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through the perspective of children

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## Monday, December 14

Free and open to the public

- 09:00**            **OPENING REMARKS**
- Marco Gonzalez, Executive Director of Yahad – In Unum
- Jordi Guixé Coromines, Director of the European Observatory on Memories
- Carme Panchón, Vice-President of the University of Barcelona
- KEYNOTE:**
- Overview of Nazi Policy on the Genocide of Children**  
Edouard Husson, University of Picardie - Jules Verne, Chairman of the Yahad – In Unum Scientific Committee
- 09:45**            **PANEL 1: THE GENOCIDE OF JEWISH CHILDREN : NAZI GUIDELINES**  
**Moderator: Edouard Husson**
- 09:45 - 10:05**    **The Nazi Perpetration of Violence and Mass Murder Against Jewish Children in the Ukraine, Poland, Belarus and the Baltic States During World War II**  
Wendy Lower, Mgrublian Center for Human Rights, Clermont McKenna College, member of the Yahad – In Unum Scientific Committee
- 10:05 - 10:25**    **The Fate of the German-Jewish *Mischlinge***  
Beate Meyer, Hamburg University
- 10:25 - 10:45**    **The Extermination of Children in the Occupied Soviet Territories: Killing Methods**  
Alexis Kosarevskiy and Andrej Umansky, Yahad – In Unum
- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**
- 11:15**            **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:30**            **PANEL 2: THE GENOCIDE OF JEWISH CHILDREN : CASE STUDIES**  
**Moderator: Andrej Angrick**, Hamburg Institute for Social Research, member of the Yahad – In Unum Scientific Committee
- 11:30 - 11:50**    **The Fate of Jewish Children in the Kishinev Ghetto**  
Paul A. Shapiro, Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., member of the Yahad – In Unum Scientific Committee
- 11:50 - 12:10**    **The Case of Belaya Tserkov**  
Aleksander Kruglov, Scientific Advisor at the Ukrainian Institute for Holocaust Studies, member of the Yahad – In Unum Scientific Committee

- 12:10 - 12:30 **Half-Jewish Children in the Region of Dnepropetrovsk**  
Danielle Rozenberg, Institute for Political Social Sciences - ISP/CNRS, Paris University, member of the Yahad – In Unum Scientific Committee
- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**
- 12:50 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 14:00 **PANEL 3: THE GENOCIDE OF ROMA CHILDREN**  
**Moderator: Denis Peschanski**, CNRS, Paris, member of the Yahad – In Unum Scientific Committee
- 14:00 - 14:20 **Reactions on the Nazi Murder of Romani Children in Pushkinskiye Gory in 1942: A Case Study**  
Martin Holler, Humboldt University, Berlin, member of the Yahad – In Unum Scientific Committee
- 14:20 - 14:40 **The Deportation of Roma Children to Transnistria**  
Petre Matei, National School of Political Science and Administration of Bucharest
- 14:40 - 15:00 **The Trauma of Roma Survivors who Were Children During the Deportation**  
Costel Nastasie, Roma Dignity
- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**
- 15:20 **BREAK**
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Discussion with a Romanian Roma survivor interviewed by Yahad – In Unum and Roma Dignity**
- 16:00 **BREAK**
- 16:10 - 17:30 **PANEL 4: BEING A CHILD DURING THE WAR IN THE OCCUPIED SOVIET TERRITORIES. PART ONE: GROWING UP DURING THE WAR**  
**Moderator: Deborah Lipstadt**, Emory University, Atlanta, member of the Yahad – In Unum Scientific Committee
- 16:10 - 16:30 **Characteristics of Jewish Survivors' Oral Testimonies - "Children of War" on the Holocaust in Southern Russia**  
Irina Rebrova, Center for Research on Anti-Semitism, Technical University, Berlin
- 16:30 - 16:50 **War Reflected in Children's Minds. Correspondence of Jewish Children With Their Parents who Were Personnel in Red Army During the Soviet-German War, 1941-1945**  
Leonid Smilovitsky, Tel Aviv University
- 16:50 - 17:10 **The War as Experienced by a Child, Through the Testimonies of YIU**  
Patrice Bensimon, Yahad – In Unum
- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**



## Tuesday, December 15

**09:00** **PANEL 4: BEING A CHILD DURING THE WAR IN THE OCCUPIED SOVIET TERRITORIES. PART TWO: VICTIMS OF THE WAR**  
**Moderator: Andrej Umansky**

**09:00 - 09:20** **The Fate of Children From Belarusian Villages Burnt During World War II**  
Natalia Kirillova, International project "Higher Status for the Survivors of the Belarusian Burned Villages"

**09:20 - 09:40** **The Fate of Children During the Leningrad Blockade**  
Nikita Lomagin, European University at Saint Petersburg

**09:40 - 10:00** **Deportation of Children During the Punitive Actions in Belarus and Russia, and Their Fate After the War**  
Olesya Orlenko, Historical Memory Foundation in Moscow

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**10:20** **COFFEE BREAK**

**10:30** **PANEL 5: DISPLACED CHILDREN**  
**Moderator: Henar Corbi**, member of the Yahad – In Unum Scientific Committee

**10:30 - 10:50** **Bandit Children: Racial Reclamation, Security Warfare, and the Stolen Youth of Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe**  
Bradley Nichols, University of Tennessee

**10:50 - 11:10** **The Fate of Spanish Refugee Children in the USSR During World War II**  
Iordache Cârstea Luiza, Institute of Political and Social Sciences - Autonomous University of Barcelona (ICPS-UAB)

**11:10 - 11:30** **Soviet Jewish Children During the Evacuation**  
Natalie Belsky, Higher School of Economics, Moscow

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**11:50 - 13:00** **CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE**

**I Was a Shoah Child - Coping With Post-Traumatic Memories in Childhood**  
Yolanda Gampel, Tel Aviv University

**The Child's Experience as Reflected in Memoirs**  
Deborah Lipstadt

**International Legal Protection of Children in Armed Conflicts**  
Lars Berster, University of Cologne

**QUESTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**



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Above: Jewish families at the assembly point, Lubny, Ukraine, October 1941. Hamburger Institut fuer Sozialforschung, Germany



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