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In this issue we focus on two sets of problems. The first of them is teaching after Auschwitz, in theory and practice, in school and at home, at memorials, in the heart, the imagination, the conscience. Authors from Poland, Canada, Germany and Israel share their reflections on this subject. The second regards Polish-Jewish relations in light of the Vatican document We remember: reflecting on the Shoah.

In addition there are literary essays and poems, book and exhibition news, memoirs and the regular features.

The next issue will address the fate of the Romany people in Auschwitz.

## ***INFORMATION BULLETIN***

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# MEMORIALS





A week of struggle against racism was concluded with a joint declaration adopted by the following nongovernmental organizations: the Ankra Foundation for Mutual Understanding Between Nations, *Jidete – A Jewish Open Journal*, the Ringo International Federation, the Polish Humanitarian Campaign, the Never Again Association, the Polish-Arab Friendship Association, the Islamic Religious Association and the Polish Work Foundation. In the declaration we read the following:

“We, representatives of nongovernmental organizations assembled on March 22, 1998, believe that opposition to racism is one of the most important challenges of our times.

“By racism we mean all discrimination, exclusion or restrictions because of race, religion, national or ethnic origin.

“We believe that racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism and intolerance are the result of a lack of a sense of social and economic security.

“We appeal to politicians to condemn racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism and intolerance, and to exclude from their groups those who express those attitudes.

“We appeal for adherence to the legal norms binding in Poland.

“We believe that the government should take steps to change the educational system so that it will form youth into people sensitive to every kind of discrimination. Frequently the source of racist behavior, including anti-Semitism, is a lack of reliable information, biased selection of the facts, and spurious commentary. We believe it essential to provide youth with objective historical and legal knowledge, and also to inculcate open and understanding attitudes.

“We appeal to everyone reading this text:

“If among your friends and acquaintances you observe racist attitudes, if you encounter a lack of tolerance, discrimination for any reason – protest!”

