club**

Foundation History

The founders of the Haver Informal Jewish Educational Public Benefit Foundation are Jews and non-Jews who wish to reach out to young people in the spirit of the name they chose. They believe that by organizing and conducting open discussions and lectures around the subject of Jews and Judaism, they can successfully fight prejudice and misconceptions about Jews and Judaism and promote increased levels of understanding and acceptance.

In Hungary anti-Semitism and anti-Semitic discourse has unfortunately a long and continuous history. Anti-Semitic phenomena can be seen in many different ways: we might minimize or overestimate their significance, but we definitely need to consider the impact of anti-Semitism not only on Jews but also on the society as a whole.

The Hungarian Court registered the Foundation on December 27, 2002.

About the Haver method

Haver raises questions and inspire people because - following the old Jewish tradition - a good question is worth more than many good answers. The Haver educators aim at opening dialogues that will eventually base the foundation of a much open and respectful world.

The people involved with the Haver Foundation are creating together a unique model and example of commitment, innovation, responsibility, accountability, efficiency and effectiveness. Voluntarism is a key element of the Foundation's work, where board members and educators are working together and thus contribute to achieve the vision, mission and goals of the organization. Taking into consideration the context of today's situation in Hungary, this is an outstanding achievement.



Based on the solid and stable ground provided by the board members in partnership with the volunteers of the Foundation, new innovative programs, activities, materials and channels of communication and dialog are in the process of development. The knowledge and values, based on the approach of foundation's work, is stimulating and creates the opportunity for reaching more students and teachers, and of having a greater impact at the community and society level.

There are several major areas that are relevant in achieving our mission and goals:

- A strong and committed volunteer team: training, motivation, supervision;
- Developing new and innovative educational materials;
- Developing new channels of communication and dialog;
- Establishing partnerships and cooperation with potential partners;

- Remaining an efficient and effective non-profit organization (thinking and planning strategically),
- Reaching the financial resources needed (fundraising strategy, donors and supporters) in order to plan, develop and implement accordingly.

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