



Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES)

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Words from Chair Mina Cohn



May was Jewish Heritage month across Canada. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the many contributions made by Jews in Canada. Researching family history is one way to learn about our heritage. We are pleased to publish family stories by Dr. Phil Emberley and Dr. Hartley Stern.

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CHES IS HIRING!

If you are looking for a stimulating opportunity to lead an organization dedicated to educating about the Holocaust, look no further. CHES is seeking an Executive Director to manage its operations in Ottawa.

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Notes from the Canadian Summit of Israeli-Jewish
Affairs, May 25th-26th

By Mina Cohn

CHES thanks the Ambassador from Israel, Dr. Ronen Hoffman, for his vision and the realization of this exceptional summit, organized and hosted in Ottawa. The summit's objective was to examine the relationship between Israel and the Canadian Jewish community now and in the future.

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Dr. Ronen Hoffman, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, at the Summit.

A Hidden Child, Never Silenced. A Holocaust Survivor's Story

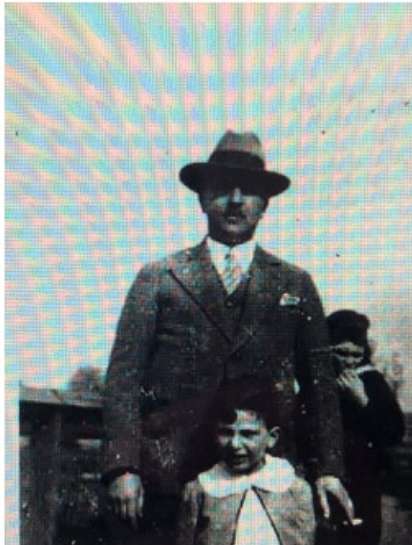
By Judy Young Drache

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, the first program, A Hidden Child, Never Silenced – A Holocaust Survivor's Story, took place online on April 5th and featured Kati Morrison, a child survivor from Hungary. A second program, an in-depth examination of traditional and modern antisemitism, will take place in the fall.

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Sam Jaroudi, RCMP Vulnerable Persons Unit, Kati Morrison, and Mina Cohn.



Berthold Eger, Phil's grandfather, with his son Dieter Werner Eger, 1931-32 Germany.

A Son's Moving Account of His Father and the Kindertransport

By Dr. Phil Emberley

I am the son of Dieter Werner Eger, born November 11, 1925. On August 25, 1939, my father, having bid farewell to his sorrowful parents – Berthold Eger and Minna Eger – boarded a train from his hometown of Frankfurt am Main, Germany, with a destination of the United Kingdom. He was under the guise that this was a vacation and that in the near future, he would be reunited with his parents; unfortunately, his parents knew the exact opposite.

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A Remarkable Tale of Survival

By Dr. Hartley Stern

“The room was 12 feet long by 11 feet wide. It was bare, it was cold, but it was a refuge.” These are the opening words of the book, ‘Hidden for 1000 Days’ my grandmother, Sarah Veffer, wrote to tell the story of how she, my grandfather Jonas, my mother Rachel, and her brothers Jack, Allan, Max, Joe, and Johnny survived in hiding for two years, nine-and-a-half months in Bussum, The Netherlands, during World War II.



1982: Auntie Fifi seated at the piano. Dr. Stern's mother is on the far left. Next to her is his father, Martin Stern, his father, Dr. Stern, and his wife Dorothy. The woman in the middle is unknown.

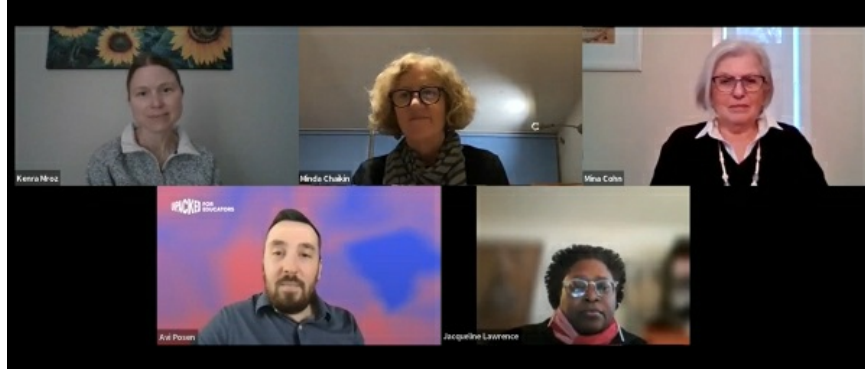
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Unpacking Complexity in the Classroom

By Minda Chaikin

Early on, CHES became aware of the disturbing rise in antisemitism connected to the May 2021 war between Israel and Gaza. By the end of May, CHES was receiving communications from parents from various schools in the OCDSB about alarming bullying on social media, including violent antisemitic comments.

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April 13th: Session Two of Unpacking Complexity in the Classroom.

The IWalk Project

By Zoltan Fried

The National Holocaust Monument in Ottawa, entitled Landscape of Loss, Memory and Survival, was inaugurated in 2017 with the stated mission “to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust, as well as the contribution Holocaust survivors have made to Canada, remain within the national consciousness for generations to come.”

CHES and Liberation75 have joined with the USC Shoah Foundation to create an ambitious, interactive IWalk App to encourage student groups and tourists to visit the Monument and to educate them about the reality of the Holocaust and its aftereffects.

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Jazz Rosenberg and Mina Cohn working on the IWalk project at the National Holocaust Monument.

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