

THE HOLOCAUST WAS COMMEMORATED YESTERDAY, IN SALAJ

The educational cultural institute of the region (judet) held a gathering on October 10, 2005 to commemorate the Holocaust, this tragic unmentionable event in human history when 6 million Jews perished. October 9, is the memorial day of Romanian Holocaust, the day when Jews first were deported from our country (Romania) specifically BASARABIA. The line of demonstrators was the debut of the symposium "A true human drama clouding the Holocaust." The event was organized by the Inspector Scholar of Region Salaj. The symposium was conceptualized as a demonstration to prevent the ugly events that took place during 1933-1944 from being forgotten. Between the participants were many representatives of young generation invited to learn of the big mistakes of the past to ensure that they will never be replicated again.

The young participants listed to presentations by the following: JOAN ABRUDADAN, Inspector School General, Prof. DUMITRUBARAJAC, Prof. VIOREL MARGINEAN, Prof. JOAN CIOCIAN, GRIGORE BUDA, Doctoral of Judaic Studies, and Dr. PAUL KATZ, President of in the Friendship Association between Romania and Israel, also JOAN POPA president of the Jewish Community in Salaj. They spoke about the large massacres of the Jews in our region that resulted in the death of 7,213 individuals; they were burnt in the ovens of Auschwitz-2/Birkenau. Mr. POPA said, "From the few survivors of the Holocaust in our region, four are alive. They were hidden by the Romanians and of those who illegally hid Jews during the Second World War, Mr. TRAIAN TURCAS from MESESENI-BELOW is alive. Participants at the symposium were informed of the growing movement of Anti-Semitism in our country (Romania). A documentary film entitled "HOLOCAUSTUL FORGET" was presented, after participants tasted Jewish MATZO specially brought from Israel for this occasion, by a representative of the community Judaism from Salaj.

Similar symposium, round table, book exposition, competition took place and a wreath was placed at the Jewish cemetery. The yesterday event in the region was organized by the United Educational Association, the Libraries and cities from the region, and the Museum of the Holocaust at Simleul-Silvaniei. Written by, OLIMPIA MAN

At the commemoration from the Gymnasia School "PETRI MOR" NUSFALAU participated from the students class I-VII, along with the educational staff. On the festivity day, with clear nice weather of autumn all who attended were invited by GROSS GHEORGHE, president of the Association "HEBRAICA" from NUSFALAU to hold a moment of silence in memory of victims of the Holocaust. Was present Professor GONCZI SANDOR, School Consul of Education. Professor ANTAL TIBOR presented to students historic facts of the Second World War. Mr. Gross reviewed these tragic events which brought extermination to millions of peaceful people without quilt. In his speech was mentioned the initial association what manages to repair the only synagogue in Salaj remained un-demolished at Simleul-Silvaniei; it's developed for a future of multi-cultural learning center and museum about the Holocaust. At the closing Mr. GROSS distributed books to students written by Elly Berkovits Gross "Copilarie la poalele Magurii – Elka," (English version) "Elka's Growing Up In A Changing World." Is dedicated "To many little girls and boys, their lives in the difficult years of 1930-1945 forever had been changed."

On the previous day a Rumanian flag with a black scarf was lifted at the faÁade of the Synagogue at Simleu. – It was a program for visitors to see the exposition about the Holocaust, students participated from SARMASAG, CRASNA, MEIERRISTE and PERECIN.

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