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UNESCO: Film on the Holocaust to Be Screened in 45 Countries

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Paris, Jan 28 (Prensa Latina) Thanks to UNESCO and other institutions initiative, the documentary "Who will write our history" will be screened simultaneously in 45 countries to commemorate the International Day in Memory of the Holocaust Victims.

A statement details this film will be shown in some 300 cinemas, museums, UNESCO offices and UN information centres.

It is a joint project with Washington Holocaust Memorial, LA's Museum of Tolerance and Warsaw's Jewish Historical Institute.

The material, directed by U.S. filmmaker Roberta Grossman and produced by Nancy Spielberg, is the first feature film about the underground group Oneg Shabbat, formed in November 1940 in the Warsaw ghetto under the direction of historian Emanuel Ringelblum.

The group collected numerous archives and testimonies documenting life in the ghetto and the destruction of Polish Jews from 1940 to 1943, which led to the creation of the 'Ringelblum Archives', included in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register in 1999.

At UNESCO's Paris headquarters, the film screening will be preceded by a ceremony to be opened by the organization's Director General, Audrey Azoulay, and the President of the Shoah Memorial in France, Eric de Rothschild.

The film will be followed by a panel with Roberta Grossman, Nancy Spielberg and Professor Samuel Kassow, an American historian.

January 27 commemorates the anniversary of the liberation of the German Nazi concentration and extermination camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops in 1945, UNESCO said.

In 2005, the United Nations General Assembly officially proclaimed the date as the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the Holocaust victims.

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