

**Official statement of the Ghetto Fighters' House Museum general director to the event**

**Public reading of the Holocaust Victims names – YOM HA-SHOAH**

in Czech republic organized by Institut Tereziánské iniciativy – Terezín Initiative Institute

Terezín Initiative Institute organizes the Yom ha-Shoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day as a public event in the public spaces since 2006 and invite the non-Jewish public to commemorate the Holocaust Victims, because they are persuaded that the Holocaust/Shoa is not just a part of Jewish history and identity, but the part of our - majority - history narrative and identity.

This year the event of public reading of Holocaust Victims will take place in 16 cities!

Since around 2010 to be the names of Shoah Victims accompanied by the names of the Roma Holocaust (Samudaripen) Victims, so there are prepared and read the Jewish and Roma names together since these times during the event.

We, as a representatives of the institution, where the tradition of YOM HA-SHOAH started, is hold to the present days and went to the establishing as the State Holiday in Israel, welcome the initiative of Terezín Initiative Institute as very impressive and the spreading of the reading of Shoah and Samudaripen (Holocaust of the Roma) Victims during the YOM HA-SHOAH together as important in the mission to support the recognition of the racial persecution of the Roma as equal to the Shoah.

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