



Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES)

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An Honour Richly Deserved

CHES warmly congratulates Hon. Irwin Cotler on being named the recipient of the 2023 Lantos Human Rights Prize, awarded by the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice.

Words from Chair Mina Cohn



Mina Cohn, CHES Chair

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer despite the rain, storms, and heat. While the unsettled weather was difficult for many, it did not impede CHES' progress. Intense effort went into developing the much-needed *Through Their Eyes* project, making substantial progress with the IWalk project, and planning for Holocaust Education Month in November. [Read more.](#)

CHES Launches *Through Their Eyes* Program

By Phil Emberley and Marion Silver

Antisemitism is a pervasive force locally, nationally, and internationally; it is manifested by hateful speech and acts of animosity with increasing frequency. At the same time, there is an astonishing lack of awareness about the basic facts of the Holocaust among the younger generation.

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Kara Goodwin speaks to a full house at the *Through Their Eyes* launch event.



Speakers at the *Through Their Eyes* Back to School event were (L to R): Phil Emberley, Artur Wilczynski, Kenra Mroz, and Mina Cohn.

Through Their Eyes Takes Shape

By Kara Goodwin

Educational and inspiring are the best words to describe the second meeting of the *Through Their Eyes* program on August 15th at Kehillat Beth Israel Synagogue. First, we learned how CHES supports teachers, students, and other organizations such as government departments, police services, and church groups with speakers and curriculum resources. [Read More](#)

CHES Welcomes USC Shoah Foundation Personnel to the National Holocaust Monument



(Front row, L to R): Kenra Mroz, Marilyn Sinclair, Sedda Antekelian, Mina Cohn, and Lesly Culp
(Back row, L to R): Artur Wilczynski and Ellen Bertrand

By Artur Wilczynski

As mentioned in *Words from the Chair*, Mina Cohn and Marilyn Sinclair, founder of Liberation 75, met in Ottawa with Sedda Antekelian and Lesly Culp of the USC Shoah Foundation to discuss plans for the IWalk, a virtual guide to Canada's National Holocaust Monument. Joined by Kenra Mroz and me, the all-day meeting was an opportunity to discuss the concept of the IWalk and learn from the experiences of Holocaust monuments in other cities. [Read more](#)

Exciting News from CHES' Partner Liberation75

By Marilyn Sinclair

In 2021, Liberation75 was invited by the USC Shoah Foundation to pursue an important mission: Find 150 Canadian Holocaust survivors and record their testimonies. We are proud to announce that **we have achieved this goal** thanks to a generous donor and the unrelenting efforts of a team of videographers, interviewers, coordinators, and partners (including CHES) throughout Canada.

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Federal Foreign Office - meetings with Directorate-General for Culture and Society, Special Representative for Relations with Jewish Organizations; Issues relating to antisemitism, International Sinti and Roma Affairs, Holocaust Remembrance, Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight against antisemitism

Superintendent Farrish Experiences Past and Present Jewish Presence in Germany

By Mary Jane Farrish

It was my deep honour to have joined nine colleagues from southern Ontario on a *Holocaust Education in Germany* study trip in Berlin during the first week of July. I am indebted to Mina Cohn and CHES for their support as it was due to Mina's actions that this learning opportunity and journey became a reality for me.

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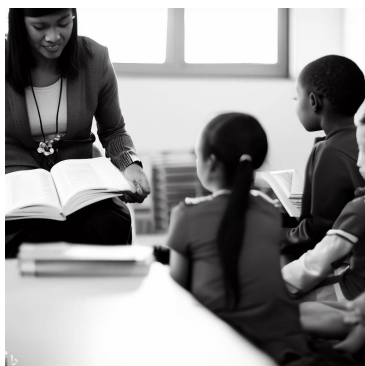
CHES Forges Forward to Fight Antisemitism in Ottawa Schools

By Minda Chaikin

Concerned about antisemitism rising in Ontario schools, the provincial government is taking action to combat its spread. CHES is proud to be a part of this action and, at the invitation of Ontario's Ministry of Education, has developed plans and learning materials dealing with Holocaust education and combating antisemitism that will be launched in September. [Read more](#)



Avi Posen



New Grade 6 Curriculum Sparks New Materials

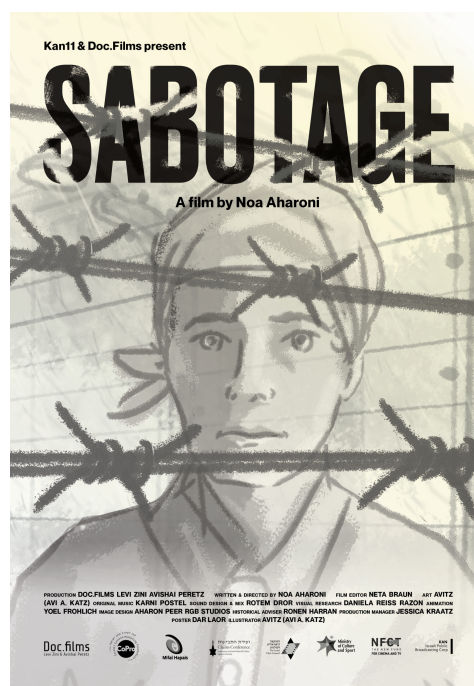
With the start of the 2023-2024 school year comes the implementation in Ontario classrooms of the Grade 6 curriculum changes discussed above. Among the resources CHES is developing to assist teachers in their classrooms is a webpage full of educational materials dedicated to Grade 6 learning, including teacher-recommended literature to help fellow educators grow their classroom toolboxes. [Learn more](#)

DON'T MISS THE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION LAUNCH EVENT!

By Muriel Korngold Wexler

SABOTAGE: Documenting Women's Underground Resistance at Auschwitz
November 9th, 7:00pm

CHES cordially invites you to commemorate Kristallnacht, the Night of the Broken Glass, by joining us at the Canadian Museum of History, 100 Laurier Street, Gatineau, for a viewing of the documentary, *SABOTAGE*. We are honoured to announce that director Noa Aharoni will join us for the launch. [Read more](#)

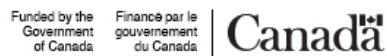


This two-day conference is a joint undertaking by The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs and Canada's Jewish Federations. [Registration is required.](#)

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