

EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND/OR VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS SUBORDINATED TO IT

The Ministry of Culture develops its own programs that aim at disseminating information about the Holocaust and the risks of intolerance through communication campaigns addressed to large audiences, and organizes interviews and debates with members of the Jewish community and historians. Events sponsored by the Ministry included:

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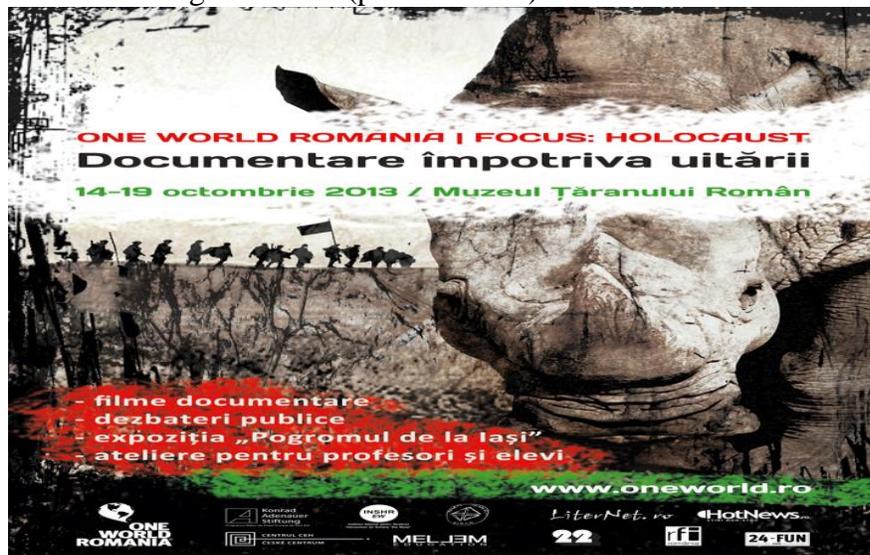
“*The power of civil society during the Holocaust: the Bulgarian story 1940-1944*”, exhibition organized by the Romanian National History Museum in cooperation with the Bulgarian Embassy in Bucharest on the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Bulgarian Jews.

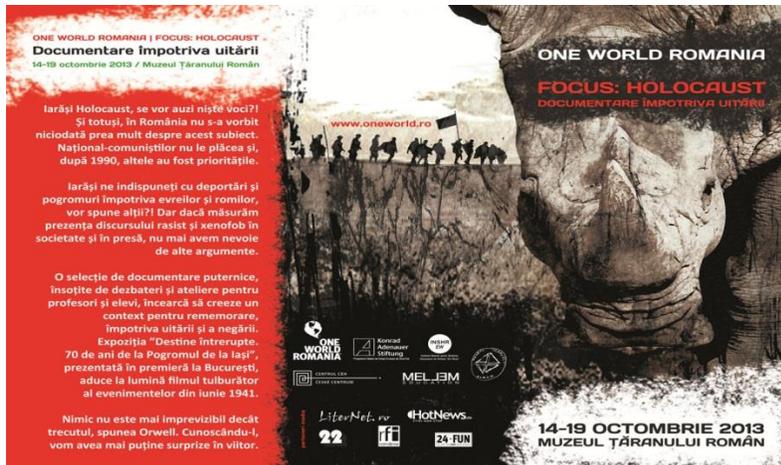
October 9, 2013

Specific events dedicated to the commemoration of the **Roma genocide** organized by the National Cultural Center of the Roma – Romano Kher.

October 14-20, 2013

“*Documentary against Forgetting: Focus Holocaust*”, exhibition organized by the Romanian National Village Museum (photos below).

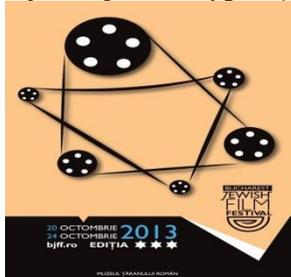




OTHER MEMORIAL EVENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

“The Bucharest Jewish Film Festival”, organized by the ART ROMO Foundation in cooperation with the National Council for Combating Discrimination and other partners. Part of a network of over 130 events organized throughout the world, the festival addresses both movie fans and the general public interested to know more about the Jewish cultural heritage. It also features art exhibitions, workshops and debates on Jewish themes, focused on promoting diversity or on various aspects of combating discrimination, reducing preconceptions and rejecting stereotypes (*festival logo below*).



The Association of Romanian Jews Victims of the Holocaust (Survivors Association)

An important role in Holocaust remembrance is played by the Association of Romanian Jews Victims of the Holocaust, whose members are among the most active participants in many related activities. The association co-produced a documentary film, "The Forgotten Holocaust", which, together with other educational materials, is now used in schools. It has also published a number of books, mostly for students but not only, and organized commemoration events. The survivors' testimonies have been recorded under various national and international projects.

Museums

Holocaust remembrance is also ensured by two specialized museums: the Holocaust Museum in Bucharest (established by the Federation of Romanian Jewish Communities in the "Great

Synagogue") and the Northern Transylvania Holocaust Memorial Museum in Simleu Silvaniei (established under a private initiative). Holocaust related temporary exhibitions organized by the Federation of Romanian Jewish Communities have also been exhibited by the National History Museum (2004) and the Ministry of Culture (2005). There is also an Elie Wiesel Memorial House in Sighet and a small Holocaust related exhibition in the Jewish museum of Iasi.

The inauguration of the Holocaust Memorial in Bucharest, October 8, 2009

The Romanian Holocaust Memorial was inaugurated in Bucharest on October 8, 2009, one day in advance of the National Holocaust Remembrance Day, because of the Jewish holidays. The monument, designed by Peter Jacobi, a German artist of Romanian origin who won the international contest organized by the Romanian authorities in 2006, following the recommendation of the "Elie Wiesel" International Commission for the Holocaust in Romania, consists of five pieces: an Epitaph, a Star of David, a Via Dolorosa, a Gypsy Wheel and a Column. The inauguration ceremony was attended by numerous ministers, politicians, public figures, etc., and included speeches by the Romanian President, Traian Basescu, Chief Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, Bucharest Rabbi Sorin Rosen, and two Holocaust survivors from Transnistria: Liviu Beris, representing the Association of Romanian Jews, Victims of the Holocaust, and Dumitru Tranca, representing the Roma people deported during World War II. Photos by Anca Ciuciu 2009.

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