



THE SOCIAL WORKER'S CLUB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RUSE CELEBRATES THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALVATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA

The Social Worker's Club at the "Angel Kanchev" University of Ruse and Regional Jewish Organization "Shalom" celebrated the 75th anniversary of the saving of the Bulgarian Jews in a joint event in Ruse, 14th of November 2018. Stela Dionisieva and Panayot Totev from the Regional Jewish Organization, members of the Club, students and teachers from the Social Work specialty, the Director of the Health and Social Work Directorate Mariela Licheva, Katya Petrova – Chief of the Social Work Department in the Municipality of Ruse as well as representatives of local social services took part in the event.

In his introductory speech, the chairman of the Social Worker's Club – Associate Professor Sasho Nunev, DSc of SW, defined the Holocaust as a tragic moment in the history of mankind and pointed out the active opinion of the Bulgarian society – Intellectuals, politicians, artists, common people, the Bulgarian Orthodox Church and other religions denominations concerning the protection of the Bulgarian Jews. The Vice-Rector of international and communication policy at the Ruse University Professor Juliana Popova, PhD and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Public Health and Health Care Associate Professor Nikola Sabev, DSc (Med) gave welcoming speeches. They pointed out the tragedy of the Holocaust as well as the significance of that highly humane act of the Bulgarian society – the salvation of the Bulgarian Jews – an act that has to remain in both the personal and the national memory and serve the next generation as an example of a great feat of tolerance of the society.

The deputy director of the Regional Jewish Organization "Shalom" – Ruse Stela Dionisieva presented and made comments on three Documentaries about the salvation of the Bulgarian Jews. She told the audience her family history about the events in 1943 and their heavy consequences on the Jewish peoples' lives. The student Eliz Arunova also told the story of her ancestors of Jewish background and meanwhile presented a poster with pictures and text on the history of the Holocaust and saving of the Bulgarian Jews mad by her.

Along the lecture an exposition including posters of the Regional Jewish Organization "Shalom" – Ruse, a poster made by the students Joanna Licheva and Maria Georgieva, pieces of art by students members of the Social Worker's Club from a former event "Together for Diversity, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination" was presented.

The participants of the event talked about the contribution of the people of Ruse and their voluntary work to help the Jewish people locked on the "Pencho" ship in the middle of the Danube river.



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At the end of the lecture, Stela Dionisieva and Associate Professor Sasho Nunev, DSc of SW expressed their confidence that both today's generation and the future generations will not forget not only the Holocaust but also the contribution of the Bulgarian people in salvation the Jews in our country. They underlined the fact that the Social Worker's Club at the University of Ruse and the Regional Jewish Organization "Shalom" – Ruse will continue their beneficial and constructive cooperation to promote tolerance and non-discrimination.

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