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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA IN TEL AVIV

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Ambassador Sušnik presented Credentials to President Rivlin

On November 9, 2015, Ambassador Barbara Sušnik presented to the President of the State of Israel Mr. Reuven Rivlin her Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Slovenia to the State of Israel.

The Ceremony took place at the President's Residence in Jerusalem. During the meeting with the President that followed the official presentation of credentials, Ambassador Barbara Sušnik stressed the friendly relations between the countries and expressed her firm commitment to contributing to their further strengthening in all areas of mutually beneficial cooperation, particularly in trade, science and culture.



Photo: MFA

Slovenians made history in referendum 25 years ago

A quarter of a century ago, Slovenians decided on their future in a referendum on the country's independence. By voting almost unanimously in favour of splitting away from Yugoslavia on 23 December 1990, Slovenians opted for a better life, more democracy and more civil rights, a historian believes.

Slovenian Philosopher Dr. Slavoj Žižek in Israel

Lecture by the Slovene philosopher Slavoj Žižek "Who is dreaming and who is a realist in the Middle East", took place on 8 December 2015 at Khashabi Theater in Haifa.

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WHO IS DREAMING AND WHO IS A REALIST IN THE MIDDLE EAST?



Lecture by the philosopher
Slavoj Žižek

محاضرة للفيلسوف
سلافوي جيžك

8/12 20:00 Hosted by
Tue TAMER NAFAR
Khashabi Theatre

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Ticket price is 30 NIS - The theatre hall seats is limited, it is recommended to buy tickets in advance

Slovenia gets gold medal at International Swimming Competition

The Slovenian swimmer Damir Dugonjic won gold medal at LEN European Short Course Swimming Championship in Netanya, Israel, on 2 December 2015 (50 m Breaststroke - Men). Congratulations!

10 swimmers from Slovenia competed at the Championship that took place in Netanya from 2 to 6 December 2015.



Medal awards, Netanya. Photo: VTA

Slovenia at International Harp Contest

Congratulations to Eva Tomšič, winner of Third Prize at the 19th International Harp Contest which took place in Akko, Israel, 23 Nov-3 December.



Photo: <http://www.harpcontest-israel.org.il/>

Slovenian Artist Urška Savič at Israeli Center for Digital Art, Holon

Tobačna 001 Cultural Centre in Ljubljana and Israeli Center for Digital Art in Holon established a connection between their residency programs in 2012. Urška Savič is the fourth Slovenian artist to visit Israel. In the scope of the two months residency she created a collaborative project with young local artist. "Presence" was a two days action in an abandoned house in Jerusalem. Its documentation is presented in an exhibition that merges photography, sound, body movement and the video.



"Presence" exhibition. Ambassador Sušnik with Ms. Savič Photos: VTA

Slovenian Artist Aleksandra Vajd in Israel

Bezalel Master of Fine Arts hosted a workshop by Slovenian artist Aleksandra Vajd followed by a talk and exhibition on 20 December 2015.



Slovenian Architect Marjetica Potrč in Israel

Slovenian renowned Architect Marjetica Potrč attended the second annual conference of The Israeli Center for Digital Art, "Neighborhood as a Global Arena" 13-16 December 2015.

She was also hosted for a talk by The Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design hosted a, on 18 December 2015.



Slovenia - new member of the UN Human Rights Council

On 28 October 2015 Slovenia was elected to the Human Rights Council for the 2016–2018 periods by the UN General Assembly in New York. The success in the elections is an acknowledgement to Slovenia and its diplomacy, including its long-standing engagement in, and positive contribution to, the protection and implementation of human rights around the world.

The Human Rights Council is the central UN body for addressing various aspects of human rights and their observance worldwide. Slovenia has been a staunch supporter of efforts to enhance the work of the Council ever since its establishment in 2006, and will continue these endeavors in the future.



Slovenia will devote special attention to traditional human rights priorities: children's rights, gender equality and women's rights, the protection of vulnerable groups, human rights education, and links between the environment and human rights.

Slovenia will take up its duties on the HRC on 1 January 2016. Source: www.mzz.gov.si

Conference marking the first European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse

On 11 November 2015, The Slovenian National Assembly hosted a conference marking the first European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, entitled 'Child sexual abuse must not remain a taboo'. The purpose of the event is to promote measures and activities at all levels in full respect of the best interests of the child.

The conference, co-organized by the National Assembly, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, and Združenje proti spolnemu zlorabljanju (the Association against Sexual Abuse), aims at ending the silence on infringements of children's sexual integrity and raising public awareness of the issue and its impact on children, their families and the broader community. It urges decision-makers and implementing authorities of relevant governmental institutions and other state bodies to undertake commitments to more effectively prevent child sexual abuse and take decisive action when it occurs.

Source: www.mzz.gov.si

TOURISM

Slovenia - a popular tourist destination

Slovenia remains a popular destination among tourists as the number of both domestic and foreign tourists is increasing. Most tourists arrived from Germany and Austria and the most overnight stays were registered in health resorts.

The number of tourist arrivals in the first nine months of this year compared with the same period last year increased by 11.8 per cent to eight per cent of the increase in the number of overnight stays. In tourist accommodations in Slovenia in September, tourist arrivals numbered 361,290, or 9.7 percent more than in September of last year, and seven percent, or 895,437 overnight stays. The National Statistical Office reports 8.31 million overnight stays in the first nine months.

Foreign tourists in Slovenia generated 71 percent of all overnight stays. Most of them came from Germany (16 percent), Austria (13 percent), Italy (11 percent), and the United Kingdom and Israel (five percent).

Source: www.sta.si

ONE DESTINATION AT A TIME

Welcome to Ljubljana, the most beautiful European Green Capital 2016.

In October already over million overnight stays were recorded in Ljubljana. The estimate for all accommodation facilities in Ljubljana for the ten months is 1,057,713 overnight stays, which is 19% more than in the same period last year.



The increase of visitors confirms that Ljubljana remains a desired destination to which people also like to return. This year over one million overnight stays were achieved already in October, whereas last year this threshold was crossed in December. Namely, in the twelve months in 2014 there were 1,021,929 overnight stays recorded, and in the ten months of this year this number has already been exceeded by 35,700.

The Ljubljana Tourism is expecting a further increase in overnight stays up to the end of the year, as this year's festivities start one week earlier than in the previous years and, in addition to this, Ljubljana is known to be one of European capitals with most beautiful festive decorations. Taking into comparison the data from 2014, approximately 123,000 visitors in total stayed overnight during the last two months of the year.

This year Ljubljana as a congress tourism destination participated in trade shows in Frankfurt, Istanbul, London and Barcelona as well as in workshops in Paris, Zürich, Stockholm, Munich, Warsaw and Prague, in addition to Amsterdam and Brussels.
Source: <http://www.ljubljana.si/en>

Ljubljana is adorned with holiday lights and decorations. The December atmosphere will escalate to public open-air celebrations in the city's streets and squares



Christmas Lights in Ljubljana. Photo: Daniel Novakovič/STA
Source: <http://www.ljubljana.si/en>

Hannuka 2015 at Jewish Cultural Center Ljubljana

The Holiday of Hanuka was celebrated with festivities and candle lighting at the Jewish Cultural Center of Ljubljana in the presence of distinguished guests among whom the Former President of Slovenia, Dr. Danilo Türk and many community members.



Rabbi Ariel Haddad, Vladimir Vayda (JSS), Erika Fürst, Holocaust Survivor, are lighting the Menorah. Photo: JCC Ljubljana

Irena Zemljič Gajser: Emanation of symbols *Art exhibition 4 November - 31 December 2015*

Maribor artist Irena Zemljič Gajser is distinguished by her recognizable artistic style with which she researches predominately the inner structures of the both realistic and metaphysical micro cosmos. Correspondingly, the author remains faithful to her artistic expression even in her most recent cycle, in which she sets off on an intense artistic exploratory journey into the world of Jewish cultural heritage.

In her artwork, Irena Zemljič Gajser constantly moves between the abstract and the realistic whereat her colour range as well as artistic forms are mostly minimalistic. The author follows the same artistic expression also in her latest cycle "Emanation of Symbols" which is presenting the author's first solo series of art creations, entirely dedicated to an intense artistic exploration of Jewish cultural heritage.



Source: Maribor synagogue

UPCOMING EVENTS

In the framework of The Eurocup basketball games, Union Olimpija Ljubljana will play against Maccabbi Fox Tel Aviv on **January 6, 2016 at 21:00 at MENORA MIVTACHIM ARENA.**



THE EMBASSY OF SLOVENIA IS WISHING YOU A HAPPY 2016!



