WHO WE ARE
Centropa is a Jewish historical NGO founded in Vienna in 2000. We interviewed 1,200 of the oldest living Jews in Central and Eastern Europe, with a special emphasis on Sephardic Jewish stories in southeast Europe. Our goal was not to create a Holocaust-specific project. We wanted our elderly respondents to share with us their stories of the entire 20th century—as they lived it. Instead of using video in our interviews, we digitized 25,000 old family pictures and documents—and every one of them is annotated.

We combine new technologies with the old-fashioned art of storytelling to produce multimedia films and travelling exhibitions, and when we bring teachers together, we don’t give you a boxed curriculum, we have you work in teams to develop lesson plans you can use with your students—and share them with students and teachers in other countries.

DURING THIS SEMINAR YOU WILL
• watch and discuss the Greek Centropa film “A Bookstore in Six Chapters” about Renee Saltiel and Solon Molho - two Jews from Thessaloniki. You’ll meet the producers of the film and Nina Molho, the narrator of the film and the daughter of Renee and Solon. Develop lesson plans on how to use this film in your class.
• discuss our two other Balkan films, “Three promises” and “Survival in Sarajevo” (both with Greek subtitles) and develop strategies on how to use these films in class
• learn about Centropa projects that other teachers in Greece and elsewhere are already carrying out, and get connected with colleagues abroad through our Border Jumping project
• watch films that teenagers made in other countries, because we want your students to create short videos, too, about their own family stories during the tragic 20th century in Greece.
• in cooperation with the European Jewish Cemeteries Initiative (ESJF), develop lesson plans on how to integrate Greek Jewish material heritage, in particular local Jewish cemeteries, as sites of learning about Greek Jewish history.

COSTS
Costs for meals and one night (15.-16.12.2019) at a hotel in Thessaloniki are covered. Please note that you will be accommodated in a twin room with a fellow seminar participant of the same sex. Travel costs are also covered.

INTERESTED?
Please fill in the registration form:
https://forms.gle/Aq9RK687i2XkT4vL4

If you’re accepted, then be prepared to copy or print 1-2 of your own family pictures, so you can tell us—in two minutes (!) about your family’s 20th century journey.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
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