

THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF GREECE

INTERNATIONAL HISTORICAL CONFERENCE

RESISTANCE AND THE JEWS IN EUROPE 1939-1945

Athens, 29 & 30 May 2014

At the Cervantes Institute, Mitropoleos 23, Syntagma Sq.

Program

Thursday, May 29

13:00-13:30

Registration of participants

13:30-14:00

Introduction: Zanet Battinou, Director, Jewish Museum of Greece

Addresses: John Kittmer, Ambassador of the UK to Athens

Dr. Peter Schoof, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Athens

Aryeh Mekel, Ambassador of Israel

Makis Matsas, President of the Board of the Jewish Museum of Greece

AFTERNOON SESSION 14.00-16.00

Greek Jews in the Resistance Chair: Annette Wieviorka

14:00-14:25

Steven Bowman. Rescue and Resistance: The Greek Experience

14:25-14:50

Odette Varon-Vassard. The engagement of Greek Jews in the Resistance: Silence, Memory and Discourse

14:50-15:10 Coffee Break

15:10-15:35

Jason Chandrinos: "Synagonistis: Greek Jews in the National Resistance". Towards a Museum Exhibit

15:35-16:00 Questions - Discussion

18:00-19:00 Reception at the Jewish Museum of Greece - Guided tour of the Exhibitions

Friday, May 30

MORNING SESSION 10:00-12:00

French Resistance and the Jews Chair: Odette Varon-Vassard

10:00-10:25

Annette Wieviorka. The Jewish identity of Jews in the communist Resistance

10:25-10:50

Robert Gildea. The blood of others: Jews in the French Resistance

10:50-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-11:40

Philippe Boukara. Exceptions that confirm the rule? Resistance and the Rescue of Jews in Occupied France

11:40-12:05

Nili Keren. Resistance by Rescue: The case of Jewish Children in Occupied France

12:05-12:30 Questions – Discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

FIRST AFTERNOON SESSION 14:00-16:00

Atrocities and Survival in Eastern Europe Chair: Steven Bowman

14:00-14:25

Lea Preis. Family Camps in the Naliboki Forest and their Relation to the Soviet Partisan Movement

14:25-14:50

Yaacov Falkov. "Jews as a nation are exterminated, as everywhere else". The Murder of the USSR Jews as reflected in Intelligence Reports submitted by Soviet Partisans

14:50-15:15

Alexander Gogun. Indifference, distrust and exploitation. Soviet Partisans and the Holocaust in Ukraine 1941-1944

15:15-15:30 Questions - Discussion

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

SECOND AFTERNOON SESSION 16:00-18:00

Resistance in Ghettos and Camps Chair: Zanet Battinou

16:00-16:25

Sara Bender. Ghetto Uprisings – Reality or Myth? A Comparative Discussion

16:25-16:50

Gideon Greif. The Sonderkommando Uprising. New Facts, New Interpretation, New Insights

16:50-17:15

Haim Saadoun. Jewish Resistance in Algeria during the Second World War

17:15-17:40

Avihu Ronen. Women as leaders in the Jewish Underground in Poland

17:40-18:00 Questions – Discussion – Conclusions

End of Conference

Conference Organisational Committee:

Zanet Battinou (Director of the Jewish Museum of Greece)

Odette Varon – Vassard (Historian, Professor of History at the Hellenic Open University, Athens)

Jason Chandrinos (PhD cand. in History, Athens University - Special Researcher for the Jewish Museum of Greece)

Anastasia Loudarou (Archaeologist, MSc. PhD cand. in Ancient History – AUTH - Special Researcher for the Jewish Museum of Greece)

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