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cordially invites you to a lecture by

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The Destruction of the Jews of Transylvania: A Historical Overview

The study deals with the situation of the Jewish community of Transylvania after the Second Vienna Award of August 30, 1940, which gave back the Northern part of the province to Hungary, while its Southern part remained under the authority of Romania. During the following four years the Jewish community of Northern Transylvania faced the fate of the Hungarian Jewry. The first casualties were recorded during the deportations organized by the Hungarian military authorities of Northern Transylvania between October and December 1940, other victims had to face deportation during 1941 and 1942. Between 4,000 and 5,000 of them died during the bloody mass executions of Kameneć-Podolski in August 1941, many others lost their lives in the ghettos of Galicia. Approximately 15,000 men were enrolled to forced labor units, and most of them perished. All other members of the community have been deported in May 1944 to the death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Out of the total of nearly 165,000 Jews of Northern Transylvania more than three quarters perished during the Holocaust. The Southern Transylvanian Jews were eventually not subjected to mass deportation to the Nazi death camps. Out of the approximately 40,000 Jews of Southern Transylvania around 2,000 persons died in the Holocaust. A part of them lost their lives in the Romanian forced labor camps; others were deported as communists or as a punishment for converting to Christianity, but not choosing the Romanian Orthodox Church as their new religion. They perished in the death camps of Bessarabia and Transnistria.

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