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# CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

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**European Teachers Seminar**  
by Yahad - In Unum and the Mémorial de Caen

## How to teach “The Holocaust by Bullets”

November 24 - 26, 2017



## Target

History teachers in high schools and secondary schools in Europe.

## Seminar

Every year since 2011, Yahad-In Unum, in partnership with the Mémorial de Caen, invites European history teachers to participate in a three-day training seminar on “The Holocaust by bullets” and persecutions of the Roma in Eastern Europe. This seminar is designed to deepen teachers’ knowledge and understanding of **the Holocaust in Eastern Europe, and the Genocide of Roma in Eastern Europe**. Participants are introduced to **new teaching tools and sources**.

**Presentations will be made by historians and Yahad – In Unum’s research team. These will highlight the different aspects of the Holocaust in the East:** the various steps and process of the extermination of the Jews in Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Poland, Russia and Lithuania. Other areas of focus will include killing methods; the different phases of the concentration of Jews in work camps and ghettos, and the persecution of Roma communities. Speakers and participants will discuss the various categories of actors, their roles and functions and the points of the extermination process at which they were involved.

**The seminar will especially highlight the crucial role of collecting evidence and testimonies of survivors and bystanders in the reconstitution of genocide** and in the transmission of its history to younger generations in order to prevent genocides or mass violence. **During the weekend, workshops will propose how to use such rich material as video testimonies of eyewitnesses, photos of artifacts, of killing sites and case studies.** As part of the seminar, participants will visit the Caen Memorial’s permanent exhibition and the D-Day sites, including Mulberry Harbor, German and American cemeteries.

## Date and Place

The seminar will be held in English and French (simultaneous translation), on **November 24-26**, in venues of YIU in Paris and at the Mémorial de Caen, France.

Participants are requested to arrive no later than November 23 and will return on November 27.

Accommodation, meals and transportation expenses will be paid by the organizers.



## The Seminar Organizers

For more than a decade, Paris-based **Yahad – In Unum** (“together” in Hebrew and Latin) has been working in Ukraine, Russia, Poland, Romania, Moldova, Belarus and Lithuania. Its mission is to collect testimonies of eyewitnesses of mass crimes committed against European Jews (which we call the “Holocaust by Bullets”) and Roma by the Third Reich’s Einsatzgruppen, other units and local collaborators during World War II.

YIU conducts field research and disseminates information to a broader public, including through educational programs for academics, teachers and students. Its educational efforts help increase public awareness of the history of the “Holocaust by Bullets” in Eastern Europe and teach, especially younger generations, how to apply this knowledge to the decisions we make and through understanding the impact of individual responsibility on the common good.

In November 2010, YIU donated a collection of objects recovered during its research trips to the Mémorial de Caen. The collection consists of more than 150 artifacts, evidence of massacres, including bullet cartridges and weapons found next to mass graves as well as victims’ personal effects discarded prior to execution or left behind in their homes. Many of these artifacts are displayed in the Mémorial de Caen’s permanent exhibition, in the section dedicated to the Holocaust by Bullets.

Established in 1988 and dedicated to peace, the **Mémorial de Caen** is regarded as the best World War II museum in France. The historical journey of the Mémorial de Caen begins in 1918 and brings us to 1989 with the fall of the Berlin Wall. The exhibition dedicated to World War II is the heart of the museum. It represents the major themes of that period: the interwar years and the rise of totalitarianism, France’s defeat and collapse in 1940, the German occupation, collaboration and Resistance in France, the spread of the conflict worldwide, the liberation and consequences of the War. This exhibition focuses on the issues that are rarely featured in museums: the “Holocaust at close range”, mass violence, the characteristics of total war, and private life in wartime, the life and death of a soldier. The Mémorial de Caen has a notable educational impact. Nearly 100,000 students and teachers visit the museum each year and study through learning sessions. Students have the opportunity to analyze artifacts and historical documents and meet with witnesses and historians. Training seminars for new teachers are offered every year to help better comprehend the question of memory.

## Application

Teachers interested in attending the seminar are asked to send a motivation letter and their CV by September 17, 2017 to

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