



## Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES)

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### BREAKING NEWS

September 12<sup>th</sup>: CHES ACTIONS AND CONCERNS INCLUDED IN JFO NEWS RELEASE

*Jewish Federation of Ottawa calls out OCDSB for inappropriate anti-racism training. Not About Us Without Us: Antisemitism Training Cannot Take Place Without Jewish Community Representation.*

[Click here to read the release.](#)

CHES was alarmed once again to learn that another fashion photo shoot took place at the National Holocaust Monument. Using the monument, a place of reflection, as a backdrop for photos and videos is disrespectful to the location. The photo shoots that were posted on Instagram by Local clothing company V Kentay were removed and an apology was provided.

To avoid another similar incident better signage and more education around the Monument is required. CHES believes that strengthening Holocaust education in our schools is urgently needed. Education is key to eradicating antisemitism and all forms of hate. Learning about the origin of prejudice helps students to think critically about antisemitism today as well as other forms of hate. The issue was covered by the [Ottawa Citizen](#) and [CBC](#).

### Words from Chair Mina Cohn



(CHES commends the action taken in August by Hon. Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion regarding the anti-racism advocacy group, Community Media Advocacy Centre (CMAC) and Laith Marouf's highly disturbing antisemitic tweets. In his statement, Minister Hussen said "antisemitism has no place in this country." CHES awaits the results of the investigation into how this happened. [Read More](#)

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### **שנה טובה ומתוקה**

CHES is wishing all our Jewish subscribers and their families a happy and healthy New Year.

## **Ottawa Remembers David Shentow**

Members of David Shentow's family and the [Ottawa community gathered](#) on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Machzike Hadath Synagogue for a memorial Shabbat in his honour. On September 11<sup>th</sup> a Commemorative Park Naming Ceremony for the David Shentow Park (formerly Tillbury Park) took place in the presence of Mayor Jim Watson, other survivors. and dignitaries.

David was remembered as a Belgian-Canadian Holocaust survivor and educator, featured in Canadian films, books, and articles and who tirelessly shared his survival story with young and old for over three decades.

[Listen to the story](#)



Left to right: Lorie Shentow, her husband Teddy Lubimzev and their children, Mayor Watson and Rabbi Scher

## CHES Holds Productive Meeting with Ontario Ministers Lecce and Ford



Left to right: MPP Matthew Rae, Minister Lecce, MPP Patrice Barnes, Artur Wilczynski, Mina Cohn, and Minister Ford

By Artur Wilczynski

On August 16th, CHES Chair Mina Cohn and CHES Board Member Artur Wilczynski met with Ontario Education Minister, Stephen Lecce and Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Michael Ford, to discuss the rise of antisemitism in Ottawa schools and the importance of strengthening Holocaust education across the province.

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## Lessons in Antisemitism: Hate Rises while Holocaust Knowledge Declines

By Mina Cohn and Kara Goodwin

Class may be back in session, but Jewish organizations continue to learn a hard lesson about rising antisemitism in Canada. Our schools, like other public institutions, have seen an increase in anti-Jewish hate, misinformation, and since the spring of 2021, increasing anti-Zionist rhetoric. While the world has become “woke” and sensitive to many human rights issues, it turns a blind eye to antisemitism, one of the oldest forms of hate.



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## Save the Date: October 3rd Symposium Aims to Revitalize Holocaust Research in Poland

To revitalize academic interest in Holocaust studies in Poland, three world-renowned Holocaust scholars are scheduled to headline a Zoom symposium on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from the Anne Tannebaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto.

Professor Jan T. Gross, Professor Jan Grabowski, Professor Joanna Tokarska-Bakir

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## For the Child Exhibit - The Story of the Kindertransport *October 17 - 31, Ottawa City Hall*

**Für das Kind/For the Child:**  
Stories of the Kindertransport

**October 17-31**  
Ottawa City Hall  
Open during regular building hours

The photography exhibit **Für das Kind/For the Child** presents the moving and dramatic history of the Kindertransport to Great Britain, which saved the lives of thousands of Jewish children from Nazi persecution in Germany, Austria and former Czechoslovakia. The photographs presented in the exhibition convey the deep emotions of the separation but also hope of survival and start of a new future.

Logos for the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Anne Frank Centre for Holocaust Education, and Ottawa City Hall are visible at the bottom.

By Phil Emberley

The ***For the Child*** Kindertransport exhibit will be on display at City Hall, October 17th to 31st. The exhibit is free of charge. The Kindertransport was a major undertaking prior to the start of World War II, to evacuate more than 10,000 Jewish children from Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia.

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Don't miss this free exhibit about the Kindertransport!

## A Journey from Certain Death to Freedom: A Kindertransport Story

By Shelli Kimmel

My mother, Annemarie, was born in Vienna on October 1st, 1922, the only child of Elsa and Paul Klauber. Her parents had moved from a place unknown in Czechoslovakia to Vienna when they got married, and lived as a wealthy and assimilated family, enjoying the many cultural offerings of the city.

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Annemarie Klauber, Shelli Kimmel's mother

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## The National Holocaust Monument and the IWalk Experience

By Roberta Goldmaker

The National Holocaust Monument, entitled *Landscape of Loss, Memory, and Survival*, is situated in Ottawa, but stands as a reminder to all Canadians “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.”

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Students from Israel visiting the National Holocaust Memorial.

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## CHES Funds Carleton University's New Holocaust Course



By Judy Young Drache

Members of CHES, including some Holocaust survivors, are pleased to note that a third-year undergraduate course on the Holocaust will be offered by Carleton University as of September 2022.

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# HOLOCAUST EDUCATION MONTH



**RISE UP Ottawa!**  
November 6th, 1:00 pm



CHES is calling on the Ottawa Jewish Community to support RISE UP Ottawa!, a fundraiser organized by OCDSB educator Lisa Levitan in partnership with the Canadian Anti-Semitism Education Foundation and Ottawa Against Antisemitism.

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**Launch Event**  
November 10th, 7:00 pm



Dr. Wendy Lower's *"The Ravine: A Family, a Photograph, a Holocaust Massacre Revealed"* in commemoration of Kristallnacht will be an online presentation on the role of collaborators, and photographic documentation.

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**Descendants Program**  
November 13th, 2:00 pm



Inspired by Correspondence:  
Letters that Survived and Tracing a

**Teachers' Workshop**  
November 17th, 5:00 pm



CHES' annual Teachers'  
Workshop will be open to teachers

Grandmother's Journey Beyond the ink on a page, a handwritten letter tells a story of its own. Join CHES for a virtual presentation on the theme of letters in Holocaust memory and descendant narratives.

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in all Ottawa school boards and will be promoted throughout Ontario. The focus on modern anti-Semitism is clearly needed once again. The workshop will be facilitated by Avi Posen of *Unpacked for Educators*.

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