



## Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES)

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### Breaking News! A First in Canada!

CHES has responded proactively to reports by educators, parents, and students of Ottawa and Kingston high schools [being targeted by online](#) harassment and antisemitic abuse connected directly to events in Israel in May 2021. [To help students and educators feel safe](#) CHES took the initiative in bringing these important conversations into public schools within the Ottawa Carleton District School Board.

In collaboration with the Equity and Diversity team at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, CHES has created *Unpacking Complexity in the Classroom*, a unique program to help educators better understand antisemitism. *Unpacking Complexity* is an exceptional examination of antisemitism today. It is designed to educate educators on how to deal with sensitive issues that affect their schools and their students and will be offered in three sessions this spring. CHES is honoured to bring this remarkable experience to teachers in Ottawa.

*(For more information, see [Unpacking Complexity in the Classroom](#) below.)*

### Words from Chair Mina Cohn

January 2022 marks the first anniversary of CHES's existence as an independent charity committed to Holocaust education and combatting racism. Along with numerous successful programs during 2021, in November CHES was proud to present an outstanding



selection in observance of Holocaust Education Month.

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## Reflections on Recent Events in Downtown Ottawa

Holocaust survivor K.M. responded to questions from CBC's Raffi Bouhdjikianian about the takeover of downtown Ottawa by demonstrators from across Canada.

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## CHES Commits to Assisting a Family Trapped in Afghanistan

“It is my deepest hope that all my family may have a safe and comfortable future like the one I have been granted here in Canada.” ~ Sophia

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## Remembrances & Commemorations

January 2022 community and school events.

### Raoul Wallenberg Day

In 2001, the Government of Canada established January 17th as an official day to honour the life and life-saving work of Raoul Wallenberg.

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## In the Coming Months

CHES and our new partners are planning to launch educational programs in the spring.



CHES and the RCMP are creating two important programs that will be open to RCMP members across the country. In Recognition of April as Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month...

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Unpacking Complexity in the Classroom. CHES is collaborating with Equity and Diversity at the OCDSB to help educators better understand antisemitism. Following complaints during the spring and fall of 2021 about antisemitism...

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## Teens' Knowledge of the Holocaust and Antisemitism Assessed



By Marion Silver

In April 2021, Liberation75 and the Ontario Anti-Racism Directorate, a Government of Ontario initiative, conducted Student Education Days that focused on students' knowledge (or the lack) on the Holocaust and antisemitism. The objective was to assess what teens know and think about the Holocaust and antisemitism and how this varies across demographic populations. [Read More](#)

CHES is pleased to announce our participation in a special matching funds campaign!

In addition, through CanadaHelps' Make it Monthly Program\*, CanadaHelps will donate to CHES, an additional \$20 for each new monthly donation of \$20 or more, if made three times before June 2, 2022.

So act now! To make three donations by the June 2, 2022 deadline, your first donation cannot be any later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

# MAKE IT MONTHLY

*\*\*Make It Monthly 2022 \$20 Offer is valid for new scheduled monthly donations of a minimum of \$20 per month beginning March 1st, 2022 at 12:01 AM Newfoundland Standard Time (NST) to March 31st, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST). CanadaHelps will donate to a participating charity an additional \$20 for each new monthly donation of \$20 or more that is made three times before June 2, 2022, to a maximum aggregate amount of donations from CanadaHelps to all participating charities of \$50,000 CAD. [See full terms and conditions here.](#)*

Wishing our Jewish Readers  
Happy Purim!



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