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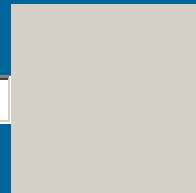
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Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, left, and Romanian Foreign Minister Mihai Razvan Ungureanu signing an agreement at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem yesterday. (AP)

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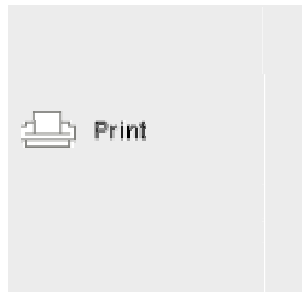
## Romania `has moral duty to teach Holocaust history'

By The Associated Press

Visiting Romanian Foreign Minister Mihai Razvan Ungureanu yesterday said his country is morally bound to teach its young about the country's role in the World War II slaughter of Jews, a chapter in Romanian history which was suppressed for decades by Communist governments.

Ungureanu, 36, studied Hebrew and Jewish studies at Britain's Oxford University before he was recruited to Romania's diplomatic service in 1998.

He said it was only in the 1990s, after the overthrow of Communist dictator Nicolae Ceaucescu, that young Romanian historians started to take an interest in the Holocaust, during which the regime of Marshal Ion Antonescu was responsible for the deaths of 280,000-380,000 Jews and more than 11,000 Gypsies.



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The previous Romanian government officially took responsibility last year for the wartime actions of Romanian authorities - the first such official admission - and promised to educate the public about the Holocaust. During Communist times, official history taught that Germans were the sole perpetrators of the Holocaust, ignoring the involvement of Romania's wartime leaders.

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"We know now - and acknowledge this - that we have a moral duty to warn and to try and make this generation understand ... about the systematic crimes of the past," Ungureanu said in an address at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

Earlier Monday, he met Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom and President Moshe Katsav.

In his university speech, Ungureanu said an institute for Holocaust studies and a memorial were planned for Bucharest.



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