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The Municipality of Sighetu Marmației, Jewish Cultural Museum-Elie Wiesel Museum and the Jewish Community Sighețu Marmatiei will be holding a commemoration service and special events dedicated to the Holocaust victims in Maramureș.

Programs will include: Commemoration Service at the Holocaust Memorial Monument in Sighet, Exhibit of Jewish Life in Sighet prior to WW II, Klezmer Concert and a play. In addition a min-conference will be held on the topic including presentations by survivors or their children as well as showing documentaries and launching a book.

"This Commemoration is an act of Remembrance of the Jewish citizens of Sighet who were once our neighbours and friends. Their Legacy should never be forgotten. By the exhibits and testimonies that we will promote during the month of May our young generation has the opportunity to get closer to Jewish culture and history in addition to school education on the topic. We hope that other Communities in Romania will conduct similar events as they have a significant contribution to fight prejudice and racism" says Ovidiu Nemeş, Mayor of Sighetu Marmaţiei.

We are calling all survivors and their families to come and take part in this unique event first of in the Sighet Community. If you have pictures, special memorabilia books and films on the Jewish History of Sighetu – Marmaţiei, please contact us and we will be delighted for you to take part in the program.

We thank the following organizations who are taking an active part in the Commemorations events: Romanian Jewish Federation- Bucharest, Israel Embassy in Bucharest, Elie Wiesel –National Institute for Holocaust Study in Romania, Oral History Institute - Cluj Napoca, Judaica Association - Cluj Napoca, Holocaust Memorial Museum – Şimleul Silvaniei, Tikvah Association - Oradea, Jewish Studies Institute - Cluj Napoca and members of Transylvania Jewish communities and officials.

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