

Seminar For Balkan Educators

**«Teaching Balkan Jewish History, The Holocaust, Civil Society And  
Inter-Religious Tolerance In The Western Balkans»**

**Hotel Europe, Sarajevo, 12-13 October 2015**

**Program**

<b>12 October</b>	
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	Registration. Each participant receives a welcome folder with name tag, program, notepad, and list of participants
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	Welcome remarks by Edward Serotta (Director, Centropa), Ambassador Jonathan Moore, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Jakob Finci, (Head of the Jewish Community of Bosnia and former Ambassador of Bosnia-Herzegovina to Switzerland)
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	“Teaching Balkan Jewish History: the Sephardis among us.” Edward Serotta will introduce the short video lecture by Prof. Eliezer Papo on Balkan Jewish history (in Serbo-Cro-Bosnian)
<b>11:30-12:15</b>	<b>Ice-breaking activity.</b> Participants split up in small groups and Participants then briefly introduce themselves: “Why I came to this seminar.” Facilitated by Centropa veteran teachers and staff.
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	Lunch
<b>13:30-14:45</b>	Panel discussion on “Holocaust Education, Inter-Religious Tolerance and Civil Society in the Western Balkans”. Moderator: Edward Serotta, Director Centropa  -Each speaker will give a very brief presentation for 8 minutes. Followed by panel discussion (30 minutes) and Q&A (20 minutes)  Biljana Stojanovic from the Serbian Ministry of Education on the current state of Holocaust Education in Serbia. Asmir Hasicic, President of the Teacher Union in the Canton of Sarajevo and School Director in Sarajevo Vojko Kunaver, National Education Institute of the Republic of Slovenia Milija Marjanović, responsible for teaching history in pre-university education and Holocaust Education, Pedagogical Institute Banja Luka (tbc) Snježana Banek, Advisor for International Cooperation, and Holocaust education, Croatian Ministry of Education (tbc)
<b>14:45-15:45</b>	<i>The Story of La Benevolencija - A lesson in humanitarian aid</i>  During the Bosnian war (1992-1995), the Jewish community of Sarajevo refused to take sides, opened their own humanitarian aid agency inside the city's synagogue, and were soon joined by their Muslim, Croat and Serbian friends.

	<p>We will screen the Centropa film “Survival in Sarajevo” (13 min). Ed Serotta, producer of the film and journalist during the war, will introduce the film and talk about how a band of Holocaust survivors turned the synagogue of Sarajevo into a beacon of hope during the siege of Sarajevo in the 1990s.</p> <p>Followed by presentation by Katusca Cirino and Wendy Warren on how the Sarajevo film (and the exhibition, which we will visit on Day 2) were used in a school in Texas, USA to promote tolerance</p>
<b>15:45-16:15</b>	Coffee break
<b>16:15-17:30</b>	Participants split up in small working teams (max 6 participants per group) and go to seminar rooms. Working teams develop lesson plans on the Sarajevo film. Assisted by Centropa staff and veteran teachers
<b>17:30-18:30</b>	Presentations of lesson plan ideas by each group
<b>18:30</b>	End of Day 1. Participants will check into their rooms.
<b>13 October</b>	
<b>08:00-10:00</b>	Bus to Jewish cemetery. Return to Hotel Europe.

<b>10:30-11:00</b>	Coffee break at Hotel Europe. Group photo and individual photos
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	Jakob Finci will talk about the Sarajevo Haggadah.
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	Presentations by the Centropa coordinators from Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, and Slovenia on the importance of cross-cultural programs (Daniela Sterjova, Marko Dimitrijevic, Ana Sesar, Asmir Hasicic and Damjan Snaj). Followed by Q&A.
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	Buffet Lunch
<b>13:30-15:00</b>	<p>Screening of two Centropa short films</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) “Three promises” (Serbian with English subtitles).</li> <li>2) Our brand-new film about Hana Gasic, who grew up in Sarajevo during WW2 and survived thanks to her Muslim and Croatian neighbors</li> </ol> <p>Followed by discussion.</p>
<b>15:00-16:00</b>	Group splits up in small working teams (max 6 participants per group) and go to seminar rooms. Working teams develop lesson plans on the Kalef or Gasic film. Assisted by veteran teachers
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	Coffee break
<b>16:30-17:30</b>	Final group presentations
<b>17:30-17:45</b>	Concluding remarks.
<b>17:45-18:15</b>	Break
<b>18:30-20:00</b>	<p>Visit of the Centropa Sarajevo exhibition “When Friends helped friends. Jews, Bosniaks, Serbs and Croats working together during the siege of Sarajevo, 1992-1995. The story of La Benevolencija”. The opening of the exhibition will be at the National Gallery of Art. Speakers: Jakob Finci, Edward Serotta. Followed by buffet dinner (Location: Jewish Community, tbc). End of seminar.</p>
<b>14 October</b>	
	Participants check out. Departure