The Holocaust in Yugoslavia and the Balkans

Feb. 20-21, 2020
Harriman Institute, Columbia University
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Kupferberg Holocaust Center,
Queensborough Community College, CUNY

Thursday, Feb. 20

6:30 p.m.  Screening of documentary film Besa: Rescue in Albania (Run time: 30 minutes)

7:00 p.m.  Q & A with Dardan Islami, director; Imam Tahir Kukaj, Albanian Islamic Cultural Center, New York City; Rabbi Kara Tav, New York City; moderated by Tanya Domi, Columbia University, Harriman Institute.

Friday, Feb. 21

9:00 a.m.  Opening Remarks

9:15 a.m.  Book Talk and Presentation by Georgia State Professor Jelena Subotic, author of Yellow Star, Red Star: Holocaust Remembrance After Communism. Discussant: Miriam Schulz, Ph.D. candidate, Columbia University and Harriman affiliate; moderated by Laura Cohen, Executive Director, Kupferberg Holocaust Center, Queensborough Community College, CUNY. *Books will be available for purchase.

10:45 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m.  Panel Discussion on the Miracle of the Sarajevo Haggadah
Participants include Aleksandra Buncic, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Center for Jewish Studies; Professor Hikmet Karcic, author of Dervis M. Korkut: A Biography. Rescuer of the Sarajevo Haggadah; Alexander Korb, Associate Professor of Modern European History, Leicester University; moderated by Tanya Domi, Columbia University, Harriman Institute.

1:00 p.m.  Break

2:30 p.m.  Panel Discussion on the Albanian Rescue of Jews during WWII
Participants include Teuta Skenderi, independent scholar and translator; Tanya Domi, Columbia University, Harriman Institute; Gazmend Kapllani, Visiting Chair of Albanian Studies, DePaul University; Ardit Bido, General Director of the National Archives of Albania; moderated by Laura Cohen, Executive Director, Kupferberg Holocaust Center, Queensborough Community College, CUNY.

4:00 p.m.  Final Remarks by Tanya Domi and Laura Cohen.