

Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies UCHS

www.holocaust.kiev.ua

INTRODUCTION

The **Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies** (UCHS) was established in **2002**. It is a **non-governmental** organization founded in partnership with I. Kuras Institute for Political and Ethnic Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

The UCHS participates in **international projects** in alliance with academic and educational institutions all over the world.



I.B. MEDVINSKY ALL-UKRAINIAN COMPETITION OF STUDENT RESEARCH AND ART WORKS “HISTORY AND LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST“

since 2001



section on Roma genocide in the
competition

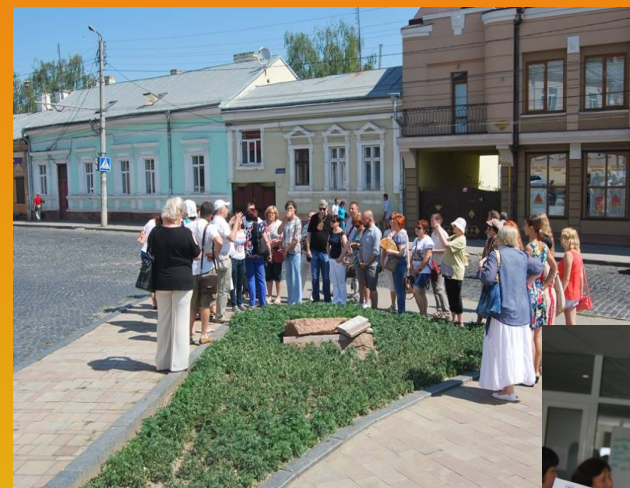


about 1500 pupils from all over Ukraine handed
in research, literature and art projects

under the support of the Embassy of Israel in Ukraine and Eurasian Jewish Congress,
section on Roma genocide supported by the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility, Future" (EVZ)

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR- SCHOOL IN HOLOCAUST STUDIES AND TEACHING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

week-long studies includes lectures, workshops, guided tours, discussions and film viewing



Kirovohrad, 2015

content by **historians and education professionals** from Ukraine and Israel

Chernivtsi	2016
Kirovohrad	2015
Chernihiv	2014
Poltava	2013
Khmelnitsky	2012
Cherkasy	2011
Kremenets	2010
Yaremche	2009
Odesa + Kharkiv	2008
Mukachevo	2007
Lviv	2006

Chernivtsi, 2016

450 teachers took part

under the support of the Embassy of Israel in Ukraine and Eurasian Jewish Congress



ANNUAL STUDY TRIP TO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES AT YAD VASHEM

annual **educational and methodical fellowship** for Ukrainian teachers of history and humanities



Jerusalem, 2015



Jerusalem, 2016

300 participants since 2006

in cooperation with Yad Vashem and under the support of the Embassy of Israel in Ukraine and the Eurasian Jewish Congress

ANNUAL R.KUWALEK STUDY TRIP „HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST IN UKRAINE AND POLAND“

annual educational and methodical study trip for teachers of history and humanities



9th Annual Study Trip in 2016

visiting **memorial places** in Lviv, Rava-Ruska, Lublin-
Majdanek, Sobibor, Belzec

275 participants since 2007

supported by American Jewish Committee and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany

ANNUAL STUDY TRIP “THE FATE OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF UKRAINE AND FRANCE: A COMPARISON”

educational and methodological study trip to **Memorial de la Shoah** for Ukrainian educators, scholars and multipliers



focus on history of the **Holocaust and genocide studies**



105 participants since 2008

joint project of Memorial de la Shoah (France) and UCHS

EDUCATIONAL COURSE “GENOCIDE OF JEWS IN EUROPE: PERSPECTIVES AND APPROACHES”



educational study trip for **students of history, postgraduate students and young researchers** to Berlin and the educational and memorial complex House of the Wannsee Conference



Kyiv, 2016



Berlin, 2016

pre-seminar: visiting memorial places in Kyiv such as Memorial Complex „Bykivnya Graves“, National Reserve „Babyn Yar“ and the Museum of History of Ukraine in WWII

exchange of opinions between Ukrainian and German historians on:

genocide studies

the phenomenon of **perpetrators**

memorial culture in Ukraine and Germany

105 participants since 2011

in association with the Museum and Memorial “House of the Wannsee Conference”, under the support of the German Embassy in Ukraine



THE HOLOCAUST AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS

integration of teaching about **Human Rights** and the **Holocaust** History

25 educators and history students

researching the **connections** between these topics

integrating the topics in the **school and university curriculum**



developing a series of lessons and other **educational materials** for the colleagues

2011/2012

in cooperation with the All-Ukrainian educational programme “Understanding Human Rights”, under the support of Matra Foundation and the Embassy of the Netherlands in Ukraine

DISSEMINATION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AGAINST ANTISEMITISM AND ANTIGYPSYISM

2016 – 2018

close **cooperation with in-service teacher training institutions** and local departments of education

main focus on:

manifestations of **antisemitism and antigypsyism in society**

working on combating certain types of **stereotypes and prejudices**

development and dissemination of **educational materials**



Seminar in Kyiv, 2016



Seminar in Vinnytsia, 2016

meeting **representatives** of a regional **Roma community**

discussing the phenomenon of **hate speech** and options for addressing it

supported by the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility, Future” (EVZ)

DISSEMINATION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AGAINST ANTISEMITISM AND ANTIGYPSYISM

twenty seminars will have taken place by the end of 2017



Seminar in Bila Tserkva, 2017

gathering **teachers' experience** in usage of the educational materials

evaluation of the **local needs** and wishes for combating antisemitism, antigypsyism and other forms of hatred

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“PROTECTING MEMORY“
PRESERVING AND MEMORIALIZING
THE HOLOCAUST MASS GRAVES
OF EASTERN EUROPE

protecting and memorializing the unmarked or falsely/insufficiently marked Jewish mass graves in Ukraine

2010 – 2015 **memorials** have been built in **five west Ukrainian locations** of Volhyn, Lviv and Rivne Oblasts



Dedication ceremony in Kyslyn, Volhyn Oblast



Memorial site near Bakhiv, Volhyn Oblast



Memorial site in Rava Ruska, Lviv Oblast

2016 – 2019 the project is taking place in
Vinnytsia and Zhytomyr Oblasts

financial and logistical support of the German MFA and Foundation Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

www.protecting-memory.org

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME:

historical and methodological **guidance for teachers**

teachers and students **research** on issues of Holocaust memory and Jewish life and history **in their own village/ town**



Students and teachers seminar in Lviv, 2014



Moderators of the dedication event in Kyslyyn, 2015

school projects e.g. school exhibitions, brochures, maps, witness statements, videos, several cleaned and/or marked grave sites etc.

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THE GENOCIDE OF ROMA DURING THE OCCUPATION OF UKRAINE (1941 – 1944): RESEARCH, TEACHING AND COMMEMORATION

three-year research and education project since 2013

research aims:

promoting the **search of documentary sources** and introducing them to scholarly use

recording **oral historic accounts** pertaining to the fate of the Roma



identifying Roma **mass murder sites** during World War II and their present-day condition

facilitating **research by local historians** on this topic

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www.romagenocide.com.ua



THE GENOCIDE OF ROMA DURING THE OCCUPATION OF UKRAINE (1941 – 1944): RESEARCH, TEACHING AND COMMEMORATION

educational goals:

the cooperation of **researchers with teachers** from educational institutions

development of **methodological materials** for teaching



involvement of **students in search** activities

recording **memories of the witnesses** of genocide against the Roma



Teachers seminar on genocide of Roma, 2014



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ANNUAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
“UKRAINIAN SOCIETY AND MEMORY
ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST: RESEARCH
AND EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS“

January 27 - International Holocaust Remembrance Day

encouraging **public discussion** on the Holocaust
commemoration in the Ukrainian society

fostering **research**

teaching about the Holocaust in Ukraine



9th annual round table discussion in Kyiv, 2016



10th annual round table discussion in Kyiv, 2017



in cooperation with Goethe-Institut Ukraine and under support of the Embassy of Israel in Ukraine

RESEARCH ISSUES

Historiography of the Holocaust

Regional peculiarities of the Holocaust within the territory of Ukraine

Tragedy of **Babyn Yar**

Antisemitic **propaganda in the local press** during Nazi occupation

Collaboration

Interdisciplinary **aspects** of the Holocaust

Problems of **antisemitism** and **denial** of the Holocaust

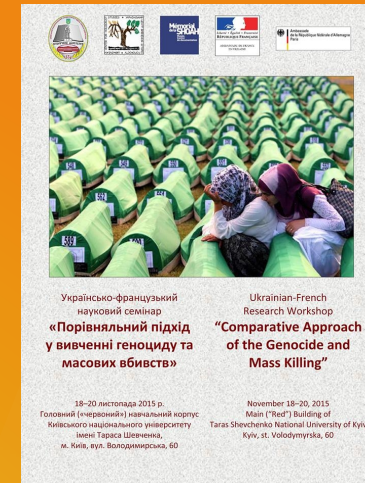
Research of the Holocaust and **genocide studies**

Nazi **genocide of Roma**

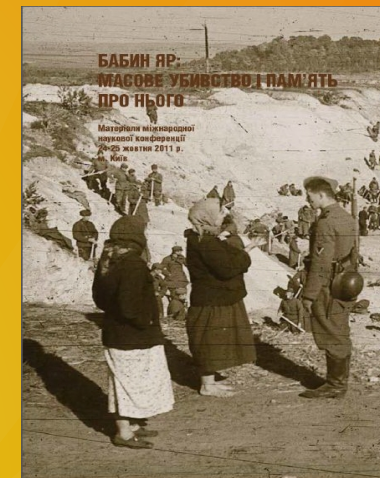
Analysis of Nazi **ideology** and the **mechanism of its realization** etc.



Conference "Roma Genocide in Ukraine during WWII: research, teaching, commemoration", 2016



Ukrainian-French research seminar "Comparative Approach of the Genocide and Mass Killings", 2015



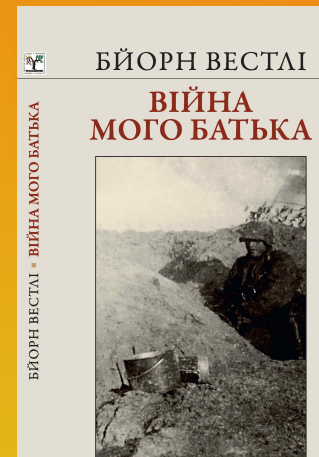
International conference "Babyn Yar. History and memory of a massacre", 2011

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

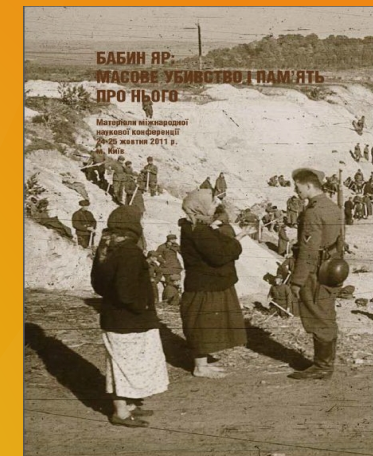
„The Genocide of Roma during the occupation of Ukraine (1941 – 1944): Research, Teaching and Commemoration“, 2016



“My Father’s War“ by Bjorn Westlie, 2014



“Persecution and mass murder of the Roma in Ukraine during the World War II: Collection of documents, testimonies and related materials“, 2013



“Babyn Yar. History and memory of a massacre“, 2011

Translation and publishing of scholarly publications e.g. „Erased“ by Omer Bartov, „Nazi Empire-Building and the Holocaust in Ukraine“ by Wendy Lower

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Interdisciplinary scholarly Journal “Holocaust and Modernity. Studies in Ukraine and the World“



issued twice a year with articles in Ukrainian and Russian and summaries in English since 2005

EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

international project with the OSCE/ODIHR and the Anne Frank House since 2008

teaching materials for Ukrainian high school students
on the topics of combating xenophobia, antisemitism
and racism



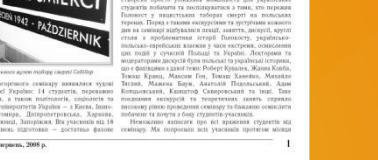
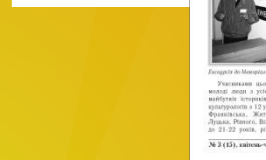
manual for teachers
“Antisemitism: old and new
prejudices“

EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

“History of the Holocaust: education and commemoration. Manual for teachers“, 2012



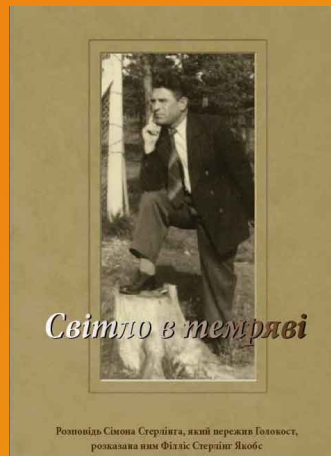
Educational manual “From the first person: History of the Holocaust in eye-witness statements”, 2014



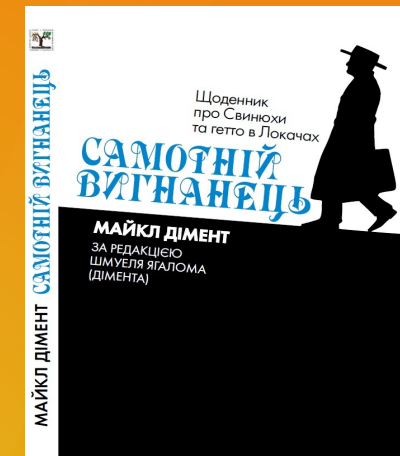
Information-pedagogical newsletter “Lessons of the Holocaust” issued every three months

LIBRARY OF THE HOLOCAUST MEMOIRS

Translation of “Light in the Darkness: A Survivor’s Story by Simon Sterling”, 2012



Translation of “The Lone Survivor: A Diary of the Lukacze Ghetto and Svyniukhy“ by Michael Diment, 2016



“It Was Here That I Felt a Human Again...” Historical and methodological materials to the documentary film “From Galicia to Aargau”, 2014

continuously new publications of **personal stories of survival** in Ukrainian

OUR LIBRARY

Holocaust in Ukraine and other European countries

works on many
interdisciplinary subjects,
e.g. psychology, literature,
language, art

genocide studies



since 2002

publications in Ukrainian,
Russian, Polish, English,
German

enlarging the possibilities to study Holocaust history and other genocides for the local **academic and pedagogical communities**

online catalogue available at www.uchslibrary.kiev.ua