



Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES)

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Words from Chair Mina Cohn



Mina Cohn, CHES Chair

My page is not large enough to report all the activities CHES was engaged in during the last two months. We achieved a record number in presentations for educators, in the number of students reached, and in Pre-IWalk tours of the National Holocaust Monument. All this took place while planning programs for 2023 Holocaust Education Month. [Read more.](#)

Jewish Journeys Grant Awarded to CHES

CHES is pleased to announce that our program, *Through Their Eyes*, has been generously awarded Jewish Federation of Ottawa's ***Jewish Journeys Grant***. *Through Their Eyes* will empower the Next Generation to share their families' stories and will benefit our community for years to come. [Read More](#)

Through their Eyes – Launch Meeting

Are you the child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a Holocaust survivor?

Do you want to learn more, research, and possibly retell your story? Please join us **July 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Nepean Centrepointe Library** meeting room. We look forward to meeting you, sharing stories, and introducing The Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship's Next Generation program. In *Through Their Eyes* presentations, a descendant speaker tells their family's survivor testimony through their own lens.

We encourage to you bring an object or photo that relates to your family's Holocaust experience. [Please RSVP here by July 4, 2023.](#)

The Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES) commemorates and honours survivors and empowers future generations to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust.



Jewish Equity Coach Appointed

Congratulations to Brian Kom! We look forward to working with Brian to assist him in any way we can in his important role in addressing challenges of antisemitism in our schools and in improving Holocaust education for all. [Read more](#)

We Remember.

Cantor Kraus

CHES is saddened by the loss of Holocaust survivor Cantor Moshe Shimon Kraus who passed away on Monday, May 29th. He was 101 years old.

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Cantor Kraus

Dr. Susan Landau-Chark

Dr. Susan Landau-Chark, Associate Director of the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies, passed away after a long illness early on Monday, June 5th. CHES extends our deepest condolences to her family and the Zelikovitz Centre. [Continue reading](#)



Dr. Susan Landau-Chark



Anneke Goodwin (foreground) listens intently to March of the Living proceedings.

Moments from My March of The Living Experience

By Anneke Goodwin

The family of my father, Daniel, lived in Warsaw, Poland, and Tirgu Meant, Romania, and were trying to reach Canada when World War II broke out. I am the first in my family to go back to visit Poland. As a participant in this year's March of the Living (MOL), I was fortunate to be able to join other teens from Ottawa as part of Canada's Coast to Coast delegation. [Read More](#)

CHES Workshop Inspires Excellence in Holocaust Education



Grade 10 students at Ashbury College are learning about the Holocaust.

By Alyssa Novick

At Ashbury College, students spend three weeks (approximately eight classes of 80 minutes each) studying the Holocaust unit as part of the Grade 10 Canadian History course. To put the unit into proper historical context, we begin with the rise of Hitler and the situation in antisemitic Germany post-World War I. We then cover the main issues such as moving from antisemitism as part of Nazi policy to legislation to violence to ghettos and finally to murder by bullets and gas. Students also study resistance, rescue, and liberation. [Read more](#)

Indifference to Genocide

By Justin Ma

In Irwin Cotler's, "Twenty years after the Rwandan genocide, six lessons to remember, he wrote that the first lesson is how, similarly to the Holocaust, the Rwandan genocide started with government-sanctioned demonization and dehumanization of a minority. Although this unit is about the Rwandan genocide, it can also be related to the Holocaust. [Read more](#)

Update on Carleton University Course on the Holocaust Funded by CHES

A new third-year undergraduate course on the Holocaust was offered as planned in the fall semester of 2022 by Carleton University. The course was presented jointly by the Departments of Religion and History. [Read more](#)



CHES is Recognized: Non-Profit Sector Appreciation Week 2023

For our work in the Ottawa community, CHES was presented with the [Non-Profit Sector Appreciation Week 2023 award](#). Our thanks to Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, MPP, Kanata-Carleton, for considering us for this prestigious award as well as to Premier Doug Ford. [Read More](#)

Snapshots of Recent CHES Activities

Social Justice at Sir Robert Borden High School

On Wednesday, May 10th, Artur Wilczynski delivered an engaging and inspiring presentation to a Social Justice class of 25 students. All the comments were overwhelmingly positive. Several students used the word "inspiring" regarding Artur's message of allyship and care towards all.

Writers Craft at Sir Robert Borden High School

On Friday, May 12th, 20 students in Sir Robert Borden Writer's Craft class listened as Stan Farber delivered a compelling and thought-provoking presentation of his father's story of survival. Several students were brought to tears by Stan's story. Individual students told Stan that they admired his father's resilience and ability to push forward, to find new life and new hope when so much had been lost.

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Tova Clark and students at Notre Dame High School

CHES Speakers' Bureau Garners Accolades

Since our April 2023 newsletter, our Speakers' Bureau has continued responding to many requests from schools. We are so grateful for their important work, and the results are incredible as they have now connected with over 3300 students and the responses have been heart-warming. Please enjoy a sampling of some of the [feedback here](#).

Pre-IWalk Provides Insightful Visits to the National Holocaust Monument

Focusing on educating about the Holocaust, current antisemitism, and the growing understanding of the Jewish community, CHES has been holding regular Pre-IWalk tours of the National Holocaust Monument with local groups throughout the spring.

[Read more](#)



CHES Chair Mina Cohn welcomed representatives of Ottawa Police Services to the National Holocaust Memorial.

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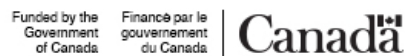
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