



## Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES)

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### Words from Chair Mina Cohn



Mina Cohn, CHES Chair

As you read these words, while the weather has improved, the atmosphere in our city has not. Ottawa continues to witness more pro-Hamas demonstrations and a troubling encampment at the University of Ottawa, with no end in sight. In this difficult reality and resulting fear, we witness more Jewish adults and students choosing to hide their Jewish identity, a deplorable situation in a free country like ours.

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### Pilot Project with Unpacked for Educators Winds Down

By Minda Chaikin

CHES hosted Yoni Buckman, Associate Educator from Unpacked for Educators in mid-May for two days of intense educational activities. The workshops were part of the pilot project that Unpacked, in cooperation with CHES, has provided for Ottawa teachers and administration over the past year. [Read more](#)



Yoni Buckman (foreground) with administrators and staff from Holy Trinity High School

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### Outreach to Schools Expands



Kati Morrison shares her story via ZOOM with students at South Kamloops Secondary School

By Marion Silver

One of the most essential pillars of CHES' mandate is its outreach to schools. Educators have eagerly requested to have a Holocaust survivor speak directly to their students so they learn firsthand how the disease of racism and antisemitism can lead to unspeakable horrors. [Read More](#)



Kati Morrison and guests at Zikaron BaSalon

## Zikaron BaSalon Commemorates the Holocaust

By Shirley Siegel and Roz Fremeth

On May 9, 2024, CHES held a Zikaron BaSalon (Remembrance in the Living Room) at the home of Rosalyn and Steven Fremeth. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Zikaron BaSalon offered by CHES. [Read More](#)

## A Serendipitous Meeting

By Kara Goodwin

The film *One Life* is based on the true story of British humanitarian Nicholas Winton, often called the “British Schindler” for his work (with other volunteers) to save 669 children from Prague at the beginning of World War II. [Read more](#)



Richard Heller (centre rear) with TTE participants at Westboro Books



(L to R): Daniel Goodwin, Claire Speed, and Richard Heller during the Q & A following the screening of *One Life*

## CHES Supported *One Life* Showing

By Claire Speed

May 7<sup>th</sup> brought a special screening of the film, *One Life*, to Ottawa thanks to the work of many partners. This article tells the story of how I and other Kindertransport descendants came together with CHES, ByTowne Cinema, special musical guests, embassy dignitaries, and community members to make this evening possible. [Read more](#)

## OJCS Students Reflect on Their Visit to the Montreal Holocaust Museum

CHES was pleased to support Holocaust Education at the Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS) by supporting the Grade 8 trip to the Montreal Holocaust Museum in April. The following impressions by students were provided by Social Studies/Judaic Studies Educator Michael Washerstein.

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Grade 8 students from OJCS visit the Montreal Holocaust Museum

## “The coming week is the recurrence of deep sorrow ...”

From Angelika Rieber

Phil Emberley visited Frankfurt in October 2023. His father, Dieter Werner Eger, was born there in 1925. On August 25, 1939, the 13-year-old boy was able to leave Germany on a Kindertransport. He never saw his parents again. They were deported to the Lodz/Litzmannstadt Ghetto on October 19, 1941.

Dieter Werner Eger, who later called himself Dennis Walter Emberley, did not talk much about the past. It was only through his diary that his sons learned more about their father's traumatic experiences, his escape from Germany and the murder of their grandparents.

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*Angelika Rieger is a researcher in Germany who is one of the founders of the group "Project Jewish Life in Frankfurt" which is dedicated to preserving the memories of Holocaust victims (and survivors) from that city.*

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