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#### Target group

Teachers and pupils of secondary education from Poland, Israel and Germany

#### Conditions for participation:

1. No participation fee will be charged.
2. A fee for meals and drinks may have to be paid during the seminars.
3. Schools will be provided with material free of charge.
4. Up to ten persons per country may attend the planned workshop. The participants will have to bear part of the costs. The amount depends on the financial support of third parties.

#### Information and advice

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*Experiencing the past – understanding the present  
– building the future*

**Poland – Israel – Germany**

**1 September 1939 and its consequences**

An interdisciplinary project with schools of the three countries in the school year 2009/10

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The year 2009 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German invasion of Poland. This is more than the mere date of the beginning of the Second World War. In Poland, a large number of concentration and extermination camps were built, in which most Jews (and other people) were killed. In Warsaw, two uprisings against the Nazi regime took place – the Polish and the Jewish uprising. Occupation and persecution/assassination have left traumatic marks, which affect even the present and which strain the relationships between the three countries, in particular to Germany.

What do we pass on to future generations? How can relationships improve and trust be built? What prospects does the enlarged Europe offer after the end of the Cold War?

This topic is particularly suitable for subjects like history, politics or religion and allows interdisciplinary working.

We are looking for schools which would like to participate in this project. Schools which already have partnerships in Poland and/or Israel or which are interested in establishing contacts are particularly welcome.

The project is intended for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade classes (secondary education).

The entire project will be accompanied, evaluated and documented. At the end of the school year 2009/10, the most important results and helpful aspects will be made available to all participants and those who are interested in them.

#### **Development and assistance of the project:**

Gerda E.H. Koch, Head of project

#### **Cooperation and continuous advice:**

Stiftung Neue Synagoge – Centrum Judaicum

Dr. Hermann Simon, Director, Berlin

#### **Information on the project**

- The project will last several months and cover several subjects.
- Schools, classes, study groups and/or single pupils of secondary education from Poland, Israel and Germany school are invited to take part.
- The project starts after the end of the summer holidays 2009 and ends during the second term of the school year 2009/10.
- The participants of the three countries will cooperate mainly via online contacts. For this purpose, a "virtual room" will be set up.
- Especially for preparation purposes and to enable direct exchange with colleagues, teachers in Germany may attend seminars taking place in centrally located places.
- Regional working groups may be set up to cooperate more closely. The groups will be accompanied by the heads of the project in Germany.
- Interim results will be presented and exchanged regularly by all participants. The results will be used in the course of the project. The periods in between may be organised freely by the schools. For example, requirements of curriculum may be included in the project or dealt with independently. At the beginning, the schools will inform how much time they are probably able to dedicate to the project.
- Direct contacts with the schools in the countries concerned are welcome. Already existing contacts shall be used; new and – if possible – long-term contacts shall be established.
- A workshop with representatives from the three countries is planned, first in Poland