**BRIDGES OF TOLERANCE - ERIKA VAN GELDER**

**Third Edition - 2016**

**"Dimensions of Cohabitation and Contributions to the Development of Romania.**

**Education, Science, Culture."**

**May 17, 2016**

**Cotroceni Palace, Unirii Hall**

9:15 to 09:45 Registration of participants

10:00 to 11:00 **Official opening of the “Bridges of Tolerance - Erika Van Gelder” Project**

***This event is developed under the aegis of the President of Romania***

***Mr. Klaus Werner Iohannis***

***Moderator*** *- Mr. Sergiu Nistor, Presidential Counsellor*

*The Romanian Presidency*

* Mr. Klaus Werner Iohannis, President of Romania
* Mr. Daniel Citone, President of B'nai B'rith Europe
* Mr. Jose Iacobescu, President of B'nai B'rith Romania
* Mr. Aurel Vainer, President, the Federation of Jewish Communities of Romania
* Mr. Aledin Amet, State Secretary, the Dept. of Interethnic Affairs (DRI)
* Mr. Daniel Vasile, President, the National Agency for the Roma (ANR)
* Mr. Mihai Neacsu, Head of CNCR – the National Union of Roma Communities

11.00 - 11.30 Exhibition: “Synagogues in Romania”

*Dipl. Eng. Rudy Marcovici, Head of the Heritage Department of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Romania (FEDROM)*

*Architect Lucia Apostol, FEDROM*

11.30 - 12.30 Coffee Break & Snacks

**May 17, 2016 – The Matei Basarab High School, Amphitheater**

12:30 to 13:00 Registration of participants

13:00 to 13:45 **Plenary session for the official opening of "The importance of education in fighting the discrimination of the Roma and anti-Semitism, and in keeping the memory of the Holocaust"** **workshop**

***Moderator*** *- Mrs. Tova Ben Nun Cherbis, Chairperson, the Lauder – Reut Romania Foundation*

* + Mrs. Irina Cajal, Undersecretary of State Ministry of Culture
  + Mrs. Lidia Maria Sorop, Professor,Director The Matei Basarab High School
* Mr. Alexandru Florian, Head of the "Elie Wiesel" Institute
* Mrs. Laura Elena Capita, Researcher, The Institute of Education Sciences

13:45 to 15:15 **Documentaries (about Dr. Felix Zandman, a Holocaust survivor; documentary about the Roma and Tatar ethnic groups)**

Meeting survivors of the Holocaust

Debates of students about the watched documentaries.

15:15 to 15:45 Chocolate & Snacks Break

15:45 to 16:15 **Seminar:**

**"The importance of education in fighting discrimination and anti-Semitism. Keeping the memory of the Holocaust"**

* Mr. Gheorghe Sarau, Inspector, Education for the Roma, MENCS
* Mrs. Felicia Waldman, Professor, the University of Bucharest, Hebrew Studies
* Mr. Gabriel Stan, Professor, Director The Didactic Corp House, Bacau
* Mrs. Diana Gherasim, History Teacher, The Educational Complex Lauder-Reut

16:15 to 16:30 Student awarding ceremony

**May 17, 2016**

**The Romanian Athenaeum – the Performance Hall**

19:00 Welcoming the Participants

19:30 Festive Concert

Pianist Madalin Voicu Jr.

Soprano Daiana Melek Gavrilescu

The “Relu & The Zuralia Orchestra”

The “Bucharest Klezmer Band”

20:45 Cocktail, the Foyer of the Romanian Athenaeum

**May 18, 2016**

**The Romanian Parliament, the Chamber of Deputies – the Duca Hall**

9:00 to 9:30 Registration of participants / Coffee time

9:30 to 10:30 **Plenary Session for the official opening of the "Dimensions of Cohabitation and Contributions to the Development of Romania." Workshop**

*Moderator – Mr. Jose Iacobescu, President of B’nai B’rith Romania*

* + Mr. Valeriu Zgonea, President, Chamber of Deputies
  + Mr. Sergiu Nistor, Presidential Counsellor
  + Mr. Daniel Citone, President of B'nai B'rith Europe
  + Mr. Aledin Amet, Secretary of State, the Department of Interethnic Affairs
  + Mr. Aurel Vainer, President, the Federation of Jewish Communities of Romania
  + Mr. Daniel Vasile, President of the National Agency for the Roma

10:30 to 12:00 **Plenary Session**

**Contributions of ethnic Jews, Roma and Tatars to the development of Romania. The Meaning of Tolerance and Risks of Radicalization**

***Moderators****: Mr. Aurel Vainer, Mr. Aledin Amet*

* + Mr. Victor Opaschi, State Secretary for Religious Affairs
  + Mr. Daniel Citone, President of B’nai B’rith Europe
  + Mrs. Ruth Lavy, representative BBR of Israel, Message from World Zionist Organization
  + Mr. Adrian Barbu, Honorary President of B’nai B’rith Romania
  + Mrs. Ana Blandiana, writer
  + Mr. Ionut Vulpescu, Member of the Romanian Parliament
  + Mrs. Delia Grigore, Professor, the Univ. of Bucharest, the Romani Language Chair
  + Mr. Silviu Wechsler, Vice-President of B’nai B’rith Romania
  + Mr. Tasin Gemil, Head of the Institute of Turkic Science and Central-Asian Studies within the Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca

12:00 to 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 to 14:00 **Plenary Session**

**Contributions of ethnic Jews, Roma and Tatars to the development of Romania**

***Moderators****: Mr. Aurel Vainer, Mr. Daniel Vasile*

* + Mr. Vasile Morar, Professor, the University of Bucharest
  + Mr. Zvi Herman Bercovici, Honorary Consul of Romania in Israel
  + Mr. Irinel Popescu, President, the Academy of Medical Sciences
  + Mr. Mihai Neacsu, Head of the National Center for Roma Culture
  + Mrs. Nicoleta Bitu, Executive Director “Romano Butiq”
  + Mr. Vintila Mihailescu, Professor, National School of Political Science and Public Administration
  + Mr. Catalin Zamfir, Member of the Romanian Academy
  + Mr. Harry Culer, Researcer

14:00 to 14:30 End of the works

14:30 to 15:30 Lunch (the Foyer of the Duca Hall) / Exhibition: the Hall of Fame