

## REASONING

After the fall of communism, Romania experienced a resurrection of Jewish studies, a topic that used to be taboo previous to 1990. Various academic centers were opened for the study of Jewish history and culture (BA and MA), many young people opted for this specialization, including their choice of PhD topics.

The conference organized by the Romanian Cultural Institute in Tel Aviv, the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center, Tel Aviv University and A.M.I.R (United Organization of Romanian Jews in Israel) aims at bringing to the attention of the young Israeli audience lesser frequented topics in Romanian and Israeli historiography, concerning the common history of the Jewish community in Romania, and the community of Romanian-born Israelis, respectively.

The participants are specialists in history and sociology from universities and research institutes in the USA (**Radu Ioanid**), Romania (**Adrian Cioflâncă**, **Anca Ciuciu**, **Damiana Oțoiu**, **Andrei Muraru**) and Israel (**Raphael Vago**, **Leon Volovici**, **Zvi Hartman**, **Alexander Avram**, **Ronit Fisher**, **Gabriel Gurman**).

The conference is aimed at academics and students, specialized public and the long-time friends of RCI TA.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### History of the Romanian Jews in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Myth and Reality

November 6-7, 2011

Tel Aviv University

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 18:00 – 20:00, Cymbalista Center**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 09:00 – 18:00, Gilman Building, Room 496**



## Day 1

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 18:00 – 20:00, Cymbalista Center**

*18:00 – 18:30 Get Together, Cymbalista Center Hall*

### **18:30 – 19:30 Introductory remarks**

**Moderator: Dr. Simha Goldin**, Director of the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center, Tel Aviv University

**Menahem HaCohen**, former Chief Rabbi of Romania

**Dr. Radu Ioanid**, Director, International Archival Programs, USHMM, Washington D.C.

**H.E. Edward Iosiper**, Ambassador of Romania

**Dr. Gina Pană**, Director, Romanian Cultural Institute in Tel Aviv

**Micha Harish**, Chairman, United Organization of Romanian Jews in Israel

### **19:30 – 20:00 Lecture**

**Raphael Vago**, Tel Aviv University: **Vive la différence - the Short Distance between Myth and Reality – the Case of Romanian Jewry**

## DAY 2

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 09:00 – 18:00, Gilman Building, Room 496**

*09:00 – 09:30 Get Together, Gilman Building Hall*

### **09:30 – 12:30 First Panel**

**Moderator: Dr. Raphael Vago**

**Zvi Hartman**, University of Haifa: **The Jews in Interwar Transylvania – Trapped between Two Ethnic Groups: Romanian and Hungarian**

**Radu Ioanid**, USHMM, Washington, D.C.: **Holocaust in Romania & the Ransom of the Jews. Truth vs. Fiction**

**Adrian Cioflâncă**, A.D. Xenopol History Institute, Iași, Romania: **Urban Mythologies. Anti-Semitic Rumors, Diversion and Propaganda during the Iași Pogrom (June, 1941)**

**Leon Volovici**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem: **Historians Facing Collective Memory and Myths: the Case of Jean Ancel**

**Ronit Fisher**, University of Haifa: **The Romanian Chapter in the Unique Collective Memory of Czernowitz**

*12:30 – 13:30 Break*

### **13:30 – 17:30 Second Panel**

**Moderator: Dr. Leon Volovici**

**Damiana Oțoiu**, National Institute for the Memory of the Romanian Exile, Bucharest, Romania: **The Fate of Heirless Jewish Property in Romania after 2<sup>nd</sup> WW. Between Mimic Restitution and Nationalization**

**Andrei Muraru**, National Institute for the Memory of the Romanian Exile, Bucharest, Romania: **Collaboration on Trial: Jews as War Criminals in Romania**

**Anca Ciuciu**, Center for the Study of the History of Romanian Jewry, Bucharest, Romania: **Between Myth and Reality: The Jew, as an old Clothes Seller**

**Alexander Avram**, Yad Vashem Institute, Jerusalem: **A-typical Jewish Names: Romanian Surnames Used by Jews in the Old Kingdom**

**Gabriel Gurman**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev: **The Romanian Immigrant and its Depiction in Hebrew Literature**

*17:00 – 17:15 Coffee Break*

**17:00 – 18:00 Round table, Conclusions, Q & A (in Romanian)**

**Moderator: Dr. Radu Ioanid**