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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 30th annual Holocaust Education Week, an initiative of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre.

The week of November 1 – 9, 2010, provides an opportunity for all Canadians to honour and preserve the memory of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust. Among the many odious crimes of the 20th century, few, if any, can match the extent and evil of the Shoah: the systematic murder of six million European Jews by the Nazis during World War II.

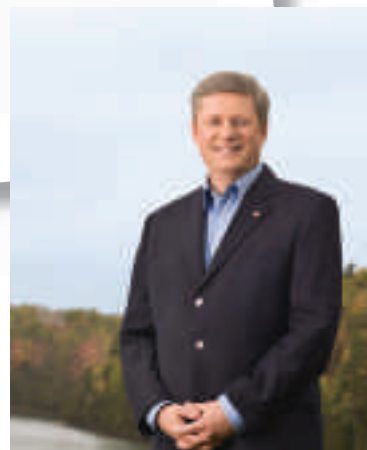
This year's theme — We Who Survive — highlights the lives and accomplishments of Holocaust survivors, many of who became champions of human rights and peace. We owe a special debt of gratitude to them. As time passes, however, and the interval since the end of the War decreases, we face the inevitable prospect of losing survivors and their personal testimony. Holocaust Education Week gives participants a chance to discuss ways of keeping the legacies of survivors alive. It is important to do so in a world where human dignity continues to be at threat.

I am pleased to commend the efforts of the organizers for inspiring young people to learn from the past, engage in the present, and take responsibility for the future. I am certain that everyone involved will come away from their experience with a sense of hope for the future, and a renewed commitment to fighting anti-Semitism, racism, and intolerance in all its forms.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable week of activities.

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

November 1 – 9, 2010

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I wish to extend warm greetings to everyone participating in the 30th Annual Holocaust Education Week, organized by the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre and the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

Each year Holocaust Education Week provides Ontarians with an opportunity to reflect on one of the darkest moments in human history, and to renew our resolve to ensure that it never happens again. It is also a time to remember those who perished in the Holocaust and to honour those who survived it.

The activities surrounding this year's theme, We Who Survived, serve as a reminder of our obligation — as a society and as individuals — to learn from the lessons of history, to be vigilant against all forms of hatred and intolerance, and to embrace inclusiveness and diversity — in the laws of our land and in our hearts. I commend everyone taking part in this year's Holocaust Education Week program for your commitment to building an Ontario imbued with the values of tolerance, respect and understanding — a place where we protect the rights and dignity of every citizen.

I would like to thank the hard-working organizers and volunteers with the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre and the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto for devoting time and energy to making education week possible.

Please accept my best wishes.

Dalton McGuinty
Premier



TORONTO

DAVID MILLER

Proclamation

Holocaust Education Week

November 1 – 9, 2010

WHEREAS, it is very important that we honour the memory of the men, women and children who perished in the Holocaust and recognize those who survived the tragedy;

IN ORDER to avoid a repetition of this dark time in history, it is our duty to continue to educate our citizens about the history of this past and to work to deepen understanding of their responsibility for the future;

IT IS only through education, understanding and remembrance of the Holocaust that awareness can be heightened and hatred and prejudice eliminated;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor David Miller, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim November 1 – 9, 2010 as "Holocaust Education Week", and join with the Holocaust Education Centre and the Jewish community in honoring the Holocaust survivors, the victims and Holocaust Righteous. The work is a testament of their struggles and sacrifice, and we must strive to do to preserve all forms of discrimination in our communities and beyond.

Mayor David Miller

Alan Winer
Chair of the Board

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Ted Sokolsky
President & CEO

Like a child that is growing up too fast, it's hard to believe that Holocaust Education Week (HEW), which started with a smattering of local programs three decades ago, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

And, like it has since it first appeared on the scene those many years ago, HEW continues to teach young and old alike the vital lessons required to rid our society of the evils of hatred, intolerance and bigotry to young and old, alike; Jew and non-Jew alike, in order to rid our society of those ills.

This year, in honour of its 30th anniversary, Holocaust Education Week 2010, which takes place November 1-9, is dedicated to the survivors of the Shoah, and the importance of their respective testimonies.

The central theme of this year's HEW – sponsored by the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre on Sherman Campus – is "We Who Survived", and participants will have the unique opportunity to learn about the legacies of our Holocaust survivors, by hearing their stories, first-hand, from their mouths.

The stories and memories shared by our community's survivors are essential in passing the lessons of history to new generations, so they too, can keep those memories alive, by passing them onto their own children, and their children's children.

It is a not-to-be-missed chance to be inspired by their wisdom, courage, strength and experiences. We hope to see you at this year's very special 30th annual Holocaust Education Week.



Alan Winer



Ted Sokolsky

UJA Federation's mission is to preserve and strengthen the quality of Jewish life in Greater Toronto, Canada, Israel and around the world through philanthropic, volunteer and professional leadership.

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SARAH AND CHAIM NEUBERGER
HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTRE
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This year's offerings at Holocaust Education Week give *K'vod* in every way to the survivors of the Shoah and in particular those who had the vision to create Holocaust Education Week. This extraordinary endeavor, which honors the memory of so many murdered brothers and sisters, but also tells stories of sanctuary, bravery, compassion, deprivation and pain, is a testament to the power of action, determination, tenacity and foresight. "We Who Survived" is the name we have given the photographic images of the survivor speakers at the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre. They adorn our passage walls and we invite you all to come and view them. They tell the stories of incredible people who raised themselves from despair to dignity.

What the photographs do not tell is the sacrifice in human energy, time and spiritual pain. These are profound people who know that their stories must be told to generations of school children so that remembrance and respect for tolerance will be the touchstone and beacon of their legacy. I know no better way to teach future generations. In honor of their dedication and indomitable spirit, our Centre offers you a myriad of opportunities for learning, reflecting and re-energizing your efforts to be always vigilant and upstanding in the face of indignity, intolerance and bigotry.

Lorraine Sandler
Chair



Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto

While the Jewish world is only too aware of the history and destruction of World War II, many others are not or chose to deny or distort the facts. The history of the Holocaust is not just a Jewish issue, it is a human one. Therefore it is vitally important to have other faith traditions participating in Holocaust Education Week. We thank them all for their past and continued participation.

This year we honour and celebrate the life of our incredibly strong and passionate survivors. The Holocaust Education Committee of Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto pays tribute to the legacy and the courage of survivors and victims of the Shoah. Their persistence in the midst of the inhumane action on the part of other human beings is a testimony to life, courage and the dominant will of the human spirit to survive all odds.

Please attend our outstanding HEW programs, as well as Father Desbois' lecture October 4 and the Christian Service of Holocaust Remembrance October 17. Our wonderful, dedicated volunteer committee feels that everyone, regardless of their faith, has the shared responsibility and moral obligation to their fellow man. We cannot go forward if we do not live as brothers and sisters of the one human race.



Joan Shapero



Audrey Gerwing

30th Annual Holocaust Education Week

On behalf of our devoted committee, our loyal partners and sponsors, we welcome you to the 30th Anniversary of Holocaust Education Week (HEW).

In recognition of this major milestone, the honorary theme for this year is "We Who Survived," with programs dedicated to the voices of Holocaust survivors. As each year brings us further away from that horrific time in world history, it is our collective duty to preserve the memories of the millions who perished in the Holocaust. By honouring those who survived, and bearing witness to their testimonies, indeed by creating a living memorial, we echo the message to the next generations that "Never Again" is a commitment to those who perished and those who survived.

For the past thirty years, our group of approximately sixty five Holocaust survivors have inspired and strengthened our community. They are a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. Thank you to our survivors for your invaluable and enduring contributions. Thank you for the courage and selflessness displayed in telling your stories, because it is through these stories that we construct a shared memory of what the past is so that we can share a common purpose for the future.

With more than 30,000 participants expected to attend approximately 150 inspirational and thought-provoking programs, this year's Holocaust Education Week promises to be a great success. We are privileged to welcome Sara Horowitz as the 2010 HEW Scholar in Residence, Stephen Smith for Opening Night, Ephraim Kaye for Kristallnacht, Closing Night, as well as several other world renowned pillars of Holocaust education. The various cultural programs promise to be moving and enlightening experiences. We are pleased that once again, an unprecedented number of schools and churches are planning to participate. Two new initiatives, the FAST (Fighting Anti-Semitism Together) program and the Russian language lecture are certain to be highlights.

We thank Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Educational Centre Executive Director Mira Goldfarb, Chair Lorraine Sandler, HEW Event Coordinator Mary Siklos, and educators Carson Phillips and Rachel Libman for their vision and tireless efforts.

We encourage you to participate and to reflect on the enduring lessons of the Holocaust past, together we can build a better future.



Anna Mae Belmont



Annette Metz-Pivnick

2010 HEW Co-Chairs



Artist's rendering of the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre
Courtesy UJA Federation of Greater Toronto

A New Era of Holocaust Education

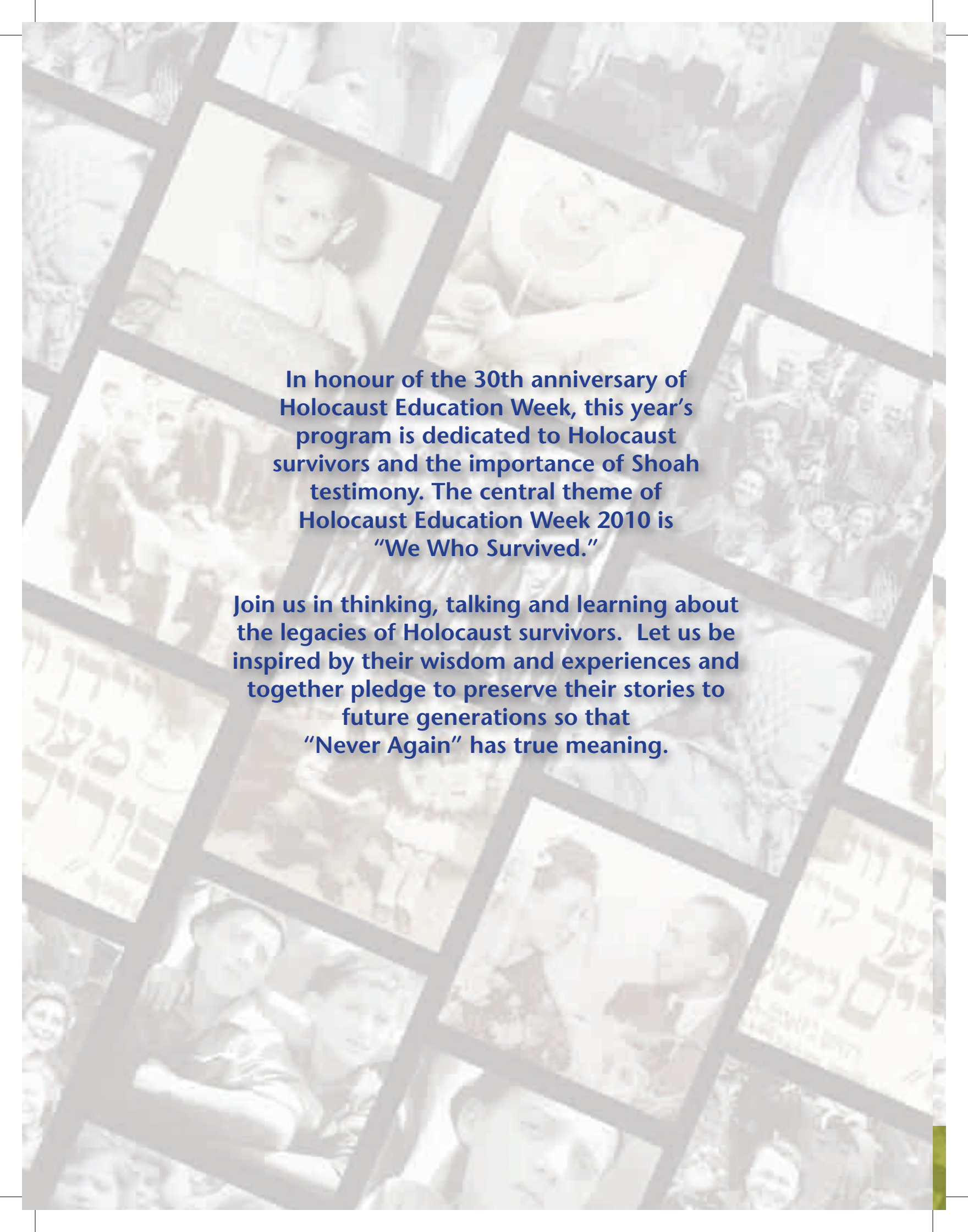
Over the past 25 years, the Holocaust Education Centre on Sherman Campus has informed and inspired hundreds of thousands across Ontario. In its much larger future home in The Jewish Museum of Canada, the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre will launch a world-class array of new programming, exhibitions and resources.

The Centre will feature four Galleries and a Memorial, the Frank and Anita Ekstein Holocaust Resource Collection, the Joseph Gottdenker Family Institute for Civic Responsibility, a Lecture Hall and the Radomski Docent Lounge.

Through projects like the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, UJA Federation's Tomorrow Campaign is changing the landscape of Jewish Toronto.

To learn more, please call the Tomorrow Campaign hotline at 416-631-5737 or visit www.tomorrowcampaign.com





In honour of the 30th anniversary of
Holocaust Education Week, this year's
program is dedicated to Holocaust
survivors and the importance of Shoah
testimony. The central theme of
Holocaust Education Week 2010 is
"We Who Survived."

Join us in thinking, talking and learning about
the legacies of Holocaust survivors. Let us be
inspired by their wisdom and experiences and
together pledge to preserve their stories to
future generations so that
"Never Again" has true meaning.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

OPENING NIGHT

7:30 PM

Adath Israel Congregation
37 Southbourne Avenue, Toronto
416.635.5340 x 308

THE VOID: IN SEARCH OF MEMORY LOST

Memory of the Holocaust is not the words we say, or the pictures we see on film, or the text we publish in books. Memory is a void, a terrifying empty space. We try to fill it, explain it, to live in it, to live with it. But no matter how hard we try, in memory's void much more was lost, than can ever be found.

University of Southern California Shoah Foundation Institute Executive Director, **STEPHEN D. SMITH**, and Toronto Holocaust survivor, **PINCHAS GUTTER**, embarked together on a journey through memory's void. For several years they talked and travelled and developed a friendship of trust in which they explored the life that resides in Pinchas' memory. On their journey, Pinchas took Stephen into the world of the Gerrer Hasidim of Lodz, through the Warsaw ghetto uprising, to Majdanek and Terezin, London, Paris, Jerusalem. Together they dared to probe the dark corners of memory.

Stephen and Pinchas will take us on their journey, to discover how vibrant, how real and how beautiful memory can be. They will also show how dark and lonely and terrifying it is too. Loss and trauma, survival and hope, pain and healing, love and hate, beautiful people and their fading shadows are all there in the void; remembered and forgotten.

Dr. Smith is one of the world's leading advocates of Holocaust education and genocide prevention. He was founding director of the UK Holocaust Centre—Britain's first dedicated Holocaust memorial and education institution—and he chairs the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, the body that runs national Holocaust commemoration in the UK. He also founded the Aegis Trust, an agency that works globally to prevent genocide and crimes against humanity. Smith assumed his role as Executive Director of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute, established by Steven Spielberg, in August 2009.

Pinchas Gutter was seven years old when the Second World War began. Having fled from Lodz to Warsaw, he and his family were incarcerated in the ghetto for three-and-a-half years until April 1943, the time of the uprising. The family was deported to Majdanek death camp where his father, mother and twin sister were murdered. He endured several Nazi camps and a death march. He was liberated by the Soviet Red Army in May 1945 and taken to Britain and South Africa before coming to Canada.

This program is generously co-sponsored by The Joseph Gottdenker Family Foundation in memory of the members of the Gottdenker and Zuckerbrot families who perished during the Holocaust and those who miraculously survived but have since passed away.

A private reception has been generously sponsored by Steve & Liddy Gottesman and family and Moishe & Jodi Gottesman and family in memory of Carol & Herman Gottesman.



November 1 – 9

Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene
Dennis Museum
1700 Bathurst Street
416.781.3511 x 232

TREASURES THAT SURVIVED

Rare and precious objects of Judaica will be showcased highlighting the richness of Jewish life in Europe before the Holocaust. These ritual items used by synagogues and families were rescued and preserved and now represent a nearly lost generation.

Housing one of the most important Judaica collections in the world, Beth Tzedec's Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum opened in 1965 with the acquisition of the collection of the renowned historian, Dr. Cecil Roth. The Roth Collection includes more than a thousand ceremonial objects.

Treasures that Survived will be on display in the synagogue lobby throughout Holocaust Education Week. The museum is open Sunday – Thursday and after services on Saturday. It will also be open the evening of November 8 during the Christopher Browning lecture. See page 25.



November 1 – November 5

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
10268 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill
905.787.8471 x 225

CHERRY DOCS

Set in modern-day Canada, *Cherry Docs*, a play by David Gow tells the story of Danny, a proudly liberal and self-proclaimed secular Jewish lawyer. Through legal aid, Danny is assigned to defend a neo-Nazi skinhead accused of kicking a man to death with his bright red Cherry Docs (Doc Marten boots). As they come together through the case, they are forced to listen to each other, and both men begin to re-evaluate everything they thought was true and face their own demons.



[This show is recommended for grades 9 to 12.](#)

November 1 to 5 @ 10:00 AM – school performances. Tickets are \$15 for students and complimentary for staff and supervisors.
Thursday November 4 @ 8:00 PM – public performance. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$33 for students and seniors.

November 2–7 and November 9–10

1:00 PM Daily
Art Gallery of Ontario
317 Dundas Street West. Toronto
416. 979.6660



Eva Hesse Studiowork, 1968.
Courtesy of University
of California, Berkeley Art Museum &
Pacific Film Archive,
gift of Helen Hesse Charash,
1979 Photograph
by Abby Robinson, New York.

EVA HESSE: STUDIOWORK EXHIBITION

(Special tour, free with Gallery admission)

This exhibition organized by the Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, brings together 50 of the artist's small 'test' pieces to examine, for the first time, how Eva Hesse's experimental studio practices and methods informed her larger sculptures.

Hesse was aware that she was producing works that were fleeting, but she was preoccupied with exploring time and its dimensions, having stated 'Life doesn't last; art doesn't last.'

Eva Hesse was born in Germany, in 1936. In 1938, to escape the Nazis, she and her sister Helen were put on a Kindertransport. The following year, the family was reunited in New York. The legacies of the Holocaust and of her tragic family history were the fears and anxieties that Eva Hesse dealt with throughout her life. Meet the Gallery Guides at Walker Court for the tour.

November 1 – 9

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre
Lipa Green Centre, 4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.635.2883 x 5153

WE WHO SURVIVED: A PORTRAIT GALLERY

Photographs by Leib Kopman.

Situated along the Herman Berenblum Promenade is *We Who Survived*, a photographic tribute to the members of the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre survivor speakers' bureau. Accompanying each contemporary portrait by photographer Leib Kopman is an autobiographical sketch reflecting on a life lived before, during and after the Holocaust. Together they affirm the importance of bearing witness and passing the torch of remembrance. Sharing their personal stories of survival, grief and ultimately renewal with thousands of students and members of the public, these remarkable individuals have informed and inspired generations. *We Who Survived* is an interactive photo gallery, on view during Holocaust Education Week and throughout the year.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

10:00 AM

Bloor Gladstone Library
1101 Bloor Street W., Toronto
416.393.7674

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

MARIAN DOMANSKI, born in Otwock, Poland, is a child survivor of the Holocaust. When his parents, Abram and Brucha Finkelman, were killed, he hid in villages, working for farmers and posing as a Catholic boy. The sole survivor of his family, he immigrated to Canada in 1970.

Recommended for students grades 7+

1:00 PM

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre
UJA Federation of Greater Toronto
Lipa Green Centre, 4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.635.2883 x 5153

WHO WILL TELL THE CHILDREN?: A WRITING WORKSHOP FOR THE 2ND GENERATION

Dr. Karen Shawn, 2009 Scholar-In-Residence, returns to Toronto to assist participants in developing and writing about a moment of their parents' experience. Building upon the 2009 foundational workshop, this session is designed to further develop the articulation of recounting a parent's narrative of the Holocaust. Dr. Shawn will examine such questions as: What is my goal in sharing my parents' stories? Should such stories be a catalyst for future learning, a catharsis, or some combination? Participants will set goals, determine which aspect of the narrative they wish to tell, develop their account, present it to the group, and receive constructive and caring feedback. Dr. Shawn received the Covenant Award for Excellence in Jewish Education in 2000.

This program is open ONLY to children of Holocaust survivors. Maximum registration is 24. To register, e-mail Hannah Schwartz: hschwartz@ujafed.org

This program is generously co-sponsored by Alan & Lorraine Sandler in memory of 1.5 million Jewish children whose voices were silenced.



1:30 PM

Ansley Grove Public Library
350 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge
905.653.7323 x 4401

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Born in Potsdam, Germany in 1927, **INGE SPITZ** survived Kristallnacht in 1938. Her father managed to escape while her mother was deported to Riga in 1941. Inge and her sister hid in France before sneaking into Switzerland in 1944. The surviving members of the family reunited in England after the war.

Recommended for students grades 7+

1:30 PM

Deer Park Library
40 St. Clair Avenue E., Toronto
416.393.7657

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

HELEN SCHWARTZ was born in 1925 in Bialystok, Poland. From the Bialystok Ghetto, she was deported to Majdanek, then to the Blishjen slave labour camp and to Auschwitz-Birkenau. In January 1945, Helen was transferred to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, from where she was liberated in April 1945 by the British Army. She came to Canada with her husband, Eric, in 1948.

Recommended for students grades 7+

1:30 PM

Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge Street, Toronto
416.393.7008

LES ÉTOILES CACHÉES - THE STORY OF HIDDEN CHILDREN IN FRANCE ÉVÉNEMENT EN FRANCAIS

Régine Soszewicz-Lilensten et Rachel Sosiewicz-Winegust se remémorent leur enfance cachée dans la campagne française pour survivre à la guerre. Une partie de leur histoire est scellée dans un livre français intitulé "Les étoiles cachées," écrit par Régine Lilensten et publié en France. Ce livre couvre la période avant, durant et après la seconde guerre mondiale et se concentre sur la famille Sosiewicz. Le livre "Les étoiles cachées" a été utilisé en France pour éduquer les jeunes du secondaire. C'est la première fois que Régine et ont la chance de partager ensemble leur expérience.

Recommended for students grades 7+

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2:00 PM

Spadina Road Library
20 Spadina Road, Toronto
416-393-7666

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Born in Antwerp, Belgium in 1936, **ANNE EIDLITZ** lived with her parents, Kiva and Liba Jacobowicz, and younger sister, Rosie. When Anne's father was deported in 1942, the family went into hiding. After their mother was arrested by the Gestapo, Anne and her sister remained in hiding until they were smuggled into Switzerland, where they stayed until 1946. Upon their return to Belgium, they were adopted by an uncle and aunt. They both immigrated to Canada in the early 1950s.

Recommended for students grades 7+

2:15 PM

Louis-Honoré Fréchette School
40 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill
905.738.1724

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

EDITH GELBARD was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1932. Her family fled to Belgium in 1938 after the Nazi annexation of Austria. In 1940 they fled from Belgium to France. In 1942 her father was arrested and never returned. Edith survived in hiding and was liberated at the end of 1944 and reunited with the rest of the family. She immigrated to Canada in 1955. Her story is documented in the book, *Hiding Edith*, by award-winning children's author, Kathy Kacer.

Recommended for students grades 7+

3:00 PM

Baycrest Centre
Loftus Hall, Apotex Centre
3560 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.785.2500 x 2271

LINKING PAST AND PRESENT: EXPLORING EXPRESSIONS OF RESILIENCE

This presentation by Holocaust survivors and staff at Baycrest utilizes arts-based vehicles to showcase the survivors' reflections on their life experiences. The program is coordinated by **SHOSHANA YAAKOBI**, Holocaust Resource Program Coordinator. Other presenters include: Artist **IAN LEVENTHAL**, Director of Culture & Heritage **BIANCA STERN**, Music Therapist **AMY CLEMENTS-CORTES**, Museum Coordinator **AVIVA BABINS** and Social Worker **ELAINE KOHN**.

7:00 PM

Cineplex Entertainment L.P
Toronto Jewish Film Festival
Sheppard Grande Theatre
4861 Yonge Street, Toronto

BERLIN '36

Inspired by the true story of Jewish high jumper Gretel Bergmann, this film replays a piece of forgotten Olympic history. Bergmann was considered a top contender for the gold medal at the 1936 Summer Games in Nazi-controlled Berlin. With the Americans threatening an Olympic boycott if Jewish athletes were barred from competing, Bergmann was invited to training camp. Uncomfortable with a Jewish athlete on the German team, the Nazis conspired to replace her with an unknown Uber-athlete who was revealed as a man years later. In 1937 Bergmann emigrated to the U.S., where she still lives, and was invited by the German Olympic Committee to be its guest at the Centennial Games in Atlanta.

Before the screening, **JEFF ENGEL**, former Chairman of Maccabi Ontario, will speak. His father, William Engel, participated in the 1933 Jewish Olympiad or Prague Maccabi Games, an early forerunner of the European Maccabi Games.

Complimentary tickets are available as of 6:00 pm at the registration table on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit four tickets per person.

This program has been generously co-sponsored by Elaine, Robbie, Suzanne and Lisa Goldberg, Marla Lukofsky and Fern Lukofsky & Leonard Dezenhouse in loving memory of Ruth & Lou Lukofsky.

7:00 PM

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies
5075 Yonge Street #902, Toronto
416.864.9735

THE ART OF SURVIVAL

Three Holocaust survivors discuss their experiences. **MAX EISEN** was born in 1929 in Moldava, in the former Czechoslovakia. In 1944, his family was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Max, his father and uncle worked as slave labourers but, shortly after arriving, his father and uncle were killed. Max managed to survive a death march to Mauthausen, Melk and Ebensee. He was liberated in 1945 and immigrated to Canada in 1949. He is the recipient of the 2004 Humanitarian Award from the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center and the 2007 Tikkun Olam Education Award from Ve'ahavta.

BILL GLIED was born in Subotica, Serbia in 1930. He was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1944 along with his family. He

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was later transferred to the Dachau concentration camp in Germany and worked as a slave labourer. Bill was liberated by the U.S. Army in April 1945 and came to Canada as an orphan in 1947.

VERA SCHIFF (née Katz) was born in 1926 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. In 1942, the entire Katz family was deported to Theresienstadt, where all but Vera perished. She was liberated by the Soviet Red Army in May 1945. Vera is the author of the award-winning *Theresienstadt – The Town the Nazis Gave to the Jews*, and *Hitler's Inferno – Eight Personal Histories from the Holocaust*. In 2005, she published *Letters to Veruska*, her mother's diaries from Theresienstadt.

Limited seating. To register, contact: 416-864-9735 or emartyn@fswc.ca.

This program is generously co-sponsored by the children and grandchildren of Marika and Bill Glied: Sherry Glied and Richard Briffault and family; Tammy Glied and Robert Beliak and family; Michelle Glied-Goldstein and Alan Goldstein and family.

7:30 PM

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue
100 Elder Street, Toronto
416.633.3838

ROBERT ADAMS REVIEWS ELIE WIESEL'S NOVEL, *THE FORGOTTEN*

Welsh-born **ROBERT ADAMS** has been giving on-stage book reviews of modern fiction to sold-out audiences in Montreal and Toronto for more than a decade. His talks appear on two Canadian channels, TVOntario and Book TV, and he has been profiled on PBS. Adams is the author of three books, including the bestseller, *A Love of Reading*.



Mr. Adams will review Elie Wiesel's story of an ailing Holocaust survivor who lives with disturbing memories and entrusts his son with a mysterious mission. The son's quest goes to the heart of Wiesel's own self-imposed mission, to try to find meaning in terrible experiences.

Mr. Adams will present this lecture again on Wednesday, November 3 at noon (see page 7).

A private reception is generously co-sponsored by Scotiabank Bathurst & Sheppard Branch, and by Eleanor and Martin Maxwell, in memory of his sisters, Josephine and Erna Meisels, who died in the Holocaust.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Gail and Stanley Debow in memory of Max, Maria and Henek Reisberg.

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7:30 PM

Beth Torah Congregation
47 Glenbrook Avenue, Toronto
416.782.4495 x 24

RESTITUTION: A FAMILY'S FIGHT FOR THEIR HERITAGE

With Europe on the eve of the Second World War, the Reeser family makes a daring escape, fleeing their home in Czechoslovakia to a new life in Canada. Their lives are saved, but all else is lost, including four valuable oil paintings. The search to reclaim these pieces spans more than fifty years of war and political upheaval. In her new book, *Restitution*, acclaimed author and speaker **KATHY KACER** has documented the journey of the Reeser family to recover their lost heritage. An award-winning children's author, this is Ms. Kacer's first book for adults. Ms. Kacer has written unforgettable stories inspired by real events.

Members of the Reeser family will be present. The author will be available for book signing after the lecture.

This program is co-sponsored by the Chenstechover Aid Society.

7:30 PM

Holy Blossom Temple
1950 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.789.3291 x 239

POPE PIUS XII: AN UPDATE ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD

This lecture examines the latest information and speculations about the movement within the Catholic Church to honour the wartime Pope Pius XII by making him a saint. What role does the Holocaust play in this effort?

What forces are pushing in the direction of sainthood? What forces are opposed? What do the historians think? How have the voices of survivors played a role? And, how should Jews, who are not part of this process, consider this issue?



MICHAEL R. MARRUS is the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor Emeritus and an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Toronto. He is the author of, among other works, *The Holocaust in History* and, most recently, *Some Measure of Justice: The Holocaust Era Restitution Campaign of the 1990s*. Professor Marrus serves on the Academic Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and was a member of the former International Catholic-Jewish Historical Commission to examine the role of the Vatican during the Holocaust.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 PM

St. Ansgar Lutheran Church
1498 Avenue Road, Toronto
416.783.3570

Church-Sponsored
Program

SHADOW ON THE CROSS

For the Christian Church, Holocaust Education Week is a time for self-examination. Historical studies have demonstrated how the extensive discrimination and violence against Jews in Christian Europe, by both governments and the Church over a thousand years, laid the groundwork for the Nazi program of genocide. This film provides an overview of the Holocaust in Christian history.



Following the screening, **OSCAR COLE-ARNAL**, retired Professor, History of Christianity at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, will speak about the Church in Germany during the Second World War. A long-time civil rights, peace, trade union, and international development activist, he is the author of *To Set the Captives Free: Liberation Theology in Canada*.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Me. 3 novembre, 9:30 AM

Collège universitaire Glendon de Toronto
Campus Glendon, Université York
2275 Bayview Avenue, Toronto
416.364.1000 x 88254

JOURNÉE D'ÉTUDE AVEC LES SPECIALISTES DU MÉMORIAL DE LA SHOAH

Événement en français

Cette journée exceptionnelle est organisée autour de deux grands axes et souhaite répondre au mieux aux besoins des enseignantes et des enseignants.

GEORGES BENSOUSSAN, IANNIS RODER et TAL BRUTTMANN, chercheurs français de renommée internationale, membres de l'un des principaux centres de recherche européens dans le domaine, vont aborder les questions essentielles que pose l'Holocauste en se concentrant sur les faits saillants de la période. L'objectif est de donner aux enseignantes et aux enseignants une compréhension aussi large que possible des logiques à l'œuvre durant cette période des plus sombres de l'Histoire. Ils montreront le dynamisme de la recherche dans le domaine et tâcheront d'aider les enseignant/es à s'orienter face à l'ampleur du sujet, à la masse de documents et de ressources à disposition. Le deuxième volet de la journée sera consacré aux différentes

manières d'enseigner le sujet dans le contexte de nos sociétés actuelles. La parole sera aussi donnée aux enseignantes et enseignants qui pourront poser des questions, exposer des situations auxquelles ils/elles ont été confronté/es. Enfin, des ressources pédagogiques seront présentées par la Fondation Azrieli (la Collection Azrieli des mémoires de survivants de l'Holocauste et les livrets pédagogiques les accompagnant) offrant un angle d'approche pour aborder le sujet et des idées d'activités à réaliser avec les élèves.

L'événement sera entièrement gratuit, les participants se verront offrir des documents pédagogiques et un déjeuner. Enfin, une partie des frais engagés par les enseignant/es exerçant en dehors du Grand Toronto sera prise en charge par les organisateurs.

Pour réserver, veuillez contacter: Carson Phillips, Édicateur, Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Centre: cphillips@ujafed.org, Aurélien Bonin, Chercheur et Traducteur, Fondation Azrieli aurelien@azrielifoundation.org.

Ce programme est généreusement co-sponsorisé par la collection Azrieli des mémoires de survivants de l'Holocauste, Collection établie en vue de collecter, de préserver et de diffuser les mémoires écrites par des personnes qui ont survécu au génocide des Juifs d'Europe par les nazis et ont par la suite émigré au Canada. Les enseignant/es qui assisteront à l'événement se verront offrir les ouvrages de la Série 3 de la Collection Azrieli des mémoires de survivants de l'Holocauste. Ce programme a été rendu possible grâce au soutien de Hillel Grand Toronto.

Sponsorisé par le Consulat général de France à Toronto ; le Mémorial de la Shoah, Paris, France, La Fondation Azrieli, Toronto.

9:30 AM

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre
UJA Federation of Greater Toronto
Lipa Green Centre, 4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.635.2883 x 5153

CONTINUING THE LEGACY: USING RECORDED TESTIMONY

In this informative workshop, **DR. KAREN SHAWN** explores the use of recorded testimony in relaying Holocaust narratives. You have your parent's testimony on video; how can you make the best use of it in helping the next generation to understand the story? This workshop will help you set goals, identify the one aspect of the experience to tell, and frame your narrative around several two- or three-minute segments of recorded testimony. You are encouraged to bring a DVD of one or two such pre-selected segments of no more than 3 minutes each to the workshop. (No videotapes; DVDs only).

Dr. Shawn taught for 10 years at the Yad Vashem Summer Institute for Educators from Abroad and at the same time served as educational consultant for the American Friends of the Ghetto Fighters' Museum. She is the founder of the Holocaust Educators'

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Consortium, an international, inter-religious Community of Practice, and has written and lectured extensively on Holocaust education.

This program is open ONLY to a family member of a Holocaust survivor. Registration is limited to 18 people. To register, e-mail Hannah Schwartz: hschwartz@ujafed.org

12:00 NOON

Barbara Frum Library
20 Covington Road, Toronto
(416) 395-5456

OUTCASTS - A LOVE STORY (film and discussion)

This is the true story of a Jewish woman and the Christian man who tries to save her during the Second World War in Nazi occupied Hungary. They are separated, only to be reunited in Canada. Since 1991, filmmaker **SUSAN M. PAPP** has produced and directed numerous documentaries dealing with social issues, arts, biographies and turning points in history. Her documentaries have won many awards, including the prestigious Michener Award and the Canadian Association of Journalists Award for Outstanding Investigative Reporting. Ms. Papp teaches at the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto.

Space is limited. To register, call 416-395-5440.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Ilse and Daniel Feldheim.

12:00 NOON

The Speakers Action Group and Canadian Jewish Civil Rights Association
Ontario Bar Association - Conference Centre
20 Toronto Street, Toronto
416.225.6166

ROBERT ADAMS REVIEWS ELIE WIESEL'S NOVEL, *THE FORGOTTEN*

Mr. Adams will review Elie Wiesel's story of an ailing Holocaust survivor who lives with disturbing memories and entrusts his son with a mysterious mission. See page 5 for more information. Please join us for this Business Lunch Lecture.

Space is very limited. Only pre-registered guests will be admitted. Feel free to bring your own lunch. To reserve your place: www.speakersaction.com or email: projectmanager@speakersaction.com.

(Directions: 2 streets east of Yonge St., north of King St).

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1:00 PM

Bernard Betel Centre
1003 Steeles Avenue W., Toronto
416.225.2112 x 105

HOLOCAUST BY BULLETS (film and discussion)

ALEX LEVIN will describe his personal experiences during the Holocaust following the screening of this 2009 CBC documentary in which he is interviewed. The documentary tells of Father Patrick Desbois' journey to uncover the truth behind the murder of 1.5 million Jews by mass execution in Belarus and Ukraine.

Mr. Levin, born in 1932 in Rokitno (Volyn), Poland, survived a massacre at the Rokitno Ghetto where his parents and younger brother were murdered. He managed to escape into the forest with his older brother where they lived in a cave for over one-and-a-half years. He was liberated by the Soviet Red Army in 1944 and made his way to Canada in 1975. His memoirs, *Under the Yellow and Red Stars*, were recently published and received the 2010 Pearson Prize Teen Choice Award.

This program is generously co-sponsored by the Azrieli Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs, established to collect, preserve and share the stories written by survivors of the 20th century Nazi genocide of the Jews of Europe who later made their way to Canada. Members of the audience will receive sets of Series 3 of the Azrieli Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs.

1:00 PM

Milliken Mills Community Library
7600 Kennedy Road, Unit #1, Unionville
905.513.7977 x 3538

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Born in Poland in 1929, **SALLY ROSEN** lived in the Lodz Ghetto with her mother for four-and-a-half years during the war. In 1944 they were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. From there, Sally was taken to Bremen-Hafen to clean bombed houses. In April 1945 she was transported to Bergen-Belsen, where she was liberated by the British Army. In all, she lost 40 members of her family during the Holocaust. Sally immigrated to Toronto in 1948.

[Recommended for students grades 7 +](#)

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www.holocausteducationweek.com
or call our hotline **416.631.5689**

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1:30 PM

Locke Public Library
3083 Yonge Street, Toronto
416.393.7731

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

LEIZER (LOU) HOFFER was born in 1927 in Vijnitz, Bucovina (Romania). While his immediate family survived the Holocaust, many members of his extended family were killed in Transnistria. Lou immigrated to Canada in 1948.

Recommended for students grades 7 +

1:00 PM

Parkdale Public Library
1303 Queen Street W., Toronto
416.393.7687

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Originally from Brzeziny-Lodz in Poland, **GEORGE FOX** and his immediate family of five were forced into the Lodz Ghetto. George was deported with his mother to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where she was killed. He was then deported to the Nazi concentration camps of Gross-Rosen and Flossenburg. He is the only survivor of his family. George was liberated by the U.S. Army in May 1945 and came to Canada in 1948.

Recommended for students grades 7 +

3:30 PM

Центр им. Бернарда Бетела
Bernard Betel Centre
1003 Steeles Avenue W., Toronto
416.225.2112 x 103

Александр Левин «Моя история».

Александр Левин – Польша, переживший гетто и прятавшийся в лесу. Родился в 1932 году в маленьком городке Рокитно, на Волыни, Польша. Пережил Рокитинское гетто, в котором погибли его родители и младший брат. Убежал из под расстрела со старшим братом в лес, в котором прятались и жили в течении 18 месяцев, как дикие звери. Освобождены Советской Армией в 1944 году и добровольно был принят сыном полка. С полевым госпиталем 2408, 13-ой Армии 1-ого Украинского фронта дошел до города Торгай, Германия. В 1975 году уехал в Канаду через Вену и Рим. Написал книгу, которая вышла в 2009 на английском языке «Под желтыми и красными звездами». В 2009 году был участником передачи на CBC “Holocaust by Bullets.” Discussion in Russian and English language.

This program is supported by Jewski at Hillel of Greater Toronto.

5:30 PM

University of Toronto Multi-Faith Centre
for Spiritual Study & Practice
569 Spadina Avenue, Toronto
416.946.3119

REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

Through film and storytelling, participants will have an opportunity to engage with the question: what are the implications of the Holocaust for the 21st century? *Healing Voices*, a documentary by director Riva Finkelstein, will also be screened.

This program is jointly sponsored by the Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Office of University of Toronto; Hillel of Greater Toronto; and Multi-Faith Centre of University of Toronto.

This program has been generously co-sponsored by Elaine, Robbie, Suzanne and Lisa Goldberg, Marla Lukofsky and Fern Lukofsky & Leonard Dezenhouse in loving memory of Ruth & Lou Lukofsky.

8:00 PM

The Mifgash Program, The Israeli Division (UJA)
4600 Bathurst St. Rooms 7 & 8, Toronto
416.635.2883 x 5316

WRITING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST – A SECOND-GENERATION ISRAELI PERSPECTIVE

השתיקה ושכירתה: כתיבה על נושא השואה מזווית הראייה של הדור השני

סביון ליברכט היא אחת הסופרות המובילות בספרות הישראלית העכשווית. היא ילידת גרמניה ובוגרת החוגים לספרות ולפילוסופיה באוניברסיטת תל-אביב. בכתיבתה משתקפת הזווית המציאות הישראלית המורכבת, כשהשואה והשלכותיה על הניצולים, בניהם ונכדיהם היא בבסיסה.

ספריה כוללים חמישה קבצי סיפורים, שני רומנים וקובץ של נובלות. ספריה תורגמו לשפות רבות: אנגלית, גרמנית, איטלקית, צרפתית וסינית. באנגלית יצאו לאור: “תפוחים מן המדבר”, “איש ואישה ואיש”, “מקום טוב ללילה” ולאחרונה “הנשים של אבא”. כמו כן, עובדו שלושה מסיפוריה לסרטים ותסריטים נוספים שלה הוקרנו בטלוויזיה הישראלית.

סביון ליברכט היא גם אחת המחזאיות הכולטות בתיאטרון הישראלי. היא זכתה עד כה בשלושה פרסי תיאטרון, כשהאחרון בהם הוא פרס מחזאית השנה לשנת 2009 על המ’ “הבנאליות של האהבה”. מחזה זה כמו גם אחרים הוצג במספר ארצות כמו: גרמניה, שווייץ ושוודיה. הפקות נוספות של המחזה מתוכננות בקרוב בארצות נוספות. מחזה חדש שלה: “רוחלה מתתנת” מופק על תיאטרון בית לסין. סביון ליברכט זכתה בפרסים ספרותיים רבים בארץ וגם בחו’ל.

הרצאתה של סביון ליברכט תתקיים בשפה העברית.

תעריף: 5\$ מספר המקומות מוגבל.
לפרטים נוספים ולהרשמה 416.635.2883 x 5316

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00 PM

Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto
115 Simpson Avenue, Toronto
416.406.6228 x 113

Church-Sponsored
Program

...But I Was A Girl

This rare documentary tells the story of Frieda Belinfante (1905-1995), a remarkable woman who was the first female conductor to have her own symphony orchestra. Controversial because of her sexuality, Belinfante was born in Amsterdam and joined the Resistance during WWII. After the war, she moved to the U.S. where she resumed her musical career. Frieda's life story is told by herself, her older sister Renee, former students and friends, and some of her most beautiful music.

DR. JOAN SIMALCHIK will lead a discussion after the screening. Dr. Simalchik is a Professor at University of Toronto Mississauga campus, Coordinator of the Study of Women and Gender Program and former Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture.

This program is co-sponsored by Kulanu Toronto.

7:00 PM

Scarboro Missions
2685 Kingston Road, Toronto
416.261.7135

Church-Sponsored
Program

A PARTISAN'S MEMOIR

FAYE SCHULMAN was born in Lenin, Poland. In 1942, the Nazis murdered her family. She escaped and joined the Soviet Partisans in the forest to fight for freedom. She survived and was liberated by the Soviet Red Army in 1944. Faye was decorated by several governments for her bravery. She immigrated to Canada in 1948 and is the author of *A Partisan's Memoir*. She is featured in three documentary movies, *Voices of Survival*, *Daring to Resist* and an award-winning Canadian production, *Out of the Fire*.

7:00 PM

Toronto East 7th Day Adventists Church
170 Westwood Avenue, Toronto
416.696.5784

Church-Sponsored
Program

OUR PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

HOWARD and **NANCY KLEINBERG** were born in the village of Weirzbnik, Poland and were raised in traditional, observant homes. By October 1942, their lives had changed forever. Before either of them had turned 20, Howard and Nancy endured years of forced labour, hunger, hardship, cruelty, forced marches, as well as internment in several concentration camps. After liberation from Bergen-Belsen in April 1945, they learned that their parents, and most of their relatives, friends and neighbours had not survived. The story of how these two anguished, penniless and stateless teens met one another and then set about rebuilding their lives is inspiring.

7:30 PM

Jewish Genealogical Society
Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto



A JOURNALIST'S REFLECTION OF HIS SURVIVAL

JOE SCHLESINGER is a veteran Canadian journalist who, for four decades, has reported for CBC Television News from every corner of the world.

Born in Vienna in 1928, Mr. Schlesinger was raised in Czechoslovakia. In 1939, after Hitler annexed the country, his parents sent him to safety in England. When Mr. Schlesinger returned to Czechoslovakia in 1945, he learned his parents had been killed in the Holocaust.

Mr. Schlesinger retired from CBC News in 1994, but has continued to contribute regularly to programs. He has won many prestigious awards, received several honorary doctorates and was named a member of the Order of Canada. The documentary he narrated, *The Power of Good*, won the 2002 International Emmy Award.

The documentary *Nicholas Winton: The Power of Good* which tells the story of Schlesinger's escape, will be screened on Wednesday, October 27 at 8:00 PM. See page 31 for program information.

This program is generously co-sponsored by the Azrieli Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs, established to collect, preserve and share the stories written by survivors of the 20th century Nazi genocide of the Jews of Europe who later made their way to Canada. Members of the audience will receive sets of Series 3 of the Azrieli Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 PM

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation
3600 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.787.1631



STUDY AS SURVIVAL: RESISTANCE THROUGH LEARNING

JEFFREY GLANZ, Ed.D., will discuss the scholarship of clandestine education during the Holocaust while offering his personal reflections as a son of a Holocaust survivor.

Dr. Glanz holds the Raine and Stanley Silverstein Chair in Professional Ethics and Values in the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration at Yeshiva University, where he is a full Professor and Senior Fellow of the Institute for University-School Partnership.

Dr. Glanz's book, *Holocaust Handbook for Teachers: Materials and Strategies for Grades 5-12*, was the principal text in Teaching the Holocaust, a state-wide in-service course for educators. He and Karen Shawn coordinate The David and Fela Shapell Family Foundation Institute on the Shoah U'Gevurah at Yeshiva University. Dr. Glanz is Co-Editor of *PRISM: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Holocaust Education*.

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7:30 PM

St. Gabriel's Passionist Parish
670 Sheppard Avenue E., Toronto
416.221.8866

Church-Sponsored
Program

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

After their expulsion from their home in Fascist Italy, **MIRIAM FRANKEL** and her family found themselves trapped in Hungarian-occupied Czechoslovakia for the next four years. Her father was taken to a forced labour camp and when he returned, the family was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau in May 1944. Surviving two additional concentration camps, Miriam was liberated in Salzwedel, Germany in April 1945. The sole survivor of her family, Miriam came to Canada as a Jewish war orphan in 1948.

This program has been generously co-sponsored by Marilyn & Stephen Sinclair in memory of Ernest (Ernie) Weiss.

8:00 PM

Grace Church on the Hill
300 Lonsdale Road, Toronto
416.488.7884

Church-Sponsored
Program



KEEPING THE MUSIC ALIVE: A CHORAL TRIBUTE

CANTOR BENJAMIN MAISSNER,

Musical Director of Holy Blossom Temple and Lachan Jewish Chamber Choir, will direct and perform musical selections from Jewish communities and composers across Europe and across time. This concert will pay homage to the rich and diverse musical tradition of European Jewry before the Holocaust and serves as a testament to its survival. Holocaust survivors from these communities will share personal reflections on the music.

Cantor Maissner is renowned for his mastery of Jewish secular and liturgical music, ranging in styles from Jewish Renaissance and early Hebrew Art Music to contemporary Canadian, American and Israeli compositions. In 1993, Cantor Maissner formed Lachan Jewish Chamber Choir. The choir's name is taken from one of the Hebrew words for "melody" and is committed to the performance of Jewish and Jewish-influenced music in both liturgical and secular traditions from the 12th to the 21st century.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Mel Brown, Marilyn & Larry Pacht and Glennie & David Mandel, in honour of our dear parents, Sam & Yetta Brown, and in memory of their family members who perished in the Holocaust; and by Cari Weiss & Rami Weitz, Gerald & Marie-Helen Weiss, Russell Weiss and Jason Weiss, in honour of our father, Holocaust survivor Allan Weiss, and in memory of the Weiss, Stark, Klein and Farkas families who perished in the Holocaust.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 PM

Shaar Shalom Synagogue
2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill
905.889.4975

PRESERVING THE MESSAGE WHEN THERE ARE NO MORE EYEWITNESSES

One of the most powerful and meaningful tools used in Holocaust education is the firsthand testimony of eyewitnesses – the survivors. We will not, however, have the privilege of this powerful tool forever. What means do we then use to convey to future generations the experiences of the survivors before, during and after the Holocaust? How best can their stories be perpetuated, so that they and their message are never forgotten?

This important issue will be discussed by three eminent Holocaust educators: **ELLY GOTZ**, concentration camp survivor and long-time speaker at the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre; **PROFESSOR SARA HOROWITZ**, Director of the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies at York University and teacher of Holocaust literature and film; and **PROFESSOR ROBERT JAN VAN PELT**, Professor of Architecture at the University of Waterloo and world authority on Auschwitz. The panel will be moderated by **DR. HOWARD ADELMAN**, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at York University and host of the weekly television program Israel Today.

Generously co-sponsored by Julie Silver and Arthur Helman.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

DR. SARA R. HOROWITZ is the Director of the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies at York University, and a professor of comparative literature in the Division of Humanities. She holds a PhD in Comparative Literature and an M.A. in French Literature from Brandeis University, an M.A. in English literature from Columbia University and a B.A. in English Literature from the City University of New York. She is the author of *Voicing the Void: Muteness and Memory in Holocaust Fiction*, which received the Choice Award for Outstanding Academic Book, co-editor of *Encounter with Appelfeld*, a collection of essays on Aharon Appelfeld, and co-editor of the journal *Kerem*. She is currently completing a book called *Gender, Genocide and Jewish Memory*.



9:30 AM

Seneca College King Campus
POD - C
13990 Dufferin Street, Toronto
416.491.5050 x 5273

THE TUTSI GENOCIDE AND ITS AFTERMATH

In this presentation, **RÉGINE KING** will provide a short overview of the historical and political issues that led to the 1994 Tutsi genocide in Rwanda, some of the consequences of this genocide and some steps made towards recovery.

Régine Uwibereyeho King is a PhD candidate in the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto and a survivor of the 1994 Tutsi genocide in Rwanda. Her research interests are finding appropriate mental health approaches for survivors of massive violence and models leading to the reconstruction of healthy communities. Régine is a community activist on issues of genocide and other forms of violence.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Ve'ahavta, a Canadian humanitarian and relief organization that is motivated by the Jewish value of tzedakah – the obligation to do justice – by assisting the needy locally and abroad through volunteerism, education, and acts of kindness, while building bridges between Jews and other peoples, worldwide.

Supported by Hillel of Greater Toronto.

12:00 NOON

Mount Sinai Hospital
Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Health Complex
Ben Sadowski Auditorium, 18th Level
600 University Avenue, Toronto
416.586.4800 x 8690

THE IMPACT OF THE HOLOCAUST ON THE SECOND GENERATION

DR. MOLYN LESZCZ will review the contemporary clinical and scientific literature regarding the impact of trauma on attachment, relationships and adaptation to stress, as well as models of understanding the intergenerational transmission of vulnerability and resilience.

Dr. Leszcz is Psychiatrist-in-Chief at Mount Sinai Hospital, and Professor and Head of the Group Psychotherapy Program, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto.

Recommended for health care professionals. The public is welcome.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

1:00 PM

Maple Library
10190 Keele Street, Maple
905.653.7323 x 4504

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

JOE (JOSEPH) LEINBURD was born in Suceava, Romania in 1922. In 1941, the Romanian Fascist Regime, collaborating with Nazi Germany, deported the entire Jewish population of Northern Bucovina and Bessarabia to Transnistria, an area in southwestern Ukraine. Miraculously, his entire family survived a death march from Moghilev to Murafa and was liberated in 1944. After spending two-and-a-half years in Displaced Persons camps, Joe and his wife immigrated to Canada in 1949.

[Recommended for students grades 7 +](#)

1:30 PM

Centennial College
Residence and Conference Centre - Markham Room
940 Progress Avenue, Toronto
416.289.5000 x 8888

THE BITE OF THE MANGO: A PERSONAL STORY OF SURVIVAL

In her book, *The Bite of the Mango*, **MARIATU KAMARA** gives a rare account of how, at 12 years of age, she became a survivor of the brutal wars in Sierra Leone. Her writing reflects upon what it means to be both a victim and a survivor, to transform one's life and continue to live with vigor. A panel discussion with students on the issue of genocide will follow her address.

Ms. Kamara is a UNICEF Canada special representative for Children and Armed Conflict. She has also established a foundation to help provide housing for victims of war in Sierra Leone.

Selected materials from the John & Molly Pollock Holocaust Collection will be on display.

Supported by Hillel of Greater Toronto.

1:30 PM

Unionville Library
15 Library Lane, Unionville
905.513.7977 x 2182

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

DR. FELICIA CARMELLY was born in 1931 in Romania. In 1941, she was deported to concentration camps in Transnistria. She was liberated in 1945. Eventually, she managed to immigrate from Communist Romania to Israel and, later, came to Canada. She will describe the fate of about half a million victims, mostly Jewish, who perished in hundreds of camps under the control of the Romanian Fascist armies and their Ukrainian collaborators. She is the author of the three-time award-winning book, *Shattered! 50 Years of Silence, History and Voices of the Tragedy in Romania and Transnistria*.

[Recommended for students grades 7 +](#)

1:30 PM

Wychwood Library
1431 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.393.7684

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Born in Bendzin, Poland, **FANNY PILLERSDORF** survived seven Nazi camps. Towards the end of the war, she managed to escape and was hidden by a farmer in Czechoslovakia. The sole survivor of her family, she was liberated by the Soviet Red Army. Fanny came to Canada with her husband and children in 1962.

[Recommended for students grades 7 +](#)

2:00 PM

Forest Hill United Church
2 Wembley Road, Toronto
416.783.0879

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Program

A PARTISAN'S REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLOCAUST

Following a short documentary on the life of partisans during the Second World War, Holocaust survivor and partisan **PETER SILVERMAN** will share his story. Born in Jody, Poland, he spent six months in a ghetto. After witnessing the massacre of his town's Jewish population, Peter managed to escape and spent 16 months in hiding. He joined the Jewish-Russian Partisan Brigade and actively participated in armed resistance. Peter is a recipient of medals for bravery from seven countries and is the co-author of the award-winning *From Victims to Victors*.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

2:00 PM

High Park Library
228 Roncesvalles Avenue, Toronto
416.393.7671

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

HENRY MELNICK, born in Lodz, was deported for slave labour shortly after the Nazis occupied Poland in 1939. He was transferred to several death camps, including Auschwitz-Birkenau, Buna, Dora-Mittelbau and Bergen-Belsen. When his parents were murdered in the Belzec death camp, he became the sole survivor of his family. After liberation, he volunteered for the Israeli Army and fought in the 1948 War of Independence. Henry came to Canada in 1965 with his wife, Hela, and their two children.

Recommended for students grades 7 +

3:00 PM

University of Toronto, Mississauga
Women & Gender Studies Program
South Building, Room 2072
3359 Mississauga Road N., Mississauga
905.569.4491

WOMEN IN THE HOLOCAUST

Survivor **JUDY WEISSENBERG COHEN** will intertwine her personal experiences with a general history of the Holocaust that pays special tribute to women victims, heroines and survivors. She will explain the reality behind the observation by historian Dalia Ofer, "The discussion of women's unique experiences provides a missing element of what we must now see as an incomplete picture of Jewish life during the Shoah."

Judy was born in Debrecen, Hungary in 1928. She was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1944 and survived Bergen-Belsen, a slave labour camp and a death march. She was liberated in 1945 and immigrated to Canada in 1948. Judy's website www.womenandtheholocaust.com is an acclaimed scholarly resource.

Supported by Hillel of Greater Toronto.

6:30 PM

League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada
15 Hove Street, Toronto
416.633.6224 x 111

CONVERSATIONS WITH SURVIVORS: THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

DR. MARCIA SOKOLOWSKI will lead a discussion with survivors in the context of a multi-generational approach to preserving memory and historical truth.

As a psychotherapist and ethicist, Dr. Sokolowski has considerable experience working with survivors and their children, helping them not only to deal with the effects of trauma, but also to recognize the strengths inherent in their survival.

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or call our hotline **416.631.5689**

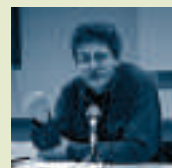
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 PM

Alliance Française - Événement en français
Consulat général de France à Toronto; Mémorial de la Shoah
Paris, France; La Fondation Azrieli, Toronto
Galerie Pierre-Léon de l'Alliance Française au 24, Spadina
Road, Toronto 416.922.2014

TABLE RONDE SUR L'HOLOCAUSTE: PERSPECTIVES D'HISTORIENS FRANÇAIS ET CANADIENS

Cette table ronde exceptionnelle réunira d'éminents spécialistes de la question: **DR. NAOMI AZRIELI**, Présidente de la Fondation Azrieli, une organisation philanthropique canadienne dont l'un des programmes – la Collection Azrieli des mémoires de survivants de l'Holocauste – joue un rôle de premier plan dans la commémoration et l'enseignement de l'Holocauste au Canada; **GEORGES BENSOUSSAN, TAL BRUTTMANN** et **IANNIS RODER**, des historiens français de renom qui travaillent au Mémorial de la Shoah à Paris, un centre de recherche et de commémoration à la pointe de la recherche européenne. Au cours de leur échange, ils nous feront découvrir deux réalités différentes, l'une canadienne, l'autre française. Ils aborderont des questions fondamentales relatives à l'Holocauste, à sa mémoire et à son enseignement, en mettant l'accent sur les défis propres à chacun des deux pays. Y seront couvertes des problématiques essentielles telles que le sort et le rôle des survivants depuis la fin de la Deuxième Guerre mondiale, l'importance des lieux de mémoire ou encore les luttes mémorielles dans des sociétés où la question de l'identité fait débat.



L'événement est entièrement gratuit et des rafraîchissements seront servis. Le nombre de places étant limité, veuillez réserver aussi tôt que possible. Pour réserver, veuillez contacter: Carson Phillips, Édicateur, Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Centre: cphillips@ujafed.org / Aurélien Bonin, Responsable Recherche et Traduction, Fondation Azrieli aurelien@azrielifoundation.org.

Événement sponsorisé par le Consulat général de France à Toronto; par Carson Phillips à la mémoire d'Hélène Berr; Ce programme est généreusement co-sponsorisé par la collection Azrieli des mémoires de survivants de l'Holocauste, collection établie en vue de collecter, de préserver et de diffuser les mémoires écrites par des personnes qui ont survécu au génocide des Juifs d'Europe par les nazis et ont par la suite émigré au Canada. Les personnes qui assisteront à l'événement se verront offrir les ouvrages de la Série 3 de la collection Azrieli des mémoires de survivants de l'Holocauste.



Recommended for educators and the general public.

6:30 PM

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies
5075 Yonge St. #902, Toronto
416-864-9735

PHOTO MEMORIES OF AN ALLIED SOLDIER

Canadian World War II Veteran Robert Robinson independently took the photos displayed in this gallery as a member of the liberating forces of Bergen-Belsen. They serve as a reminder of the horrors of war and a lesson for the future. Profoundly impacted by these findings, he lived his life refusing to accept everyday injustice.

The program also includes the personal testimony of Holocaust survivor **HERB GOLDSTEIN**. He was born in Poland in 1924 and moved to Germany in 1926 with his family. After witnessing Kristallnacht in 1938, his father managed to secure escape from Germany for Herb and his brother on the Kindertransport. They took refuge in England. Herb eventually joined the British Royal Navy and then immigrated to Canada in 1947.

Limited seating. To register, contact: 416-864-9735
or emartyn@fswc.ca.

7:00 PM

Aurora United Church
15186 Yonge Street, Aurora
905.727.1935

Church-Sponsored
Program

PIGEON – COURAGE TO SPEAK UP

It only takes one moment and a perfect stranger to change a life forever. Set during the Second World War and based on a true story, *Pigeon*, a short film, recounts a rare and startling act of humanity.

After the screening, Holocaust survivor **ROMAN ZIEGLER** will share his personal testimony. Roman was born in Dombrowa, Poland. He spent 31 months in four slave labour and concentration camps before being liberated in May 1945 by the Soviet Red Army. He is the youngest of eight children and the sole survivor of his family. He came to Canada in 1948 and married in 1958. Roman is the co-author of *Voice From the Heart*.

**"I believe that anyone
who lived through
an experience is duty bound
to bear witness to it."**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00 PM

Aurora High School
155 Wellington Street W., Richmond Hill
905.727.3107

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Born in Poland in 1923, **GEORGE BERMAN** and his family lived in the Lodz Ghetto between 1940-1944, until deportation to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where he lost both parents. Soon after, he was transferred to Gorlitz, a camp in German Silesia. George escaped on May 4, 1945, just one day before the war ended. He returned to Lodz briefly before immigrating to Cardiff, Wales, where he met his future wife. George and his family have been living in Canada since 1956.

Recommended for students 13+, parents and grandparents.

7:00 PM

St. James Cathedral
65 Church Street, Toronto (Corner of King St.)
416-364-7865

Church-Sponsored
Program

MY GRANDMOTHER'S MUSICAL TESTIMONY

ROBERT ADAM is the grandson of four Hungarian Holocaust survivors. His grandmother, Lily Lerner, was a strong advocate for Holocaust education. While in medical school, Robert wrote a musical inspired by her life story. He combined segments of his grandmother's videotaped testimony with the specific musical numbers. *Musical Testimony* shares her story in a unique and moving way, highlighting the responsibility that exists for the grandchildren of survivors to pass on their stories.

This powerful testimony is accompanied by the vocal performance of **RENÉE BARDA**, an award-winning, classically-trained mezzo-soprano. Renee will link the testimony and music with explanations of the songs. Renée will be accompanied by **DOROTHY KRIZMANIC**, a Toronto-based organist and chamber musician, and **GIDEON WILK**, an accomplished clarinetist and pianist.

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7:00 PM

FAST (Fighting Anti-Semitism Together)
St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church
44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto
416.483.1513

CHOOSE YOUR VOICE: VICTIM, PERPETRATOR, BYSTANDER, HERO

In response to the documented increase in vicious anti-Jewish incidents in Canada, FAST was established and funded by **ELIZABETH COMPER**, a former teacher and **TONY COMPER**, Immediate Past President and Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Montreal Financial Group. FAST is a coalition of non-Jewish Canadian business and community leaders who came together to speak out against antisemitism and to fund education and other projects that encourage non-Jews to speak out. "Choose Your Voice", an education program, was first launched in Ontario in 2005. To date, over 700,000 Canadian students in almost every province and territory, have learned to speak out against all forms of discrimination. FAST recently won the prestigious Award of Excellence 2010 from the Canadian Race Relations Foundation in the category of Community. Tony and Elizabeth Comper will share their inspiring story of the dream and mission for FAST and how the program was developed. The powerful "Choose Your Voice" video will be shown, followed by a presentation by **MAX EISEN**, a Holocaust survivor. Complimentary copies of "Choose Your Voice" will be available for educators.



This program is generously co-sponsored by Richard Pivnick and Annette Metz, Pivnick and family in honour of George Metz, who survived the Holocaust, and in memory of all victims of the Shoah.

Recommended for educators and general public.

7:00 PM

Toronto March of the Living
Lipa Green Centre, Tamari Family Hall
4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.398.6931 x 5359

REFLECTIONS: THROUGH OUR EYES

The third-annual March of the Living exhibition *Reflections: Through Our Eyes* features photographs taken by the participants of the 2010 program as well as diary entries and poems. The evening will include music and a guest speaker, Holocaust survivor and partisan **FAYE SCHULMAN**. See page 9 for her biography.

Generously co-sponsored by Anita Ekstein and the Ekstein family in loving memory of Frank Ekstein.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:30 PM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am
55 Yeomans Road, Toronto
416.633.5500

ART AS WITNESS

In 1941, Czech workers were sent to transform the small town of Terezin into the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Here the Nazis incarcerated some of Europe's most gifted artists, musicians, composers and writers. Terezin's legacy lives on in countless paintings by children, works of art, poems, plays and operas.



Toronto-born sculptor, artist and designer **IAN LEVENTHAL** will highlight the role of art as witness to the Shoah and testimony of the survivors. He has achieved a vast body of work over the past 30 years.

This program is generously co-sponsored by George & Eleanor Getzler and by Larry & Bonnie Moncik and their families in loving memory of their parents, Abraham and Ida Moncik.

7:30 PM

Temple Har Zion
7360 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill
905.889.2252

"WHO WILL TEACH THEM AFTER ME?"

JOHN BERRYS, a member of Temple Har Zion, was born in Germany. He was sent to England on the Kindertransport before the outbreak of the Second World War. **Yael Spier Cohen** was born in Hesse and witnessed Kristallnacht before being deported to Terezin and then to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Yael and John, both native German speakers, have been invited to Germany to relate their personal Holocaust stories to young Germans. As our survivor population grows smaller, the question arises: how will these firsthand witness accounts be perceived when the survivors are no longer able to tell them? You will hear the speakers' perspectives on what they feel may be the repercussions for the future.

8:00 PM

Congregation Habonim
5 Glen Park Road, Toronto
416.782.7125



THE MAN ON THE BALCONY

This highly-acclaimed documentary by **KURT BRAZDA** is about Austrian Holocaust survivor Rudolf Gelbard who, along with his parents, was deported to Theresienstadt in 1942. Gelbard leads the viewer to certain venues of his childhood in Vienna, where the "Jewboy" had to endure humiliation after Hitler's march into Austria in 1938. This is the Canadian premiere of this documentary. (English subtitles)

Mr. Brazda is the founder of the Austrian Association of Cinematographers. He is an award-winning cinematographer, photographer and documentary film director. In addition, he teaches and lectures in film schools in Austria.

Limited Seating

This program is generously supported by the Austrian Embassy in Ottawa.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

11:00 AM

Mount Pleasant Library
599 Mt. Pleasant Rd.
416.393.7736

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

HEDY BOHM was born in Oradea, Romania. In 1944, Hedy was deported from the local ghetto to Auschwitz. Birkenau. An only child, she saw her parents, many relatives and friends murdered by the Nazis. She was selected and shipped to an ammunition factory in Fallersleben, Germany as a slave labourer. Liberated by U.S. Forces in April 1945, she immigrated to Canada in August 1948.

[Recommended for students grades 7 +](#)

2:00 PM

Forest Hill Library
700 Eglinton Avenue W., Toronto
416.393.7706

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

ELLY GOTZ was born in 1928 in Kovno, Lithuania and spent his teenage years in concentration camps, eventually ending up in Dachau. He was liberated by the U.S. Army in 1945 and reunited with his parents. After the war, they lived in Germany, Norway, Rhodesia and South Africa. Elly came to Canada in 1964.

[Recommended for students grades 7 +](#)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

2:00 PM

Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence
645 Castlefield Avenue, Toronto
416.785.1511

MUSICAL MEDLEY: FOLKSONGS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

JENNY EISENSTEIN, accompanied by pianist **MIKHAIL KHINKIS**, will present a medley of Yiddish, Hebrew, and English folksongs from before, during and after the Holocaust. Ms. Eisenstein, born and raised in Poland, was incarcerated in camps, including Auschwitz-Birkenau and Ravensbruck. She has performed live on radio and television around the world. Jenny performed at the closing ceremony of the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, 1983.

Mr. Khinkis was born in the Soviet Union and had his first appearance on national television at the age of seven. He became a student of the Moscow State Institute of Culture at the age of 16 and graduated as a Conductor. He immigrated to Toronto in 1988.

7:45 PM

Temple Kol Ami
36 Atkinson Avenue, Thornhill
905.709.2620 x 246

THE POWER OF THE MARCH OF THE LIVING

The March of the Living, perhaps the most impactful and intense Jewish experiential education program, has transformed the way young Jewish and multicultural students look at the world and their obligation to it. At a time when the next generation is intrigued by *tikkun olam* and making a difference, we can learn how this experience can build on that desire by confronting the past and working towards repairing the world.

MICHAEL SOBERMAN is the Director of National Initiatives for the Next Generation at UIA Federations Canada.

This lecture is part of the Friday night Shabbat service.

Refreshments will be served after services are over and Mr. Soberman will be available for questions.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Dr. Seymour Hershenfeld & Ms. Susan Weltman and family, in honour of Edzia Weltman, a Holocaust survivor; in memory of Leon Weltman, a Holocaust survivor; and in memory of Sam & Freda Hershenfeld.

10:30 AM

Congregation Shir Libeynu
Miles Nadal JCC Chapel
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto
416.465.5488

REFLECTING AND READING: A SHABBAT SERVICE

Holocaust survivor and author **VERA SCHIFF** and Shir Libeynu member and poet **JACQUIE BUNCCEL** will be part of the Shabbat service. Ms. Schiff will deliver the Dvar Torah. See page 5 for her biography. Ms. Buncel will read from her new book, *Turning the Corner at Dusk*, in which she weaves images of Judaism through a personal child-of-Holocaust-survivors collection. Her poetry and fiction have been published in a number of journals.

11:30 AM

Stashover Slipia Congregation
11 Sultana Avenue, Toronto
416.789.1333

THE SURVIVAL OF THE WARSAW GHETTO ARCHIVE

Based on Samuel Kassow's book, this presentation will examine the Oyneg Shabbes archive that was the singular and remarkable project of Emmanuel Ringelblum to preserve a personal and material record of life in the Warsaw Ghetto.

RALPH WINTROB is an instructor in Philosophy and Literature at Ryerson University's Senior Studies program and lectures at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

1:30 PM

First Narayever Congregation
187 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto
416.927.0546

HISTORY OF A HISTORY: THE STORY BEHIND NONE IS TOO MANY

Almost three decades since it was first published, *None Is Too Many* remains a focus of debate both within the Jewish community and beyond. In this talk, **HAROLD TROPER** will discuss the research and writing of *None Is Too Many* and suggest why the book has had so great an impact.

HAROLD (HESH) TROPER is a Canadian writer, historian and academic, specializing in Canadian Jewish history. Together with Irving Abella, he authored *None is Too Many*, the story of the Canadian government's refusal to allow Jewish immigration from Europe during the Holocaust. This book, chosen by a panel of experts for the Literary Review of Canada, was selected as one of the 100 most important Canadian books ever written. Troper is currently a Professor of Education at the University of Toronto.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30 PM.

Friends of Jesus Christ Canada
2250 Midland Avenue, Unit 11, Scarborough
(North of Progress Ave)
416.335.8829

Church-Sponsored
Program

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

ADA WYNSTON was born in 1936 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. She and 231 other Jewish children were rescued from a Jewish daycare centre by the Dutch underground. From 1942 to 1945, Ada was hidden with Dutch-Reform Christian families. Altogether, 73 of her family members were murdered in Sobibor and Auschwitz-Birkenau death camps. She immigrated to Canada in 1957. She received a Knighthood from Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands in 1993 for her volunteer work with Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

This program is generously supported by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem – Canada.

7:30 PM

National Council of Jewish Women
4700 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.633.5100



BREAKING THE SILENCE: WRITING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST – A SECOND-GENERATION ISRAELI PERSPECTIVE

SAVYON LIEBRECHT is one of Israel's foremost authors and playwrights. Her writing often focuses upon issues of identity while probing the complex relationship of the second generation to the Holocaust and the transformation of Holocaust survivors into Israelis. Israel Television has produced three films based on her scripts and her novella, *Valentina's Mother*, was adapted into a feature film. Her writings are widely translated. Her books in English translation are: *Apples From the Desert*; *A Good Place for the Night*; *A Man a Woman and a Man*; and *The Women My Father Knew*.

2010 Holocaust Education Week Scholar-in-Residence **DR. SARA HOROWITZ** will provide a brief academic overview of the history of second-generation Holocaust literature and will moderate the discussion after the lecture. (see page 11 for her bio)

This program is generously co-sponsored by The Rash family in memory of Harry Rash and Dina Zbar; and by the Consulate General of Israel (Toronto).

8:00 PM

Beth Sholom Synagogue
1445 Eglinton Avenue W., Toronto
416.783.6103



CONFRONTING HOLOCAUST DENIAL WHEN THERE IS NO ONE LEFT TO SAY "I WAS THERE"

In recent years, we have seen a rise in Holocaust denial. Deniers are exceptionally adept at using the Internet and other forms of social networking. In certain cases, Holocaust denial has evolved from "hard core" denial – there were no gas chambers – to anti-Zionist and anti-Israel rhetoric. How can we understand this phenomenon and is there some way of countering it?

DR. DEBORAH E. LIPSTADT is the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University in Atlanta. Her book, *History on Trial: My Day in Court With A Holocaust Denier*, is the story of her libel trial in London against David Irving, who sued her for naming him a Holocaust denier and right-wing extremist. The trial was described by the Daily Telegraph (London) as having "done for the new century what the Nuremberg tribunals or the Eichmann trial did for earlier generations." The judge found David Irving to be a Holocaust denier. Her other book, *Denying the Holocaust: the Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*, is the first full-length study of those who attempt to deny the Holocaust.

Dr. Lipstadt will be Beth Sholom's Scholar-in-Residence and will be speaking during Oneg Shabbat dinner on Friday, Nov. 5 (Trial: My Day in Court with David Irving) and giving a sermon from the bima on Saturday, Nov. 6 (The North American Campus: A Hotbed of Antisemitism).

For more information and to RSVP for the dinner, please contact 416-783-6103 or andrea@bethsholom.net.

Generously co-sponsored by Jim Gross in memory of his parents, Ethel and Leslie Gross, ז"ל; and by Orab Buck in memory of Adam Buck, ז"ל.

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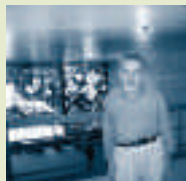
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or call our hotline **416.631.5689**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:15 PM

Torah in Motion
Kehillat Shaarei Torah
2640 Bayview Avenue, Toronto
416.633.5770



CAN FAITH BE RESTORED?: SUFFERING AND BELIEF AFTER THE HOLOCAUST

RABBI DR. DAVID WEISS HALIVNI is one of the Jewish world's leading Talmudists and theologians. Professor Weiss Halivni will discuss the key issues of faith after the Shoah. What can the Holocaust mean for persons who have devoted their lives to Jewish belief and practice? Can a time of suffering be reconciled with faith in a benevolent G-d? How does the Shoah change the shape and meaning of Judaism for contemporary Jews?

Professor Weiss Halivni, born in Sighet, Romania, is a survivor of Aushwitz-Birkenau, Wolfsberg and Mauthausen. After being liberated from the camps, he moved to the U.S. and studied at Yeshiva Rabbi Chaim Berlin. He served on the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary for 30 years prior to his appointment as Littauer Professor of Talmud and Classical Rabbinics in the Department of Religion at Columbia University. He is the author of several books on Talmudic scholarship, as well as his memoir, *The Book and the Sword*, and a book on post-Holocaust theology, *Breaking the Tablets*.

A discussion will be moderated by **DR. ELLIOTT MALAMET**, a teacher of Jewish Studies and Religious Education at York University and at TanenbaumCHAT. He is the co-founder and Program Director of Torah in Motion, a Toronto-based educational organization that runs conferences and symposia designed to explore the interface between Judaism and the modern world.

Doors open at 7:45 PM.

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

St. Peter's Anglican Church (Erindale)
1745 Dundas Street W., Mississauga
905.828.2095 x 50

Church-Sponsored
Program

A CHILD OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

A child of Holocaust survivors, **KATHY KACER** is the award-winning author of such books as *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser*, the "Whispers" series and *Restitution*. She is also a much-sought-after speaker. She will share her experiences of growing up in the shadow of her parents' survival, which inspired her to write and spread the message of the Holocaust to young people around the world.

10:00 AM

Temple Sinai Congregation
210 Wilson Avenue, Toronto
416.487.3281 x 226

AN AMBASSADOR AND A MENTSCH: THE STORY OF A TURKISH DIPLOMAT IN VICHY FRANCE

In his new book, **ARNOLD REISMAN, PhD, PE**, reveals the little-known role played by Turkish diplomat Behiç Erkin, who was Ambassador to France during the Second World War. Together with his staff, he saved Turkish Jews living in France from certain death. Recent findings of documents from various U.S. Government archives confirm that the intervention on behalf of French Jews with Turkish origins was not the policy of the Turkish Government, but the determined undertaking of members of the Turkish diplomatic corps in France.



Dr. Reisman is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He will be available for book signing after the lecture at a public reception.

A Cantor Severin Weingort Holocaust Education Lecture.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:30 AM

Church of the Messiah
240 Avenue Road, Toronto
416.500.3018

Church-Sponsored
Program

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

DR. FELICIA CARMELLY, award-winning author, will relate her story of survival during the Holocaust. See page 12 for her biography.

10:30 AM

Catch The Fire Ministries
272 Attwell Dr., Toronto
416.674.8463

Church-Sponsored
Program

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

ADA WYNSTON, born in Amsterdam, will share her experience of being rescued as a child from certain death by the Dutch underground. See page 17 for her biography.

This program is generously supported by International Christian Embassy Jerusalem – Canada.

11:00 AM

Bathurst Clark Resource Library
900 Clark Avenue W., Thornhill
905.653.7323.x 4130

PEBBLES, MOTORCYCLES AND THE HOLOCAUST

This lecture will illustrate how a small school in Trenton, Ontario embarked upon a project to collect 6 million pebbles and why over 200 Jewish motorcycle riders from Canada and the United States rode there to commemorate the Holocaust.

ANDY RÉTI is a child survivor of the Holocaust and an avid motorcycle rider, a member of the Executive Committee of the Yidden on Wheels (YOWs) motorcycle club of Toronto.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre
Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life
36 Harbord Street, Toronto
416.913.2424

LEGACY: A SYMPOSIUM EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

A program for people in their 20s and 30s

This half-day symposium will inspire and challenge us to think about how our generation will remember the Holocaust and how we will represent both its horrors and its essential lessons for humanity in the future.

The day will consist of discussion, presentations, multimedia and the arts. Topics to be explored include:

- The Holocaust in Pop Culture
- Would You Buy a BMW?
- The Shoah and Your Jewish Identity
- What Happened to ‘Never Again’?
- Teaching the Holocaust

The programme will conclude with ‘In Conversation’ **Holocaust Remembrance in the Year 2050**, facilitated by **SHELLEY HORNSTEIN**, York University Professor of Architectural History & Visual Culture.

The symposium will be moderated by **SARA HOROWITZ**, Director of the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies at York University. Holocaust survivors and members of the Armenian and Rwandan communities will also be present.

In partnership with Hillel of Toronto and March of the Living Toronto, as well as the Annex Shul, Beth Tzedec young professionals, Birthright Alumni Community, the House, Jewski, Impact Toronto, JUMP, and Shaarei Shomayim young professionals.

Register online

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Lunch will be served. Kashruth Observed.

Generously co-sponsored by Eleanor and Martin Maxwell in memory of his sisters, Josephine and Erna Meisels, who died in the Holocaust; and by Jeff Wagman, Vice-President, Director, Byron Securities Limited.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

11:00 AM

Jewish Storytelling Arts
Miles Nadal JCC
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto
416.924.6211 x 154

TALES OF COURAGE FROM THE SHOAH

The Holocaust is often described as the “Kingdom of the Night.” Yet, even during these dark years, there were those who rose up against evil. Women, men and children, Jew and non-Jew fought back with body and soul, physically and spiritually, showing heroism, kindness and compassion under the most trying conditions. Their courageous stories will be explored by noted storyteller **ELI RUBENSTEIN**, National Director of the March of the Living and Religious Leader of Congregation Habonim.

Suitable for adults and families with children ages 9+.

11:00 AM

Toronto Workmen's Circle
471 Lawrence Avenue W., Toronto
416.787.2081

LIFE IN THE LODZ GHETTO

The Photographer, a film produced and directed by Dariusz Jablonski, centres around a set of 400 colour photos sold to a used bookstore in Vienna postwar and rediscovered in 1987. Walter Genewin was the chief accountant of the Lodz Ghetto and an amateur photographer. He personified the Nazi ideals of order and efficiency through his record keeping and these photos of ghetto life document his work. Lodz Ghetto survivor, Dr. Arnold Mostowicz, narrates the film, illuminating the real events depicted in these photos and the tragedy of ghetto life. The film, in Polish, German and Yiddish with English subtitles, will be introduced by **SYLWIA SZYMANSKA-SMOLKIN** with a brief lecture in Yiddish about life in the Lodz Ghetto. Sylwia is a PhD Candidate at the University of Toronto.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the Toronto Workmen's Circle, UJA Federation Committee for Yiddish, Friends of Yiddish and United Jewish People's Order – Winchevsky Centre.

1:30 PM

Terrace Gardens Retirement Residence
3705 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.789.7670 x 2004

REMEMBER US!

Singer **STELLA WALKER**, accompanied by pianist **WAYLEN MIKI**, will present a program of songs in Yiddish, English and Hebrew. Themes of love, loss and hope are explored through Yiddish art and theatre songs, folksongs, American popular songs, and liturgical music. Ms. Walker has sung with many of the finest

musicians in North America and has worked with many singers and Klezmer bands. Her work as a writer and performer has been broadcast nationally on the Women's Television Network, Comedy Network, CBC, CTV and Bravo. Mr. Miki, a composer and pianist based in Toronto, is co-creator of two award-winning musical productions.

2:00 PM

The Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation
The Lodzer Centre
12 Heaton Street, Toronto
416.636.6665



CHAI IN MONTE CASSINO

High atop one of the most strategic battlefields of WWII, at Monte Cassino – vital to the Allies on their march to Rome – now lies a huge cemetery with the graves of many soldiers including those of the Polish 2nd Corps. It is estimated that approximately five percent of General Władysław Anders' Polish 2nd Corps were Jews who not only fought the Nazis, but, at times, also combated antisemitism within their ranks. Where once there was treacherous fighting, there is now a peaceful site with, almost symbolically, eighteen (*chai*) Jewish graves among the many fallen.

One such hero is retired Captain **FRED ALLAN BRILL** (born Bryłowicz), a member of the 10 PAC Artillery (Pułk Artylerii Ciężkiej). After the siege of Warsaw, he and his brother, who also served in General Anders' army, escaped to the Near East and joined the Free Polish army involved in the North African campaign. He fought in the Polish 2nd Corps, part of the British 8th Army, throughout the entire Italian campaign and was wounded at Monte Cassino.



Mr. Brill will discuss the role of the Polish Jewish soldiers in this major battle, whose Pyrrhic victory helped the Allies on the path to recapture Europe from the Nazis.

Excerpts from the documentary movie *As Crosses Are The Measure of Freedom*, the story of legendary Polish leader Władysław Anders and the soldiers of the 2nd Corps, made in collaboration with and under the supervision of General Anders' closest aide-de-camp, will also be shown.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Helen Stollar and family in memory of her husband, Jack Stollar.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

3:30 PM

Koffler Centre of the Arts and Temple Emanu-El
120 Old Colony Road, Toronto
416.449.3880

MUSIC THAT SURVIVED

Inspired by the theme for Holocaust Education Week, *We Who Survived*, the celebrated Koffler Chamber Orchestra performs music that survived the persecution of Jewish artists in Eastern Europe during WWII and has only received prominence in the post-war years, shaking loose the suffocating Nazi label of “degenerate art.” Many Jewish composers fled Europe to Israel and North America while others created new work against all odds in the ghettos and camps, demonstrating how the creative spirit triumphs over darkness and evil. The horrors of the war are also tangible in music of Jewish composers creating after the Holocaust. This moving repertoire is performed under the direction of acclaimed violinist, **JACQUES ISRAELIEVITCH**.
Tickets: \$15 in advance | \$20 at the door | \$10 for students w/ ID. For tickets and additional information, contact the Koffler Centre of the Arts: www.kofflerarts.org or 416.638.1881 x 4333.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Morris, Louis, and Garry Greenbaum and their families.

4:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Toronto Jewish Film Society and Miles Nadal JCC
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto
(416) 924 -6211 x 606

FOUR SEASONS LODGE

Four Seasons Lodge is a documentary about a group of Holocaust survivors spending what might be their last summer together at a bungalow colony in the Catskill Mountains. It reveals elements of the survivors’ lives after the war and their contagious passion for living in the aftermath of enormous loss. Guest speaker will be **SHIRLEY KUMOVE**. This will be the Toronto premiere of *Four Seasons Lodge*.

“Rush” seats are available at the door 15 minutes before screen times - \$15. \$10 for ages 18-29, 7:30 pm screening only. For more information contact (416) 924 -6211 x 606 or esthera@mnjcc.org.

7:00 PM

The Speakers Action Group
Canada Christian College
50 Gervais Drive, Toronto
416.391.5000

Church-Sponsored
Program

FROM KRISTALLNACHT TO LIBERATION

Born in Vienna in 1925, **MARTIN MAXWELL** witnessed Kristallnacht in 1938. After his parents died, he went to England on the Kindertransport, and was adopted by an English couple. He joined the British Army in 1942 and fought in various campaigns, including the D-Day invasion at Normandy. In the Battle of Arnhem in Holland in 1944, Martin was wounded and taken prisoner. He was liberated in May 1945 and came to Canada in 1952. In May 2010, he took part in the ceremony for the 65th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland.

7:00 PM

Villa Colombo, Sala Caboto
40 Playfair Ave., Toronto
416.789.7011 ext. #298

BESA: THE ALBANIAN RESCUE OF JEWS

Between 1933 and 1945, Albania saved nearly all of its Jewish population as well as protecting refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe. Adhering to the Albanian Code of Honour, “Besa,” which literally means “to keep the promise,” Albanian families sheltered and welcomed Jews until the war ended. Guest speakers include Albanian Jews whose families survived and their Albanian rescuers.

VERA HELD, M.Ed., daughter of a survivor and regular columnist for the Toronto Sun and **PROFESSOR SAIMIR LOLJA**, historical editor specializing in Albanian-Jewish history and relations, will unravel a powerful tale of tolerance and kindness during the most savage of historical times. Also participating: **ARTUR LENA**, an English instructor at Faisal University in Saudi Arabia and **ILIR LENA**, director and producer for OMNI 1 and Rogers TV.

This program is co-sponsored by Columbus Centre and Villa Charities.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00 PM

Congregation Darchei Noam
864 Sheppard Avenue W., Toronto
416.638.4783



HOLOCAUST-ERA ASSETS: ENDURING QUESTIONS

Ten years after the Washington Conference on compensation for survivors, billions remain unspent and many questions have not been answered. This lecture with **PROFESSOR ALAIN GOLDSCHLÄGER** will revisit the main concerns and pose potential solutions.

Dr. Goldschläger is the Director of the Holocaust Literature Research Institute that he founded in 1996. Since 2009, he has been Chair of The National Task Force on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research. In 2009, he served as a Canadian delegate to the International Task Force on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research in Oslo and a Canadian delegate to the Holocaust Era Assets Conference in Prague.

This lecture honours the memory of Saul Laskin, who died last year.

7:00 PM

Melrose Community Church
375 Melrose Avenue (at Avenue Rd.), Toronto
416.785.1980

Church-Sponsored
Program

SHARED EXPERIENCES, INDEPENDENT FATES

Among the groups the Nazi regime singled out for persecution was the Roma (Gypsies), regarded as “racially inferior.” The fate of Roma mirrored that of the Jews. Under the Nazi regime, German authorities subjected Roma to arbitrary internment and forced labour, and murdered en masse.

GINA CSANYI, a Romani Canadian, will highlight the striking parallels between the situation leading to the Holocaust and the dangers faced by the Roma population in Europe today. She comes from a long lineage of Roma musicians that immigrated to Canada during the 1956 Revolution in Hungary. Gina is a Roma rights and social justice advocate and is involved with the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) in Budapest, Hungary. Gina currently serves as President, Board of Directors of the Toronto Roma Community Centre.

Also featured is **VERA SCHIFF** (née Katz), a Holocaust survivor who was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia. (For her detailed bio, see page 5)

This program is co-sponsored by St. Timothy's Anglican Church.

7:30 PM

Beit Rayim Synagogue and Hebrew School
Town of Richmond Hill
Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
10268 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill
905.771.5489



REFUGE DENIED: THE ST. LOUIS PASSENGERS AND THE HOLOCAUST

In June 1939, 937 Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany were denied entry into both Cuba and the U.S. on the ill-fated St. Louis. After sailing close to the shores of Miami Beach, the ship had to return to Europe. Though the drama at high seas is well known, the fate of the passengers remained a mystery for nearly 60 years. **SCOTT MILLER** will describe his search to unravel the individual stories and reveal the fate of all the passengers – in effect, telling the final chapter of the story that has come to symbolize North America's indifference to the plight of Europe's Jews during the Holocaust.

Mr. Miller is the Director of Curatorial Affairs, overseeing the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's archives, artefacts, photos, films, music and oral history collections. In 2006, with Sarah Ogilvie, he co-authored *Refuge Denied: The St. Louis Passengers and the Holocaust*, the story of their search to trace the fate of all the St. Louis passengers.

LISA AVEDON, a St. Louis survivor, will speak about her experiences surrounding this fateful voyage. She was four-and-a-half years old when she was aboard, but has many vivid memories. Although the ship never entered Canadian waters, Canada's failure to offer refuge to its passengers is viewed as an example of Canada's reluctance to protect those seeking shelter from the Nazi regime. Canadian immigration policies from that era will be discussed in the context of current efforts in Canada to keep the history of the era alive.



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:30 PM

Beth Lida Congregation and Israel's the Judaica Centre
22 Gilgorm Road, Toronto
416.489.2550

A TIME OF FEAR

ALEXANDER EISEN is the author of the recently-published memoir, *A Time of Fear*. He was born in 1929 in Vienna. After Germany occupied Austria in 1938, the Eisen family fled to Hungary. At the border crossing, Alex's father was arrested, leaving his wife alone with their three children. Later, his father managed to escape to Palestine. Alex and the rest of the family endured the hardships of the Budapest Ghetto, but later managed to escape and lived in hiding until liberation by the Soviet Red Army in 1945. The author will be available for book signing after the lecture.

7:30 PM

Consulate General of Poland
Pride of Israel Synagogue
59 Lissom Crescent, Toronto
416.226.0111 x 12

THE LEGACY OF JAN KARSKI: THE MAN WHO TRIED TO STOP THE HOLOCAUST

This exhibit features multimedia presentations honouring the legendary emissary who informed the West about the Holocaust. **EWA WIERZYNSKA** will include biographical information about Karski and a description of initiatives devoted to his memory developed by various grassroots organizations in Poland.

Ms. Wierzyńska is an initiator and manager of the Jan Karski – Unfinished Mission project, developed under the auspices of the Association of the Jewish Historical Institute of Poland. Among her other achievements is the Poland-Israel Youth Exchange, which has become a major educational program of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews.



This program is in partnership with the Chancellery of the President of Poland.

The exhibit will be on display between November 7 – November 9, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For information call 416.226.0111 x 12.

This program is generously co-sponsored by the Teddy Tourney and by Ted & Joan Shapero.

7:30 PM

Beth Torah Congregation
47 Glenbrook Avenue, Toronto
416.782.4495 x 24

A PIANIST'S HOMAGE TO JEWISH COMPOSERS WHO SUFFERED DURING THE HOLOCAUST

CONSTANZE BECKMAN will give a piano recital featuring pieces by composers who suffered during the Holocaust. A solo pianist by age eight, she has performed in Italy, Germany and Toronto. Born in Berlin, Ms. Beckman presently studies at the Royal Conservatory in Toronto.

Generously co-sponsored by Edith Sereny in memory of John Sereny.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:00 AM

Yorkville Library
22 Yorkville Avenue, Toronto
416.393.6747

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Born in 1927 in Nádudvar, Hungary, **LESLIE MEISELS** lived with his parents, two brothers and both sets of grandparents. He survived the ghetto in Debrecen, deportation, slave labour and the eventual deportation to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp near Hanover, Germany. He was liberated in April 1945 by the U.S. Army. His mother, father and both brothers also survived. Leslie came to Canada in 1967.

[Recommended for students grades 7+.](#)

10:30 AM

Palmerston Library
560 Palmerston Avenue, Toronto
416.393.7681

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

The lecture features guest speaker, Holocaust survivor **HEDY BOHM**. See page 16 for her biography.

[Recommended for students grades 7+.](#)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

1:00 PM

Cineplex Entertainment L.P.
Sheppard Grande Theatre
4861 Yonge Street, Toronto

THE ISLAND ON BIRD STREET

This movie depicts life in the ghetto through the eyes of an 11-year-old boy. Alex, his father Stefan, their Uncle Boruch and Alex's pet mouse, Snow, live in Warsaw in the Jewish ghetto. One day, the Nazis come to haul away all remaining Jews. Alex has to use his resourcefulness to find food and water, and to find a suitable hiding place for when the Nazis come looking for any remaining Jews. Before the screening, Holocaust survivor **AMEK ADLER**, who lived in Lodz and Warsaw and survived several concentration camps, will reflect on his own experiences. (See page 34 for his detailed bio).

Space is limited, pre-registration required. Call 416.635.2883
ex: 5153 e-mail hschwartz@ujafed.org

This presentation is recommended for student groups ages 11+.

1:00 PM

Markham Village Library
6031 Highway #7, Markham
905.513.7977 x 4253

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

NATE LEIPCIGER was born in 1928 in Chorzow, Poland. A survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau and other death camps, Nate is a former Chair of the Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre. As a speaker about his experiences during the Holocaust, Nate has dedicated his life to the education of a new generation about the horrors he witnessed, and the lessons he wishes the world had learned.

Recommended for students grades 7+.

2:00 PM

Lillian H. Smith Library
239 College Street, Toronto
416.393.7746

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

PINCHAS GUTTER was seven years old when the war began. Having fled from Lodz to Warsaw, he and his family were incarcerated in the ghetto for three-and-a-half years until April 1943, the time of the uprising. The family was deported to Majdanek death camp where his father, mother and twin sister were murdered. Pinchas endured several Nazi camps and a death march. He was liberated by the Soviet Red Army in May 1945 and taken to Britain and South Africa before coming to Canada.

Recommended for students grades 7+.

6:30 PM

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies
Sheppard Grande Theatre
4861 Yonge Street, Toronto
416.864.9735

I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN YOU: THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SIMON WIESENTHAL

Simon Wiesenthal, a Holocaust survivor who lost 89 family members, helped track down over 1,100 Nazi war criminals and spent six decades fighting antisemitism and prejudice against all people. Watching the early efforts of the U.S. Government to prosecute Nazi war criminals, he realized, "There is no freedom without justice," and initially decided to dedicate a few years to that quest. A few years turned into the rest of his life. Narrated by Nicole Kidman.

Screening is free but pre-registration is required. Limit four tickets per person. Call 416-864-9735 or emartyn@fswc.ca

This program is generously co-sponsored by Morris, Louis and Garry Greenbaum and their families.

7:00 PM

Oraynu Congregation for Humanistic Judaism
Don Heights Unitarian Congregation
18 Wynford Drive, Toronto
416.385.3910

THE WORLD WAS OURS: JEWISH VILNA

Prewar Jewish Vilna comes alive in this one-hour documentary narrated by Mandy Patinkin. Vilna was the "Jerusalem of Lithuania." Vilna was a thriving milieu for modern and revolutionary politics, art and culture. The film's creator, Mira Jedwabnik Van Doren, offers a rich display of photographs and audio material to vividly portray the community and its most illustrious figures – such as Chaim Soutine, Jacques Lipchitz, Jascha Heifetz, Chaim Grade, and Avrom Sutzkever. After the film, **GERRY KANE**, Canadian Jewish News Yiddish columnist, will read works by Sutzkever, a resistance fighter, poet and winner of the Israel Prize, and works by other young Vilna writers, in both Yiddish and English.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00 PM

Tyndale University College & Seminary
25 Ballyconnor Court, Toronto
416.226.6620 x 2151

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

SALLY WASSERMAN was born in Katowice, Poland in 1935. When the war started, her family was expelled from their town and went to live in her father's hometown, Dombrova. He was soon taken away and they never saw him again. When the Dombrova Ghetto was established, Sally, her mother and her young brother were forced to move to the ghetto. When the ghetto was liquidated, Sally's mother hid her with an elderly Polish Gentile couple until liberation. She was 11 years old when she left Poland for a DP camp in Germany. There, she and 92 other Jewish orphans were sent to New York. Her mother's sister then brought her to Canada in 1947.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Leonard & Eileen Gold for the children who were never given a chance to speak.

7:30 PM

L'Arche Daybreak - Dayspring Chapel
11339 Yonge St. (at Devonsleigh), Richmond Hill
905.884.3454 x 227

Church-Sponsored
Program

SWIMMING IN AUSCHWITZ

Six Jewish women, from different countries and different backgrounds, found themselves deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. This film attempts to chronicle that experience through those same eyes. While subject to the same physical hardships as men, these women do not dwell on that. Instead, they speak of camp families and faith, uplifting one another while trying to remain human. It was this path of spiritual resistance that, while not responsible for their direct survival, led to their ability to survive with healthy minds and spirits.

Following the film, **SHARY FINE MARMOR** will moderate the discussion and relay her own personal experience during the Holocaust. Born in Bistrica, Romania in 1927, she was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau in early 1944, then transferred to Plaszow labour camp, before being transferred back to Auschwitz. Shary survived the death march to the Alps and was liberated by the U.S. Army in 1945. She came to Canada in 1948.

Parking is limited. Please see driving directions on www.larchedaybreak.com.

This program is co-sponsored by Richmond Hill United Church and St. Mary's Anglican Church.

7:30 PM

Wierzbniaker Society and
Beth Tzedec Synagogue
1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto
416.781.3514 x 234



REMEMBERING SURVIVAL

This program combines a keynote address from **CHRISTOPHER R. BROWNING**, world-renowned Holocaust historian discussing his new book, *Remembering Survival*, with the annual memorial program of the Wierzbniaker Society. Wierzbniak-Starachowice, a shtetl (small town) 95 miles south of Warsaw, was liquidated by the Nazis in October 1942. Two-thirds of its Jewish residents were murdered at Treblinka; the rest were used as slave labourers. Dr. Browning has documented life inside this Nazi slave labour camp, using it as a case study to explore commonly-held assumptions about prisoner life inside the camps and the dynamics of survival. For over 60 years, survivors and descendants from this shtetl have conducted an annual memorial service to remember those who were murdered and, in recent years, to educate the younger generation about this typical Eastern European shtetl and its history.

Survivors of the Wierzbniak slave labour camp and their families will be in attendance. Professor Browning will be available for book signing after the program.

Christopher R. Browning is the Frank Porter Graham Professor of History at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. He has served as an expert witness in war crimes trials and Holocaust denial cases in Australia, Great Britain and in Canada at the second Zundel trial in Toronto in 1988.

This program is generously co-sponsored by The Sam and Gitta Ganz Family Foundation, in loving memory of the Ganz and Feuerwerker families, who were victims of the Holocaust.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

12:00 NOON

Stikeman Elliott LLP and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
5300 Commerce Court W. (199 Bay St), Toronto
416.869.7722

SOME MEASURE OF JUSTICE: HOLOCAUST ART RESTITUTION: THE STORY OF EGON SCHIELE AND THE PORTRAIT OF WALLY

MICHAEL MARRUS, Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor Emeritus of Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto and a Senior Fellow of Massey College, has had a distinguished career as an academic and writer, teaching both law and history. His recent book, *Some Measure of Justice*, won a Canadian Jewish Book Award and deals with the American Holocaust-era restitution campaign of the 1990s.

Professor Marrus will describe and evaluate the July 2010 settlement of a decades-long struggle on the part of a Holocaust survivor and her heirs for the restitution of a famous painting, *Portrait of Wally*, by the Viennese expressionist artist Egon Schiele (1890-1918).

Stikeman Elliott LLP Lunch & Learn. Doors open 11:45 AM.

Program begins promptly at 12 noon. Lunch Provided.

Space is limited; registration is required.

RSVP to Sandra Di Falco, sdifalco@stikeman.com or 416.869.7722.

12:15 PM

Beth Tikvah Synagogue
3080 Bayview Avenue, Toronto
416.221.3433

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND HISTORIANS: CHANGING AND CHALLENGING RELATIONS

Many of the earliest histories of the Holocaust were written by people who lived through the events they chronicled. And some key historians of the Holocaust -- most notably Emanuel Ringelblum in the Warsaw Ghetto -- did not survive the destruction they documented. Today, decades after the war, scholarship on the Holocaust is well established and professionalized, but along the way, that original bond between victims/survivors and historians has weakened. Only a few scholars of the survivor generation remain active. Younger scholars are likely to encounter survivors, not as experts in the field but as historical sources, through memoirs and testimonies. This lecture examines these changes and their implications for the present and future of Holocaust studies.

DR. DORIS L. BERGEN is the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor of Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto. Her research focuses on issues of religion, gender and ethnicity in the Holocaust and World War II and comparatively in other cases of extreme violence. The author of several highly-acclaimed books, her current projects include a book on Germany military chaplains in the Nazi era and a study of definitions of Germanness. She is a member of the Academic Advisory Committee of the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

This program is part of the Lunch and Learn series at Beth Tikvah. \$20 registration in advance. Call 416.221.3433 x 352. Lunch starts 12:15 PM; Lecture 12:45 PM.

1:30 PM

Ansley Grove Public Library
350 Ansley Grove Road, Thornhill
905.653.7323 x 4401

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

INGE SPITZ (née Rosenthal) will discuss her story of survival during the Holocaust. See page 3 for her biography.

[Recommended for students grades 7+.](#)

1:30 PM

North York Central Library
5120 Yonge Street, Toronto
416.395.5784

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

MAGDA HILF was born in Czechoslovakia in 1921. After the Nazi occupation in 1944, her family was driven to the nearby ghetto in Sátoraljaújhely, Hungary. Shortly after, the family was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. With the exception of Magda, all were killed. Magda remained in Auschwitz until she was taken to Markleberg, close to Leipzig, for slave labour. In April 1945, she was forced onto a death march, but she and four friends managed to escape. One month later, she and her group were liberated by the Soviet Red Army. Magda immigrated to Canada with her husband and daughter in 1953.

[Recommended for students grades 7+.](#)

2:00 PM

College / Shaw Library
766 College Street, Toronto
416.393.7668

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

PINCHAS GUTTER will relate his experiences during the Holocaust. See page 1 for his biography.

[Recommended for students grades 7+.](#)

2:00 PM

Ryerson University
350 Victoria Street, Toronto
416.979.5000 x 2078

FIGHTING BACK: HOW I SURVIVED THE HOLOCAUST

A Holocaust survivor and partisan, **FAYE SCHULMAN** will relate her personal experiences during the war. She has been recognized by several governments for her bravery and spirit. See page 9 for her biography.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Closing Program and Kristallnacht Commemoration

8:00 PM

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto
416.789.3213 x 209

MAY YOUR MEMORY BE LOVE

EPHRAIM KAYE will present a unique and compelling project developed with Hebrew University and Yad Vashem that preserves the legacies of Holocaust survivors and will inspire future generations.

This project consists of eight films that follow eight survivors as they journey back to their birthplaces. The films explore life before, during, and in the aftermath of the Shoah. Film excerpts will be presented from two different testimonies. The first, "May Your Memory Be Love," is the story of Ovadia Baruch, a survivor who was deported with his family from Salonika, Greece to Auschwitz-Birkenau. The second clip is the story of Hanna Bar Yesha, "She Was There and She Told Me." Her story takes her from Hungary to Auschwitz and to the State of Israel.



Ephraim Kaye is the director of International Seminars for Educators at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel. He has advanced degrees in Modern Jewish History and the History of the Holocaust from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Since 1994, he has been the Director of the International Seminars at The International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem.

This evening will commemorate the 72nd anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, when on November 9-10, 1938, a massive, coordinated state-sponsored attack was carried out against Jewish homes, synagogues and businesses throughout Germany and Austria. Survivors of Kristallnacht will participate in a solemn candle-lighting ceremony.

The Closing Night program will also honour Jewish War Veterans for their brave service in the Second World War.

A private reception is generously sponsored in memory of Irving and Bella Naiberg through the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto.

This program is sponsored by Yad Vashem The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.



The Boerneplatz Synagogue in flames during Kristallnacht. Frankfurt am Main, Germany, November 10, 1938.

Photo Courtesy of USHMM / Bildarchiv Preussischer Kulturbesitz.

CLOSED PROGRAMS

We gratefully acknowledge the following schools and organizations for participating in Holocaust Education Week 2010. If you are an educator who would like to organize a program in your school for next year's HEW, contact Mary Siklos at the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto at 416.635.2883 x 5301 or msiklos@ujafed.org.

**Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto,
Danilack Middle School**
My Personal Testimony
MAGDA HILF

**Associated Hebrew Schools, Kamin Campus &
Glen Shields Public School**
Child of the Holocaust
JACK KUPER

Aurora High School
My Personal Testimony
GEORGE BERMAN

A.Y. Jackson Secondary School
The Holocaust and Poetry
GEORGE SCOTT

Bishop Allen Academy
My Personal Testimony
JUDY LYSY

Bnei Akiva Schools (Ulpanat Orot)
A Holocaust Education Workshop
DR. KAREN SHAWN

Caledon Public Library - Caledon East Branch
My Personal Testimony
ARNOLD FRIEDMAN

Cardinal Newman Catholic High School
My Personal Testimony
ALEXANDER EISEN and GERDA FRIEBERG

**Claude Watson School for the Arts &
The Toronto Heschel School**
Everyone Has a Name. An art-based presentation by students.

Crescent School
From Kristallnacht to Liberation
MARTIN MAXWELL

Crosby Heights Public School
One Out of Ten (film & discussion)
DR. MEL GOLDBERG

Etobicoke School for the Arts
My Personal Testimony
SALLY WASSERMAN

École secondaire Monseigneur-de-Charbonnel
Mon Témoignage Personnel
DENISE HANS

Glenforest Secondary School
My Personal Testimony
ELLY GOTZ

Kenton Learning Centre
(Toronto District School Board LINC)
From Kristallnacht to Liberation
MARTIN MAXWELL

**Leo Baeck Day School &
Netivot HaTorah Day School**
Ten Marks and a Train Ticket
SUSY GOLDSTEIN

Maple High School
My Personal Testimony
MARK LANE

Northern Secondary School
My Personal Testimony
LESLIE MEISELS

Oakville Christian School
My Personal Testimony
ADA WYNSTON

Oriole Park Public School
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MANNY LANGER

Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School
My Personal Testimony
HERB GOLDSTEIN

**Peel District School Board –
H.J.A. Brown Education Centre**
We Who Survived - Personal Testimonies of Holocaust Survivors
AMEK ADLER and MIRIAM FRANKEL

People Christian Academy
My Personal Testimony
HELEN YERMUS

Richmond Green Secondary School
*I'm Still Here: Real Diaries of Young People Who Lived During
the Holocaust* (film & discussion)
HELEN YERMUS

CLOSED PROGRAMS

Roselawn Public School
My Personal Testimony
GERSHON WILLINGER

St. Philip Neri Catholic School
My Personal Testimony
INGE SPITZ

TanenbaumCHAT at the Kimel Education Centre
Learning from the Past, Teaching for the Future
PROFESSOR MICHAEL BROWN

**TanenbaumCHAT Wallenberg Campus &
Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts**
The Hungarian Jewish Experience in the Shoah

The York School
My Personal Testimony
FAIGIE LIBMAN

Thornhill Woods Public School
One Out of Ten (film & discussion)
FAIGIE LIBMAN

Upper Canada College
A Tale of Two Horrors
MAJOR BRENT BEARDSLEY & INGE SPITZ

Westmount Collegiate Institute
A Story of Moral Courage
MAX EISEN

William Lyon McKenzie Collegiate Institute
My Personal Testimony
BILL GLIED

Wilmington Elementary School
My Personal Testimony
ROSALIND GOLDENBERG

**York Catholic District School Board &
St. Elizabeth Catholic High School**
A Journey of Learning, a student-led presentation.

Ontario-wide Regional Programs

All regional community programs are co-sponsored by the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario (RJCO) unless otherwise noted.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Hosted by Quaker Road Public School
at Centennial Secondary School
Niagara District School Board
333 Quaker Road, Welland
905.732.5412

5TH ANNUAL HOLOCAUST SYMPOSIUM AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION DAY

Intermediate students will hear personal testimonies from Holocaust survivors and will attend workshops that focus on issues such as: the role of the bystander, Righteous Gentiles and speaking out.

Morning keynote speaker: **FAIGIE LIBMAN**, a child survivor from Kovno, Lithuania, lived a comfortable life until 1941. Then, at the age of seven, she and her family endured brutal hardships in the Kovno Ghetto. When the ghetto was liquidated in 1944, her father was taken to Dachau and eventually perished on a death march. Faigie and her mother were transferred to the Stutthof concentration camp, and then to three slave labour camps, before they were liberated by the Soviet Red Army. They came to Canada in 1948. Faigie and her mother were the only survivors of their entire extended family.

Other presenters include Holocaust survivors **BILL GLIED** (see page 4 for biography), **ANDY RETI** (see page 19 for biography) and **GERSHON WILLINGER** (see page 35 for biography). Afternoon keynote speaker: **RÉGINE LILENSTEIN**, (see page 30 for biography). For detailed information and to register, contact Rachel.Gracey@dsbn.edu.on.ca.

**"I write to understand
as much as to be understood"**

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 PM

Congregation B’Nai Israel
190 Church Street, St. Catharines
905-685-6767

LES ÉTOILES CACHÉES – THE STORY OF HIDDEN CHILDREN IN FRANCE

Régine Soszewicz-Lilensten and Rachel Soszewicz-Winegust recall their story of being hidden children in the French countryside and surviving the war. Part of their story was captured in a French book titled, *Les Étoiles Cachées*, written by Régine Lilensten and published in France in 1989. It covers the period before, during and after the war and focuses on the experience of the extended Soszewicz family. *Les Étoiles Cachées* has been taught in France to middle and high school students. English presentation.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00 PM

Caledon Public Library - Albion Bolton Branch
150 Queen Street South, Bolton
905.857.1400 x 224

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Born in 1928 in Chudlovo, Czechoslovakia, **ARNOLD FRIEDMAN** and his family were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1944. His parents, younger brothers and sisters were all murdered. In January 1945, Arnold survived a death march to the Gross-Rosen and Dachau concentration camps. He was liberated in May 1945 by the U.S. Army. He immigrated to Scotland in 1946 and was brought to Canada with the assistance of Canadian Jewish Congress in 1947. (Not an RJCO program)

7:00 PM

Goodwin Learning Centre and
Quinte West Public Library
7 Creswell Drive, Trenton
613.475.1256

WE WHO SURVIVED

Kristallnacht survivor and veteran **MARTIN MAXWELL** will discuss his experiences during the Second World War. See page 21 for his biography.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00 PM

B’nai Shalom V’Tikvah
St. Paul’s United Church
65 Kings Crescent, Ajax
905.493.0167

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Survivor **ALEX LEVIN** will describe his personal experiences during the Holocaust. See page 7 for his biography. (Not an RJCO program)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

3:30 PM

Limestone District School Board
Beth Israel Congregation
116 Centre Street, Kingston
613.542.5012



THE CALL OF MEMORY: LEARNING AND TEACHING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST THROUGH NARRATIVE

In this interactive workshop, **EMILY AMIE WITTY** will present pedagogical methods and classroom techniques for teaching about the Holocaust through narrative. In addition to the primary sources of survivor testimonies, autobiographies and documents, narrative is a powerful tool to use in the classroom. Using the recently-published two-volume set, *The Call of Memory: Learning About the Holocaust Through Narrative*, participants will define, identify and engage with a narrative text and discuss classroom applications. Ms. Witty is the Director of Instructional Improvement for the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York.

Registration is limited to 30 maximum.

Participants will receive one volume of the *The Call of Memory*. To register, contact Meri M. MacLeod at macleodm@limestone.on.ca.

[Recommended for educators.](#)

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

7:30 PM

Stirling Hall A, Queen's University
64 Queens Crescent, Kingston
613.542.5012

REFUGE DENIED: THE ST. LOUIS PASSENGERS AND THE HOLOCAUST

SCOTT MILLER, Director of Curatorial Affairs at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, will describe his search to unravel the individual stories and fate of all the 937 passengers on the ill-fated ship. See page 22 for program details and his biography.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

4:30 PM

Barrday, Inc.
75 Moorefield Street, Cambridge
519.621.3620 x 1228

THE CALL OF MEMORY: LEARNING AND TEACHING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST THROUGH NARRATIVE

See November 8 for program details of this interactive workshop with **EMILY AMIE WITTY**. Ms. Witty is the Director of Instructional Improvement for the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York. Participants will also hear from **SAMUEL BUCKSTEIN** about his recent March of the Living trip to Poland.

To register, contact Sue Nugent by November 4 at snugent@barrday.com or 519.621.3620 x 1228. A light meal will be served.

Recommended for educators.

This program is generously sponsored by Michael Buckstein in loving memory of David Buckstein.

For program changes, visit:
www.holocausteducationweek.com
or call our hotline 416.631.5689

Hamilton Jewish Federation presents the following programs during Holocaust Education Week:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:30 PM

Westdale Theatre
1014 King Street W.
905-522-7173

NO. 4 STREET OF OUR LADY

If your neighbours were being hunted down and came to your door begging for help, would you risk your life to save theirs? This film tells the remarkable, yet little-known, story of Francisca Halamajowa, a Polish-Catholic woman who rescued 16 of her Jewish neighbours during the Holocaust in Sokal, a small town in Eastern Poland, while cleverly passing herself off as a Nazi sympathizer. **\$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:45 PM

Adas Israel Synagogue
125 Cline Avenue S.
905.528.0039

NICHOLAS WINTON: THE POWER OF GOOD

This film is a gripping documentary about courage and determination of a young English stockbroker who saved the lives of 669 children. Between March 13 and August 2, 1939, Nicholas Winton organized eight transports to take children from Prague to new homes in Great Britain, and kept quiet about it until his wife discovered a scrapbook documenting his unique mission in 1988. **DR. ANITA SPENSER, DR. IAN SPENSER** and **HANNAH POPPER**, who were all saved by Nicholas Winton, will participate.

Both programs are co-sponsored by The Hamilton Spectator.

PRE/POST PROGRAMS

PRE- and POST-HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAMS

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 –
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25**

JUSTICE AND RETRIBUTION: THREE OUT- STANDING HOLOCAUST FILMS

Beth Tikvah Synagogue
3080 Bayview Avenue, Toronto
416.221.3433

Each movie includes an introduction and commentary by: **LARRY ANKLEWICZ** – Programming Coordinator, Toronto Jewish, Film Festival (TJFF) and **GERALD ZIEDENBERG**, lecturer and historian. **No advance reservations. Each film \$5 at the door.**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4
7:00 PM**

JUDGEMENT AT NUREMBERG

This 1961 film starring Maximilian Schell, Spencer Tracy, Burt Reynolds and Judy Garland depicts occupied Germany's war crimes trials of 1948. 186 minutes.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12
7:00 PM**

THE MUSIC BOX

This 1989 film starring Jessica Lange, Armin Mueller-Stahl and Frederic Forrest follows the story of Hungarian immigrant Mike Laszlo who was accused as a war criminal and his efforts to defend himself. 124 minutes.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18
7:00 PM**

INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS

Quentin Tarantino's provocative 2009 feature presents an alternate reality of the Holocaust with a more vengeful tone. 153 minutes.

No advance reservations. Each film \$5 at the door.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 PM

A panel discussion will focus on the moral, ethical and historical issues raised by the three movies. Panellists include **RABBI WAYNE ALLEN** – Beth Tikvah Synagogue; **PROFESSOR DEREK PENSLAR** and **PROFESSOR REBECCA WITTMANN** – University of Toronto; **LARRY ANKLEWICZ**; and **GERALD ZIEDENBERG** as the moderator. **No charge for this program.**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:30 PM

Beth Tzedec Synagogue
1700 Bathurst Street
416.781.3514

A PRIEST'S JOURNEY TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH

FATHER PATRICK DESBOIS, a Catholic Priest, is the Director of the Episcopal Committee for Relations with Judaism and was a personal aid to the late Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger. Father Desbois will discuss his historic undertaking of locating and identifying undiscovered mass graves of Jews killed during the Holocaust in Eastern Europe. His book, *The Holocaust by Bullets*, documents his findings.

This program is generously co-sponsored by the Holocaust Education Committee of the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:30 AM

Runnymede United Church
432 Runnymede Road, Toronto
416.767.6729

Church-Sponsored
Program

REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST: RIPPLES OF THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

MARK LANE was born in 1929 in the eastern part of Czechoslovakia. In 1939, with the collapse of the country, the area was ceded to Hungary. In the spring of 1944, Mark and his family were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where his mother, two brothers and sister were murdered. He remained in Birkenau until January 1945 when he was taken on a death march. He was then deported to Günskirchen camp from where he was finally liberated in May 1945. Mark came to Canada in 1951.

PRE/POST PROGRAMS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 PM

Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto
Fellowship Baptist Church
7478 Kennedy Road, Markham
416.598.4242

Church-Sponsored
Program

COMMEMORATING THE HOLOCAUST

Guest speaker is Holocaust survivor and educator **MAX EISEN**.
See page 4 for his biography.

OCTOBER 23 – OCTOBER 31

JEWISH BOOK FAIR

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation
55 Yeomans Road, Toronto
416.638.1881

This 34th annual event offers thousands of books of Jewish interest for sale, as well as a roster of authors of current books who speak on topics of Jewish interest. A partial list of speakers this year includes **DAVID GROSSMAN**, **GEORGE GILDER**, **ANNA PORTER**, **HAROLD TROPER** and **TAREK FATAH**.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 PM

The Azrieli Foundation and Toronto Centre of the Arts
5040 Yonge Street, Toronto
416.322.5928



LAUNCH OF SERIES 3 OF THE AZRIELI SERIES OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR MEMOIRS

The Azrieli Foundation will celebrate the launch of the Azrieli Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs - Series 3 with readings by the authors from their memoirs, and a keynote address by **LINDA M. HOOPER**, retired principal of Whitwell Middle School, Tennessee and initiator of the Paper Clip Project, which has been documented in the critically-acclaimed film *Paper Clips*.

Dessert reception to follow. All guests will receive a set of Series 3 memoirs.

Free admission. Donations gratefully accepted.

Reservations required by October 19: (416) 410-5875 or email toronto.launch@azrieli.ca

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00 PM

Richmond Hill Public Library
1 Atkinson Street, Richmond Hill
905.884.9288 X 307

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

JUDITH RUBINSTEIN was born in 1920 in Hungary. After being forced into a ghetto, Judith, her father, mother and two brothers, Simon and Menachem, were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. She is the only member of her family to survive. Judith was liberated in May 1945 and immigrated to Canada in 1948 with her husband and their baby.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 PM

Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto)
Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto
416.926.3277

NICHOLAS WINTON: THE POWER OF GOOD

This documentary tells the story of a great humanitarian, Nicholas Winton. The film by Matej Minac is narrated by Joe Schlesinger, one of "Nicky's Children." Mr. Schlesinger's main presentation, *Reflections of a Survivor*, will take place on November 3, as part of Holocaust Education Week. See page 9 for more information or visit www.jgstoronto.ca
\$5 for non-members.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:30 PM

The House
469 Eglinton Avenue W. #203, Toronto
416.482.9025

MARKING HUMANITY WITH PEACE

SHLOMIT KRIGER's book *Marking Humanity: Stories, Poems, & Essays by Holocaust Survivors*, provides a firsthand glimpse into the hardships, triumphs, prayers, and personal reflections of 46 survivors from around the world. Some of the featured survivors from Toronto will be present to share their Holocaust experiences and read excerpts from their writings. This interactive presentation will conclude with a discussion. Shlomit Kriger is a Toronto-based journalist and creative writer.

She and the survivors will be available for book signing.

Co-sponsored by Birthright Israel Alumni Community.

PRE/POST PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00 PM

Solel Congregation
2399 Folkway Drive, Mississauga
905.820.5915

DELAYED IMPACT: THE HOLOCAUST AND THE CANADIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

This presentation by **FRANKLIN BIALYSTOK** examines the changing collective memory of Canadian Jews about the Holocaust and its legacy. What contributed to the delayed impact? What were the relations between survivors and Canadian Jews in the immediate aftermath of the Holocaust? How should we view the contemporary appropriation of Holocaust memory as a pillar of ethnic identification for Canadian Jews?

Dr. Bialystok is a Sessional Lecturer in Canadian Studies at the University of Toronto. He is the author of *Delayed Impact: The Holocaust and the Canadian Jewish Community* and serves on the Task Force on International Cooperation in the Education, Research and Commemoration of the Holocaust.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

10:00 AM

Summit Community Church
Richmond Green Secondary School
1 William F. Bell Pkwy), Richmond Hill
(NW side of Leslie & Elgin Mills)
905.887-5193

Church-Sponsored
Program

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

CLAIRE BAUM was born in Rotterdam, Holland. She survived in hiding with her sister from 1942-1945. Separated from their parents, they were raised as Christians by a Dutch family. At the end of the war, the sisters were miraculously reunited with their parents. Claire credits their survival to the courage and heroism of her parents and to the members of the Resistance.

10:30 AM

New Beginnings Fellowship
The Gates of Zion
7775 Yonge Street, Thornhill
416.562.0938

Church-Sponsored
Program

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

ADA WYNSTON will relate her experiences during the Holocaust. See page 9 for her biography.

11:00 AM

Dixie Baptist Church
4499 Dixie Road, Mississauga
905.629.4473

Church-Sponsored
Program

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

MAX EISEN will tell his story of survival during the Holocaust. See page 4 for his biography.

NOVEMBER 10, 9:00 AM to NOVEMBER 11, 9:00 AM

Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Wolfond Centre, 36 Harbord Street 9:00 PM – 9:00 AM
416.913.2424

The annual **READING OF THE NAMES** in remembrance of persons murdered in the Holocaust will be conducted for 24 hours by students at the University of Toronto. Members of the community are welcome to participate and may submit names of their family members.

For details on the Reading of the Names at York University and Ryerson University, call 416.913.2424 or check online
www.hilleltoronto.org

Sponsored by Hillel of Greater Toronto.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKERS

(if not listed in main programs)

AMEK ADLER was born in Lublin in 1928, and grew up in Lodz with his parents, grandmother and three older brothers. After the Nazi occupation of Poland in 1939, escaped to Warsaw. They lived in Warsaw until October 1940, when the ghetto was about to be sealed, and managed to escape to Radom. In 1943 Amek was sent to Auschwitz, and from there was shipped to Stuttgart. In 1944 he was taken to Natzweiler camp, and then was transported to Dachau, where he lost his father and one older brother. Amek was liberated on April 28, 1945 by the American 3rd Army. Between 1945 and 1947, he lived in Italy and worked with the Israeli Irgun Tzvai Leumi as part of a company that illegally shipped young men and women to Palestine. He arrived in Canada in 1954. Amek is Deputy Commander/Treasurer of the Jewish War Veterans Toronto Post.

Holocaust survivor **GERDA FRIEBERG** was deported to Jaworzno, Poland in 1940 with her mother and her sister while her father was taken away. On the night of Passover in 1942, all three women were taken to a concentration camp, Oberallstadt, a satellite camp of Gross Rosen. Enslaved there for three years, Gerda

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKERS

worked in a spinning mill under very harsh conditions. They were liberated on May 9, 1945 by the Soviet Army, but of an extended family of 172, only Gerda, her mother and sister survived. Mrs. Frieberg is co-founder of the Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre and the recipient of many awards, including the Governor General's Award for Meritorious Service and, most recently, the 2007 Tikkun Olam Education Award from Ve'ahavta.

Holocaust survivor **MEL GOLDBERG** was born in Biala Ruska, Poland, in 1942. As an infant, his parents Elka and Anzel placed him with a Christian family to be hidden, thus saving his life. His parents and four siblings were murdered, likely in Treblinka. Mel came to Canada as an underweight six-year-old orphan and was given a loving home by his relatives in Toronto.

Child survivor of the Holocaust **ROSALIND GOLDENBERG** was born in Antwerp, Belgium in 1939. Before being deported, her mother arranged for two-year-old Rosalind to be hidden. Her father, mother, brother and sister were all murdered by the Nazis. All she has left of them are a few photos and memorabilia. Rosalind stayed in hiding from February 1942 until June 1946. A relative found her in Brussels and brought her to Dublin, Ireland. She then went to live in London and eventually settled in Canada.

DENISE HANS est née à Paris, France en 1938. Elle est la 4ème d'une famille avec 6 enfants. En 1942 durant la guerre contre les juifs, son père Michel, sa tante Hélène et son oncle Nathan ont été pris par force, de chez elle, par 2 policiers français et un Allemand Nazi (à la suite d'une dénonciation). Ils ont tous été envoyés à Auschwitz où son oncle et sa tante furent immédiatement gazés. Son père a été tué durant la « Marche de la mort » lors de l'évacuation du camp d'Auschwitz vers le camp de Buchenwald en janvier 1945. Sa maman s'est trouvée toute seule avec ses 6 enfants et ses 2 nièces – filles de sa soeur Hélène. Denise a été cachée dans 3 endroits, avec ou sans ses frères et sœurs. 2 fois chez des fermiers et ensuite dans un couvent. Denise et ses plus jeunes sœurs sont restées là jusqu'en 1948 quand elle a retrouvée sa mère, ses frères et sa sœur aînée, après une séparation de 6 ans. Elle a émigrée à Montréal en 1956 et à Toronto en 1979.

Born in Poland, **MANNY LANGER** was forced to live in the Lodz Ghetto before being transported to Auschwitz-Birkenau and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps. After liberation, he came to Canada. Manny volunteers as a survivor speaker at the Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

JUDY LYSY was born in Kosice, Czechoslovakia in 1928. Her childhood ended in 1938 with the Hungarian occupation. In 1944, she and her family were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau and from there to various slave labour camps. She was liberated in May 1945 by the U.S. Army and later immigrated to Canada.

Born in 1930 in Budapest, **GEORGE SCOTT** was orphaned as a young child. In August 1944 he was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. He was then transferred to Kaufering, Bavaria and later to Landsberg and Augsburg, where he worked as a slave labourer. In April 1945 he

was deported to Dachau and was liberated by the U.S. Army. He will share his poetry with the students.

GERSHON WILLINGER was born in Amsterdam, Holland in 1942 to German-Jewish parents who were later murdered in Sobibor in July 1943. He was placed in hiding as a very young orphan. In 1944, as a two-year-old child, he was deported on a children's transport to Bergen-Belsen in Germany and later transported to Theresienstadt in Czechoslovakia where he was liberated in 1945. As an adult, he became a social worker and came to Canada with his wife and three children in 1977.

HELEN YERMUS was born in Kovno, Lithuania. She had to endure hardship, intimidation and fear in the Kovno Ghetto. Her brother was taken away and most likely murdered. In 1944 the ghetto was liquidated and her father was deported to Dachau, where he died of starvation. Helen and her mother were taken to the Stutthof concentration camp in Poland. Both survived and came to Canada in 1948.

30 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

PAST HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK CHAIRS:

1980 - Peter Feren z"l
 1981 - Peter Feren z"l
 1982 - Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro and Ruth Klein
 1983 - Ruth Klein
 1984 - Ruth Klein
 1985 - Ruth Klein
 1986 - Margie Levitt
 1987 - Margie Levitt
 1988 - Leora Taub and Allan Weinbaum
 1989 - Allan Weinbaum and Robert Engel z"l
 1990 - Eleanor Getzler and Nira Lerman
 1991 - Eleanor Getzler and Nira Lerman
 1992 - Eleanor Getzler
 1993 - Lilian Schacter
 1994 - Lilian Schacter
 1995 - Michael Herman and Doron Opher
 1996 - Michael Herman and Doron Opher
 1997 - Michael Herman
 1998 - Howard Driman
 1999 - Howard Driman and Barbara Rusch
 2000 - Barbara Rusch
 2001 - Barbara Rusch
 2002 - Barbara Rusch
 2003 - Honey Carr and Joan Shapero
 2004 - Honey Carr and Joan Shapero
 2005 - Honey Carr and Joan Shapero
 2006 - Joan Shapero and Steven Albin
 2007 - Steven Albin and Lesley Schwartz
 2008 - Lesley Schwartz, Robert Buckler and Rachel Iskov
 2009 - Robert Buckler, Rachel Iskov and Anna Mae Belmont

**During Holocaust Education Week,
the following bookstores across the GTA
will carry 2010 Program Brochures:**

BRAMALEA

Coles
25 Peel Centre Dr.
905-793-4438

BRAMPTON

Chapters
Market Hall, 52 Quarry Edge Dr.
905-456-7177

BURLINGTON

Chapters
Woodview Pl. 3315 Fairview
905-681-2410

Indigo
1250 Brant St. #102
905-331-1860

ETOBICOKE

Chapters
1950 The Queensway
622-2838

Coles
250 The East Mall
416-239-3538

MARKHAM

Chapters
3175 Hwy #7
905-477-1756

MISSISSAUGA

Chapters (Erin Mills)
3050 Vega St.
905-820-9910

Coles (Eaton Sheridan Mall)
2225 Erin Mills Parkway
905-822-5596

Coles
5100 Erin Mills Parkway #170
905-828-6341

Coles (Square One)
100 City Centre
905-270-8605

NEWMARKET

Chapters
17440 Yonge St.
905-836-8508

OAKVILLE

Chapters
Oakville Town Ctr. 310 N. Service Rd. W.
905-815-8197

PICKERING

Coles
1355 Kingston Rd.
905-839-2740

Mitchell's Family Bookstore
2200 Brock Rd.
905-686-3090

RICHMOND HILL

Indigo
8705 Yonge St.
905-731-8771

SCARBOROUGH

Chapters
Kennedy Commons - 20 W. Kitchen Rd.
335-4311

Coles (Eglinton Sq.)
Eglinton & Victoria Park
416-757-7284

Coles (Scarborough T.C.)
300 Borough Dr. #82
416-296-5256

THORNHILL

Batner Bookstore
180 Steeles Ave. W.
905-731-4440

Israel's, the Judaica Centre
441 Clark Ave. West
905-881-1010

Sigal Books
55 Vivaldi Drive
416-887-8132

The Israeli Source
60 Doncaster Ave. Unit 1
905-482-2025

TORONTO

Aleph Beth Judaica
3453 Bathurst St.
416-781-2133

Anglican Book Centre
80 Hayden St.
(416) 924-1332

Another Story Bookshop
315 Roncervalles Ave.
462-1104

Canadian Children's Book Centre
40 Orchard View Blvd. #101
416 975-0010

Centennial College Bookstore
941 Progress Ave. #C2-11
416-289-5224

Chapters
2901 Bayview Ave.
416-222-6323

Chapters (Runnymede)
2225 Bloor St. W.
761-9773

Coles (BCE Place)
181 Bay St. #116
416-861-0166

Coles (Royal Bank Plaza)
200 Bay St.
416-865-0090

Crux Bookstore (Wycliffe College)
5 Hoskin Ave.
416-599-2749

David Mirvish Books on Art
596 Markham St.
416-531-9975

George Brown College
160 Kendal Ave.
416-415-5000

Indigo
2300 Yonge St.
416-544-0049

Indigo
55 Bloor St. W.
416-925-3536/5102

Indigo (Eaton's Centre)
220 Yonge St.
416-591-3622

Indigo (Yorkdale Mall)
3401 Dufferin St. #29
416-871-6660

Israel's, the Judaica Centre
870 Eglinton Ave. W.
416-256-1010

McNally Robinson Booksellers
Shops At Don Mills
1090 Don Mills Rd.
416-384-0084

Mitchell's Family Bookstore
565 Gordon Baker Rd.
416-499-2029

Negev Book & Gift
3509 Bathurst St.
416-781-9356

Pages Books & Magazines
256 Queen St. West
416-598-1447

Parentbooks
201 Harbord St.
416-537-8334

Ryerson University Bookstore
17 Gould St.
416-979-5116

Seneca College Bookstore
1750 Finch Ave. E. Bldg. E.
416-491-5050x2124

Speelman's Christian Bookstore
5010 Steeles Ave. W. #12
416-741-6563

Tyndale University College & Seminary Bookstore
25 Ballyconnor Ct.
416-226-6620 x. 6708

University of Toronto Bookstore
214 College Street
416-640-7900

Women's Bookstore
73 Harbord St.
416-922-8744

York University Bookstore
York Lanes - 4700 Keele Street
416-736-2100 ext.40747

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20 Edward St.
416-977-7009

WOODBRIIDGE

Chapters
E. Woodbridge Ctr. 3900 Hwy #7 W. #1
905-264-6401

Listed below are the members of the Survivors Speakers' Bureau, who speak on behalf of the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre throughout the year:

Amek A. Adler	Elly Gotz	George Scott
Claire Baum	Pinchas Gutter	Peter Silverman
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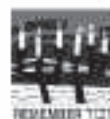
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