For Future Studies: Jewish Life in Novi Sad and the South Bačka Region

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Description: "For Future Studies: Jewish Life in Novi Sad and the South Bačka Region: Documents from Libraries and Archival Inventories" is a project of gathering archival sources that offer insight into the once thriving and diverse Jewish life in this region. The project included collecting of Jewish-related documents held in local archives, creation of descriptive metadata and special software that suited our needs in the building of the digital database. The project took place between September 2018 and January 2020. Olga will talk about this project, its course and its findings, as well as about a financial difficulty encountered in regard to its publishing and maintenance on the Internet.

Olga Ungar graduated from the Academy of Arts of Novi Sad, Serbia, and continued to pursue higher education at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem, where she earned the MFA degree. She completed the PhD degree in 2017, at the Program in Contemporary Jewry, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, with a dissertation concentrating on Hungarian Jewish sculptor Michael Kara (1885-1964) as a doorway to the historical analysis of Hungarian-speaking East-Central European Jewish communities. Her current research examines different aspects of the Vojvodina Jewish cultural heritage. Olga is currently employed as a content developer and educator at the E-Learning Department at Yad Vashem’s International School for Holocaust Studies.