27 JANUARY 2022 – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COMMEMORATION OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

DATE: 27 January 2022

TIME: 16.00 – 17.30 h

VENUE: Aula Magna, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr Rumyana Christidi, Head of Jewish Studies (Hebraistika)

16.00-16.40 Opening

 - Prof. Dr. Anastas Gerdjilov Rector of Sofia University

- H.E. Yoram Elron Ambassador of the State of Israel

- H.E. Christof Eichhorn Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Minister, national coordinator on Antisemitism or another representative); Bulgarian Delegation to IHRA

- Parliament of the Republic of Bulgaria (Representative)

- OJB “Shalom” (Representative)

- Dr Danielle Gurevitch – Director, Multidisciplinary Studies

Faculty of Humanities, Chair of The Sir Naim Dangoor Centre for Universal Monotheism

Bar-Ilan University, Israel

16.40 – 16.50 Ceremony of lighting candles with the participation of Rabbi Yoel (Sofia Grand Synagogue) and Rabbi Salomon (Rohr Chabad Center)

Music (on the piano): Jonathan Levy Shanes

16.50 -17.10 – Dr Lev Topor (Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, Cambridge University; Dangoor Centre, Bar Ilan University) – “Nazis on the Rise: Contemporary Trends and Explanations of the European Far Right”

17.10 - 17.25 – Video recording of the Holocaust survivor Levi Zanderer

17.25 – 17.30 Closing remarks / Music: on the piano Jonathan Levi Shanes

17.30 - Cocktail – Exhibition Shoa (Yad Vashem)