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Abstract

The Holocaust memories of Roma in Russia and Ukraine have been silenced by the politics of national memory and societal discrimination and ostracization. Despite this, the memory of these experiences continues to endure through commemorative efforts, literature, film, monuments, and art works. As there is no public or national platform to support and voice the experiences of Porraimos, the Great Devouring, how and where are the memories of these experiences shared, memorialized and inscribed? Through the exploration of memory and Holocaust narrative, the largely forgotten experiences of Porraimos endure despite their containment within silence.