

Commemorative events in the Republic of Macedonia on the occasion of 27th January – the International Holocaust Remembrance Day

1. Central event

- Commemorative ceremony was held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with opening addresses by the Minister of Culture Mrs. E. Kanceska-Milevska and Deputy MFA MFA Ms. D. Kiprijanovska.
- Also the ambassadors of the EU, Hungary, Israel and the Netherlands, the President of the Assembly of the Jewish Community in Macedonia and the Executive Director of the Youth Educational Forum addressed the ceremony.
- Two literature works awarded within the project “The Holocaust through the Lenses of the Children’s Eyes” were read by their young authors.
- The exhibition “Anne Frank – History for Today” organized by the Anne Frank House from Amsterdam and Youth Educational Forum from Skopje was opened in the main hall of the MFA. The exhibition will also be presented in the Holocaust Memorial center for the Jews of Macedonia (for a month) and after that it will travel in dozen cities of the country with the aim as many as possible pupils and student to visit it.
- The focus of the ceremony, a part of commemorating the Holocaust victims, was put on the young generation and in this context special guests were pupils (13-14 age) who participated in the project “The Holocaust through the Lenses of the Children’s Eyes” and who were seated in the first row of the lecture hall of the MFA, the moderator of the event was a first year student at the Law Faculty and the guides of the exhibition were trained students from several secondary schools.
- The ceremony was attended by representatives of the Government, Jewish Community, diplomatic core, academia, media, civil society etc. and received a large coverage in the media.

2. Other activities

- Prof. Leah Dabby – Chaki from Israel gave lectures on the theme “Stages in the Final Solutions” at the Diplomatic Academy of the MFA of the Republic of Macedonia, the University of South-East Europe in Tetovo, a secondary school in Skopje and in Bitola (27-29th January).

- A documentary film on Anna Frank was broadcasted at the Macedonian National TV (27th January).
- The Macedonian IHRA NC gave an interview for the Macedonian National TV (27th January).
- Several NGO throughout the country organized different work-shops devoted to the International Holocaust Remembrance Day (27-28th January).

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