

Country Name: **ROMANIA**

Looted Judaica and Judaica with Provenance Gaps in Country		Yes
Existing Projects		
Overview	Looted Cultural Property Databases	<p><u>Sources:</u></p> <p>(1) <i>In Search of Jewish Art in Romania and the Ukraine</i>. http://cja.huji.ac.il/Publications/NL12/NL12-romania-ukraine.html, last visited June 2014.</p> <p>It is known that there are Torahs, etc. in government hands. A number of ritual objects are located at the Jewish Museum in Bucharest that were originally collected by Rabbi Rosen during his period as Chief Rabbi of Romania. Of particular interest are the parochot (Torah curtains), Torah crowns, pointers and rimmonim (Torah finials), of which some were made in typical local styles.</p> <p><u>Sources:</u></p> <p>(1) Benjamin, Lya. "Jewish and Jewish Related Documents in Romanian Archives". <i>Preserving Jewish Archives as Part of the European Cultural Heritage: Proceedings of the Conference on Judaica Archives in Europe for Archivists and Librarians</i>. Kuperminc, Jean-Claude. Arditti, Rafaële (ed.). Potsdam, 1999, 11-13 July, Paris: Éditions du Nadir de l'Alliance israélite universelle, 2001, pp 146-153.</p> <p>The National Archives in Bucharest holds documents relating to Jewish history. In addition, Jewish holdings are being kept by the archive of the Foreign Ministry as well as by the Defense Ministry (most of these archival holdings are relevant for Romania's Jewish history during the Holocaust).</p> <p><i>Please note that while it is known that these archival sources are being held in Romanian archives and museums, it is not known if or how much of this material was spoliated during the Holocaust.</i></p>
	Publications	<p><u>Source:</u></p> <p>(1) Fishman, David (ed.) <i>Nazi- Looted Jewish Archives in Moscow: A Guide to Jewish Historical and Cultural Collectios in the Russian State Military Archive</i>. Scranton: University of Scranton Press in association with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Jewish Theological Seminary, 2010.</p> <p>Romanian Jewish collections are held in the Russian State Military Archive.</p>
	Information from Other Sources	
	Historical Commission	<p><u>Source:</u></p> <p>(1) http://www.ushmm.org/m/pdfs/20080226-romania-commission-foreword.pdf/, last accessed June 2014.</p> <p>In 2002, Romanian President Ion Iliescu appointed an independent International Commission on the Holocaust in Romania, chaired by Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, to research Romania's role during the Holocaust. In November 2004, the final report was presented to President Iliescu.</p>
Selected	<p>→ Please note that the general literature may also contain information on the specific country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ancel, Jean. <i>Toldot ha-Shoah: Romanyah</i>. Jerusalem: Yad Vasehm, 2002 	

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Notes	<p>With support from the Claims Conference, the organization <i>Menora – The Authority for the Restoration of Diaspora Synagogues to Israel</i> has brought 192 Torah scrolls from the following Romanian communities for necessary repairs to Israel: Klusch, Targo, Borish, Yassi, Dorochoi and Shatz. All of these 192 Torah scrolls were initially stored in the basement of the Jewish Community Center of Bucharest.</p>