

Dear Mr. Zukerman,

“Last week was as one big lesson for us, not only in drawing, but in friendship and communications...” Nastja Gorelik - a participant of the art forum *Jewish Shtetle Revival*.

The Union of Belarussian Jewish Public Associations and Communities would like to express our respect and gratitude to Mr. Kantor and to you for supporting the 2nd international art forum *Jewish Shtetle Revival* that took place in Belarus.

This is the second time the European Jewish Fund has provided funding for children from European Jewish communities to study and to create Jewish art together.

Fifteen participants from Macedonia, Moldova and Estonia traveled across Belarus, learning about local Jewish history in an experiential program with a far greater impact than just attending a lecture or reading a book.

During the art forum the participants learned to sketch, paint and draw in a variety of techniques, and learned how to make traditional Belarussian ceramic. The participants enjoyed making their own Hamsas, and making one together as a group. They traveled to places that still have an active Jewish community, and to old *shtetles* in Gorodok and Gorodeja that were silenced after the Holocaust, and they were deeply moved by what they saw.

Each participant received a medal for taking part in the 2nd international art forum *Jewish Shtetle Revival*, and it would be our honor to present a medal both to Mr. Kantor and to you in recognition of your generosity.

We cordially thank EJF for its support.

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