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**SUBJECT: Educational activities and events for the Holocaust Remembrance Day - of 27 January this year**

As it is well-known, the Standing Conference of European Ministers of Education at its 20<sup>th</sup> Session held in Cracow on 15-17 October 2000, agreed and adopted in the Declaration of the European Ministers of Education (article 9) to institute in schools a Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and for the prevention of crimes against humanity.

The Hellenic Parliament established by Law 3218/2004 (Official Gazette of the Hellenic Republic A' 12) 27 January as remembrance day for the Greek Jews martyrs and heroes of the Holocaust.

In this context, on Wednesday 27 January 2016, schools are invited to dedicate two class periods to educational activities and events for the abovementioned Remembrance Day. The theme proposed is the Greek "Righteous among the Nations", the Christians in Greek cities and villages who, at the risk of their own lives, have sheltered, smuggled and rescued hundreds of Greek Jews from certain death, as referred to in the invitation by the Prefecture

of Attica and the Jewish Community of Athens to the unveiling of the Memorial to honor the Greek “Righteous among the Nations” in Athens.

The objective of the educational activities and events is to inform students on the Holocaust. The activities may comprise discussions, expositions, projection of films or other related educational material, reading of texts or projects.

The teachers who will take up this activity may contact the Jewish Museum of Greece in order to acquire more information and assistance on the proposed theme (Jewish Museum of Greece: 210-3225582, [www.jewishmuseum.gr](http://www.jewishmuseum.gr) ).

Additionally, we would like to bring to your attention the award-winning videos of last year’s school competition for students of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade of Lyceum in Regional Directorates of Attica and Central Macedonia entitled: “The Holocaust and the Greek Jews” which can be used in the context of these activities, at your discretion. The videos are available on the following YouTube webpage of the Educational RadioTelevision of the Ministry (EducationalTVGreece): [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2J\\_qoFbHd55zN5pBOLN-I7Gk5ORRgtYQ](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2J_qoFbHd55zN5pBOLN-I7Gk5ORRgtYQ)

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