



Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES)

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Words from Chair Mina Cohn



Mina Cohn, CHES Chair

The news we received from Israel, on the last weekend of August, of the barbaric execution of six of the October 7th hostages, left me shocked, angry, and tearful. The hostages who are still alive are running out of time, they endure unbearable conditions, and it is the government of Israel's moral responsibility to #bringthemhome.

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A heartfelt thank you to the Rose Shentow estate. David Shentow, z'l, one of Canada's best known Holocaust survivors, and his wife, Rose, z'l, were tireless supporters of Holocaust Education in Ottawa and of CHES. David was born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1925. His family moved to Belgium while he was still an infant to escape the violent tides of Polish antisemitism. [Read more](#)



David Shentow, photographed in 2010 on the eve of his 85th birthday, with wife Rose. Photo by Bruno Schlumberger Ottawa.

A Generous Donation Honours the Greenspoon Family



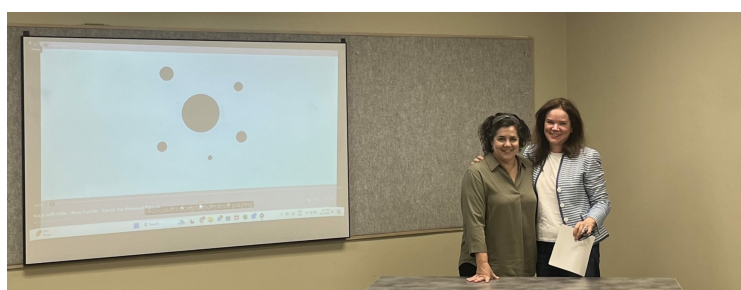
Murray Greenspoon and Emilia (Mildred) Greenspoon

By Sylvia Greenspoon

In Memory of my mother: **Emilia (Mildred) Greenspoon**, nee Felberbaum 1922-2007, and my father: **Murray Greenspoon**, 1918 -2021

My mother was born in Lwow, Poland (today's Lviv, Ukraine). She was 18 years old in 1940, and planning to study Veterinary Medicine when the Nazis occupied the city. [Read More](#)

First Through Their Eyes Project Completed



Catherine Coulter, a *Through Their Eyes* presenter, shared the story of how her mother Rena's family survived the Holocaust as converted Jews on the run in Slovakia, and how this trauma led her to conceal her past and identity for many years. Catherine is one of the first next generation participants to join the CHES Speaker's Bureau. To invite Catherine to talk to your group or class, visit our website to [Request a Speaker](#).



Artur Wilczynski

Wilczynski Named Special Advisor on Antisemitism by the University of Ottawa

On June 28, University of Ottawa president Jacques Frémont announced the appointment of CHES director **Artur Wilczynski** as Special Advisor on Antisemitism.

Artur spoke with **Sheila Hurtig Robertson** about his new role and its importance in addressing the challenges Jewish students, faculty, and staff are facing.

[Read More](#)

A Meaningful Collaboration

By **Kenra Mroz**

This July, I had the opportunity and pleasure to engage in some meaningful educational consultation work with the Holocaust investigative organization, **Yahad-In-Unum (YIU)**. This connection was made possible through Rabbi Abie Ingber, a cherished friend and mentor, who is also the president of **Yahad In Unum Mid-America**. [Read more](#)



"The Collaborators": (Clockwise from the top): Lou-Anne Le Graët, Michal Chojak, Albert Hytry, and Kenra Mroz.

Forum for Dialogue Sponsors Educators' Trip to Poland



Back row (L to R): Rita Cohen (Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario), Sharron Rosen (York Region District School Board), Jennifer DiStefano (Ottawa-Carleton District School Board), Debbie Donsky and Shari-Schwart-Maltz (Toronto District School Board)
Front Row (L to R): Michalina Jadczyk (Forum for Dialogue), Jessica Sutherland (Ottawa-Carleton District School Board), Aneta Fishman (York Region District School Board), Marilyn Sinclair (Liberation75), and Jen Kurtz (Toronto District School Board)

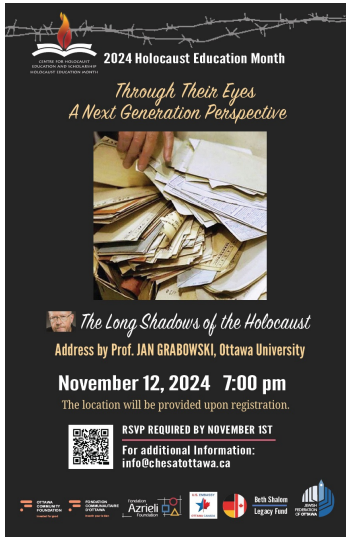
By **Jennifer Distefano and Jessica Sutherland**

On July 21, female Jewish educators from Toronto, York Region, and Ottawa met in Warsaw to begin a week-long trip through Poland. The trip was sponsored and planned by **Forum for Dialogue**, a non-profit organization committed to the preservation of Jewish-Polish history and the betterment of Polish-Jewish relations. [Read more](#)

Not To Be Missed: 2024 Holocaust Education Month Launch Event 80 Years Since the Liberation of Auschwitz: An Ottawa Connection

By **Marion Silver**

In observance of 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz, CHES will welcome the Ottawa community to an evening dedicated to women's resistance in Auschwitz. The program will feature the screening of the film, *Sabotage*, the outstanding documentary created by **Noa Aharoni**, an award-winning Israeli filmmaker. [Read more](#)



Through Their Eyes: A Next Generation Perspective

By Kara Goodwin

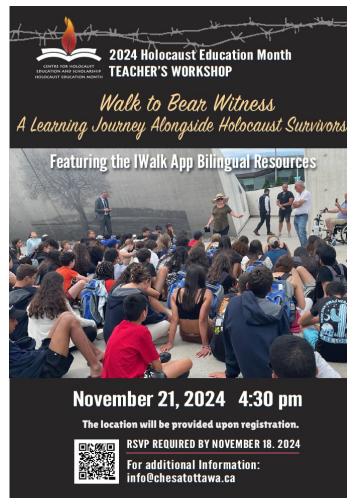
The acts of bearing witness, remembering the past, and recognizing resilience are ever more important as we face an unprecedented rise in antisemitism.

Recognizing the importance of testimony for the history of the Holocaust, CHES' *Through Their Eyes* project empowers the Next Generation to share their family stories and adds their perspective to the narrative. [Read More](#)

2024 Holocaust Education Month Teachers' Workshop *Walk to Bear Witness: A Learning Journey Alongside Holocaust Survivors*

By Marion Silver

CHES is pleased to invite Ottawa-area teachers to a workshop launching the National Holocaust Monument IWalk App - Student Version, an interactive and bilingual learning experience designed specifically for teachers and students. [Read more](#)



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