



Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES)

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Breaking News!

Congratulations to **Pinchas Gutter** on his appointment to the Order of Canada. He is a long-time friend of CHES and serves on our Advisory Board. His citation reads: “Pinchas Gutter is a renowned Holocaust educator recognized for his promotion of transformational dialogue on human rights and revered for his volunteer service.” Thank you, Pinchas, for your dedication, tireless work, and leadership in making sure that the lessons and legacy of the Holocaust are not forgotten.



Pinchas Gutter - Holocaust survivor, author and educator

Words from Chair Mina Cohn



Mina Cohn, CHES
Chair

The rise of antisemitic incidents in Ottawa is overwhelming whether by demonstrators on the streets of our city or ongoing incidents at our universities and schools. CHES continues to receive requests for training on this antisemitism. While training and education are very important, they are not enough. What we lack is leadership at the various government levels that is willing to act forcefully to eradicate this hate. [Read more](#)

CHES Congratulates Dr. Arthur Leader

Dr. Arthur Leader’s professional and volunteer leadership was recognized on December 12th when Anita Vandenberg, M.P., presented him with the King Charles Coronation Medal. The citation recognizes his fight for access to safe and effective fertility services in Canada and for promoting awareness of the need for Holocaust Education to fight antisemitism. Arthur is a founding member of CHES and serves on our Advisory Board. CHES is proud to congratulate him on this wonderful recognition of his many accomplishments.



Dr. Arthur Leader received the King Charles Coronation Medal from Anita Vandenberg, M.P., Ottawa West-Nepean.

The National Holocaust Monument: Landscape of Loss, Memory, and Survival



Students from Sir Robert Borden High School using the IWalk App at the NHM

By Mina Cohn

Throughout the fall as we prepared to launch the IWalkApp, the demands for visits to the NHM kept us busy scheduling tours. The two German Ambassadors invited diplomats to join them on a tour of the monument, The Shalom Hartman Institute. [Read more](#)

Holocaust Education Month Launch Event: Commemorating Kristallnacht, the Holocaust, and Jewish Heroism

By Melany Chaiquin

The CHES Holocaust Education Month (HEM) Launch Event, held on November 7th at the Canadian War Museum, was a deeply moving evening of remembrance, reflection, and Jewish pride. [Read more](#)



Janet Kaiman welcomes guests next to the display of Anna Heilman's diary.

Stephen Victor’s Stirring Speech at the HEM Launch Event



(L to R) Gail Victor, Mina Cohn and Honorary Chair Stephen Victor

By Melany Chaiquin

On November 9th, 1938, Kristallnacht, “The Night of Broken Glass”, they burned books and Torah scrolls. From 1939 to 1945, they brutally slaughtered and gassed six million Jews. [Read his speech](#)

Through Their Eyes Presentation Focuses on Second Generation Remembrance



Panel members (L to R) : Sue Hurtubise, Agneta Gibson, Esther Schvan, and Phil Emberley

By Phil Emberley

A key feature of HEM 2024 was CHES’ presentation on November 12th of *Through Their Eyes- A Next Generation Perspective*. The event was well attended, with dignitaries from the Embassies of Germany, Israel, and Austria, Holocaust survivors, their descendants, members of the Jewish community of Ottawa, and many other citizens from Ottawa. [Read more](#)

Powerful Words from Ambassador Tjorven Bellmann

As German ambassador, I represent the country of the perpetrator. This is a defining part of my country’s history and responsibility, my history and responsibility. [Read her speech](#)



Tjorven Bellmann, Ambassador of Germany to Canada

HEM Teachers’ Workshop Draws Strong Participation

By Kenra Mroz

On Thursday, November 21st, I had the pleasure, along with my colleagues, **Alyssa Novick** from Ashbury Collegiate and **Jaden Lairson** from Woodroffe High School, of planning and delivering this year's Holocaust Education Month Educators' Workshop. [Read more](#)



Alyssa Novick and Marion Silver interact with the NHM IWalk App.

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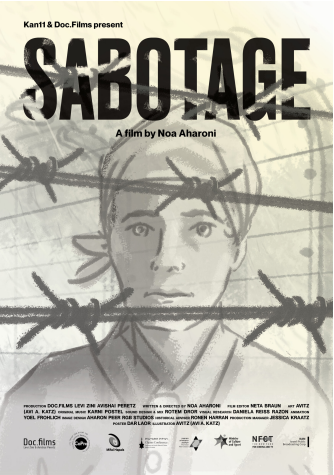


Dr. Agnes Klein (L) with teacher Jessica Sutherland on a visit to Manor Park Public School

By Emyrah and Jason

On Monday, November 18th, we had a presentation about the Holocaust with **Dr. Agnes Klein**. Dr. Klein was a hidden child and a Holocaust survivor. She was born in 1937 in Brasov, Transylvania, Romania; when she was three years old, World War II broke out. [Read more](#)

Airing Sabotage for Students and Parents Local High School to Mark International Holocaust Memorial Day



By Daniel Maillet

St. Peter Catholic High School in Orleans, Ontario, is in the process of finalizing a multi-year licence agreement to use the groundbreaking docu-film *Sabotage: The Women's Underground Resistance at Auschwitz* (2023) in their school. Thanks to the leadership of teachers **Daniel Maillet** and **Mark Couturier** and the support of their Principal, **Linda Meulenbroek**, St. Peter's will mark the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Concentration Camps in January 2025 by showing *Sabotage* to parents and students. [Read more](#)

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