

**Franz Babinger and the Pogrom from Iași (1941)**  
(Abstract)

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The pogrom that took place in Iași in the 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> of June, 1941 represented one of the most horrible and tragic chapters of the Romanian history from the Second World War, which was intensely debated by the Romanian and foreign historians. The well-known historian Franz Babinger (1891-1967), full professor at the Ottoman Studies department of the University of Iasi, was one of the eye witnesses of the tragic events developed in Iași. His deposition in 1956 refers to the causes and the development of the pogrom, respectively to the interventions made together with the German consul in Iași – Fritz Gebhard Schellhorn – in front of the German authorities in order to stop the abuses against the Jewish population. His confession confirms the information contained by the German diplomatic and military sources regarding the pogrom, which attest that the Romanian authorities were responsible for the abuses.