



VANCOUVER HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTRE

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# *Annual Report 2016*

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The Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society was founded in 1983 by survivors of the Holocaust. The founders' goal, realized in 1994, was to leave a permanent legacy in the form of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre devoted to Holocaust-based anti-racism education.

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre is a teaching museum and a leader in Holocaust education in British Columbia, reaching more than 25,000 students annually. It produces acclaimed exhibits, innovative school programs and teaching materials, including online exhibits.

The VHEC presents numerous public cultural and commemorative events and publishes a newsletter, *Zachor*, three times a year. The Centre maintains a museum collection and archives, survivor testimony project, as well as a library and resource centre.

## ***Mission***

The mission of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre is to promote human rights, social justice and genocide awareness and to teach about the causes and consequences of discrimination, racism and antisemitism through education and remembrance of the Holocaust.

# ***From the President***



Last month, the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre held a gala dinner for the first time in more than a decade. “Looking Back . . . Moving Forward” marked more than 40 years since formal Holocaust education commenced in B.C., which your Society has been at the forefront of ever since. The evening also celebrated the three decades since local survivors of the Holocaust founded your Society that, in 1994, fulfilled the dream of creating a permanent centre for remembrance and education about the Shoah.

The concept of looking back and moving forward is appropriate not only in the context of that special event, it also encapsulates the mission of our work in the broadest sense. We educate about the past with the optimistic vision that the lessons to be learned will instil respect for social justice and human rights, and bring about a better future for humanity.

The world is changing in ways that the founders of this organization could not have anticipated those few years ago. For reasons we see in the news daily, education about the Holocaust and its derivatives, antisemitism, hatred and prejudice, remains crucially relevant today.

Our audiences have changed however. Technology has altered the way we communicate and, to do our work in the most effective way possible, we need to adapt to these realities. As Nina Krieger, our capable Executive Director addresses in her adjacent message, and as you will see throughout this Annual Report, we are extraordinarily well positioned to meet the challenges the future presents to us. More than this, we are set to turn these challenges into opportunities that will advance our mission and mandate and expand our reach exponentially.

For me personally, the future will certainly involve more work in Holocaust education and remembrance, including advancing the work of the VHEC. I conclude my six years as President of the Board with immense pride in what our staff, volunteers and supporters have achieved. Like other Holocaust-related organizations worldwide, the VHEC is in a time of transition. I am pleased to report that we are among those that have made the most proactive and positive preparations for building on our successes of the past to ensure maximal impact into the future.

To all of you who have been part of these successes — and there have been so many — thank you from the bottom of my heart! And thank you for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve as your President, it has been an incredibly rewarding experience for me.

Because of all of you, and all that you do, the VHEC will continue to go from strength to strength.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Lewin'.

**Ed Lewin**  
PRESIDENT

# ***From the Executive Director***



For my entire time as Executive Director of the VHEC, I have had the steady, reliable support of Ed Lewin as President of the Board. Leading a team of exceptional volunteers, Ed has guided this organization across six years of change and growth. It is with sincere appreciation that I acknowledge everything he has done to advance the mission of the VHEC and the vital work of educating successive generations about the past with the hope of creating a better future. I know we will continue to rely on his wisdom and expertise as president emeritus.

During his time as President, and with the support of highly competent Board members, staff, volunteers and supporters, the VHEC has built on the impressive foundation created by our predecessors.

Thanks to major initiatives funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada as well as the estate of Edwina and Paul Heller <sup>z1</sup>, we are about to make our collections of archival materials and artefacts accessible worldwide. In addition to this ambitious digitization project, we are crafting accompanying pedagogical materials that will allow educators in B.C. and far beyond to access components of our collections and integrate them seamlessly into lesson plans.

The VHEC has reached tens of thousands of students in B.C., with powerful emotional and intellectual impacts that are conveyed to survivors and staff verbally and through hundreds of deeply personal letters. With the projects currently underway, we are excited to expand these impacts beyond our already impressive reach.

Moreover, for local students, educators, researchers and other visitors to the Centre, we are preparing to make our collections more accessible and interactive through environmentally controlled visual storage facilities and electronic touch-screen access stations.

The pages of this report provide a glimpse of the range of projects in which we are engaged, some of which build on the decades of work of our predecessors, others of which represent entirely new directions for our organization.

In every instance, the objective remains the same: To advance a world free of antisemitism, hatred and genocide, with social justice and human rights for all.

The work the VHEC has done in the past has changed lives and made the world better. The founders of this organization deserve to take pride in a job very, very well done. And we who will carry your dream forward make this solemn promise to you: We have only begun.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nina Krieger'.

**Nina Krieger**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Education

Education is central to the organization's name and mission. In addition to members of the general public, academics, elected officials and members of the consular corps who participate in our programs, the VHEC reaches more than 25,000 young British Columbians every year.

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The most quantitatively and qualitatively impactful programs we deliver are the opportunities for young people to become witnesses to the eyewitness. The VHEC Symposium on the Holocaust has been an annual event for 41 years at UBC, reaching tens of thousands of young British Columbians.

To meet increasing demand from teachers, the Symposium has grown from a two-day event at the University of British Columbia to include satellite Symposia in the following school districts, some presented annually and some in alternate years: Abbotsford, Burnaby, Coquitlam,

Maple Ridge, Mission, Surrey and West Vancouver. In 2014, programs were delivered in two new districts — Delta and Langley — as well as at Shawnigan Lake School on Vancouver Island. In 2015, we added North Vancouver. We anticipate a major addition of the Vancouver school district in the coming academic year. Each Symposium features a historical overview by a Holocaust historian or educator, a film screening, a keynote address with a Holocaust survivor speaker and a Q&A session, exemplifying best practices in Holocaust education.



The Journey to Canada: The War Orphans Project, 1947-1949 discovery kit.



Survivor outreach speaker Janos Benisz lights a candle of remembrance with a student at Shawnigan Lake School on Vancouver Island.



Historian Chris Friedrichs at the VHEC's 41st Annual Symposium on the Holocaust at UBC.

## EMPOWERING EDUCATORS

Facilitated by the VHEC, three British Columbia teachers — Eyal Daniel, Mark Figueira and Stephanie Henderson — attended the Educators' Seminar at the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem in Israel last summer.

The three returned to B.C. and developed a program for fellow teachers, which they have delivered on professional development days in school districts, that encourages teachers to approach this difficult history in age-appropriate ways.

In addition to being chosen to participate in the Yad Vashem educators' seminar, Mark Figueira was the 2015 recipient of the VHEC's Kron Sigal Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education. Figueira, social studies department chair at Earl Marriott Secondary in Surrey, was recognized for dedication to teaching the history and moral lessons of the Shoah.

The award is named in memory of Meyer and Gita Kron<sup>z1</sup>, Lithuanian Holocaust survivors who re-established their lives in Vancouver and maintained a life-long commitment to education, and their daughter, Ruth Kron Sigal<sup>z1</sup>, who survived the Holocaust in hiding.



Eyal Daniel, Mark Figueira and Stephanie Henderson, local teachers who participated in an intensive three-week seminar for educators at Yad Vashem, with Hannah Pick, a Holocaust survivor.



The Open Hearts – Closed Doors : The War Orphans Project exhibition at the VHEC.



*"We pride ourselves on creating exhibitions that illuminate a unique component of the Holocaust that is relevant, comprehensible and emotionally and intellectually accessible for audiences of all ages. The responses we get assure us we are doing this well. We are touching the hearts and minds of students, teachers and the public."*

**Phillipa Friedland**  
VHEC EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Education coordinator Phillipa Friedland and survivor outreach speaker Robbie Waisman talking to students at the Open Hearts – Closed Doors exhibition at the VHEC.

# Exhibitions

The VHEC is recognized as an innovative producer of Holocaust-related exhibitions. We create internationally acclaimed explorations of diverse aspects of Holocaust history, many with particular local or Canadian relevance. These exhibitions are enthusiastically received by local audiences then often shared with other institutions across Canada. The VHEC also brings relevant travelling exhibitions from other institutions to Vancouver.

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This past year, we hosted the Topography of Terror Foundation's acclaimed travelling exhibition, *The Face of the Ghetto: Pictures Taken by Jewish Photographers in the Litzmannstadt Ghetto 1940-1944*. We also re-presented the Centre's *Open Hearts – Closed Doors*, about the arrival in Canada of 1,123 Jewish children orphaned by the Holocaust and the lives they made in Canada.

The Centre felt it was opportune to present this exhibition again as Canada and other countries are engaged in political discussions about refugees and migration. This is a testament to a core vision of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre that lessons of the past have relevance for the present and the future.



The Face of the Ghetto exhibition at the VHEC.

# Commemoration

The Centre organizes four community-wide commemorative events annually, drawing thousands of people to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom HaShoah, a service of remembrance at Schara Tzedek cemetery between the High Holidays, and the annual Kristallnacht Commemorative Lecture. Commemoration is an important component of the VHEC's work, providing survivors and successive generations the opportunity to mourn and remember, while also engaging the broader community, elected officials and the consular corps.

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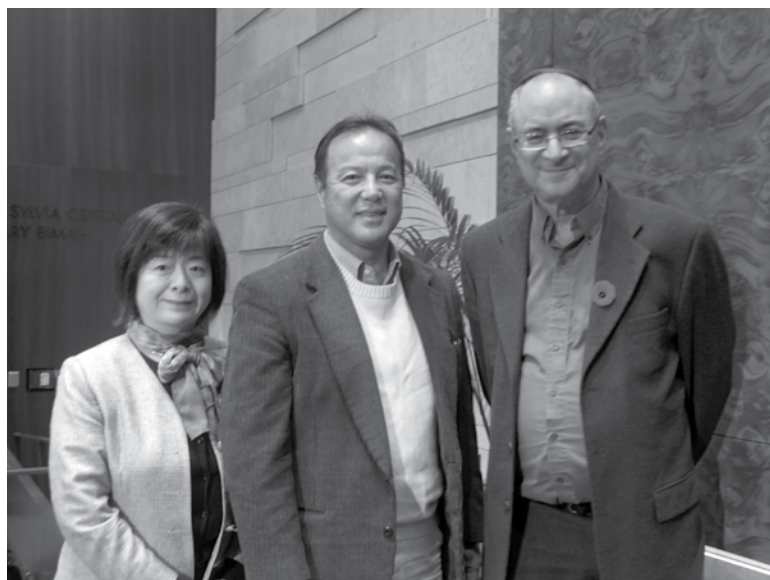
At the Kristallnacht Commemorative Lecture in November, Dr. George Bluman spoke about the legacy of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat credited with helping 6,000 Jews flee Nazi-occupied Europe.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day, in January, was commemorated in partnership with the consulate general of Italy and the screening of the film *My Italian Secret*, about ordinary Italians who rose courageously to protect others from fascism and Nazism.

At the Yom HaShoah commemoration in May, Dr. Peter Suedfeld, a professor emeritus of psychology at UBC and a survivor of the Holocaust, discussed the resilience of survivors and their ability to survive and thrive after their experiences of trauma.

Martha Salcudean, a Holocaust survivor and VHEC outreach speaker, delivered keynote remarks at a Yom HaShoah commemoration at the B.C. legislature.

The High Holidays cemetery service included moving remarks by Perry Ehrlich, a member of the second generation as well as compelling reflections by Rabbi Don Pacht.



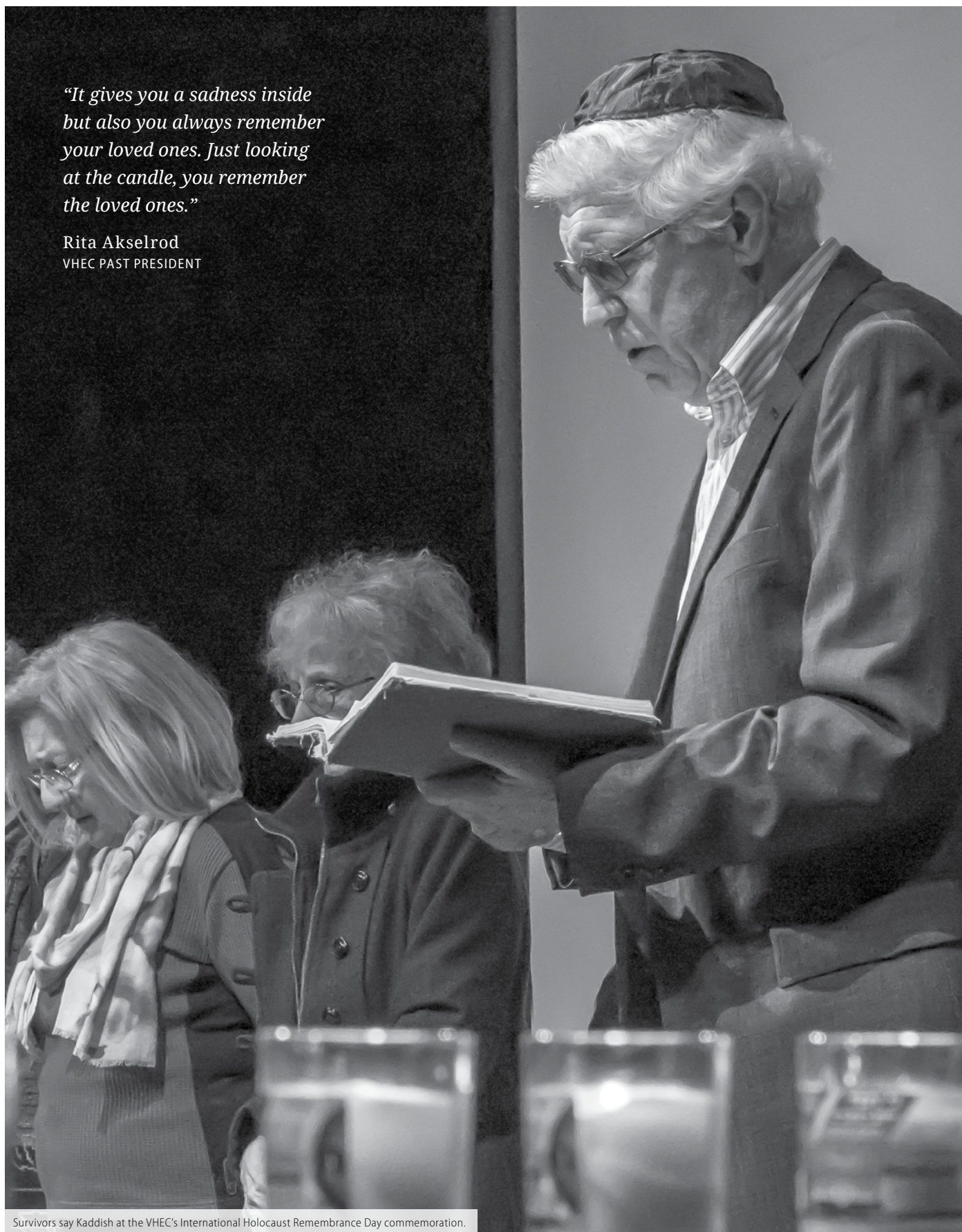
Dr. George Bluman with Consul General Seiji and Mrs. Yasuko Okada at the Kristallnacht Commemoration.



Dr. Peter Suedfeld spoke on Yom HaShoah about the resilience of survivors.

*"It gives you a sadness inside  
but also you always remember  
your loved ones. Just looking  
at the candle, you remember  
the loved ones."*

Rita Akselrod  
VHEC PAST PRESIDENT



Survivors say Kaddish at the VHEC's International Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration.

# Engaging Diverse Audiences

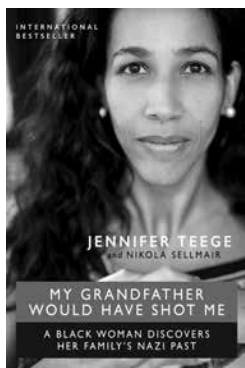
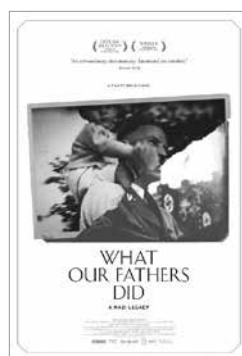
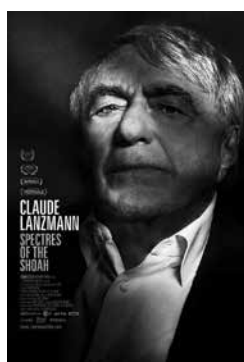
The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre continues to deliver programs to the general public, many in partnership with other community organizations and consulates, that engage diverse audiences in topics that merge history with contemporary relevance. Film screenings, lectures, discussions, author readings and many other events throughout the year expand the Centre's reach and relevance.

The VHEC partnered with the Chutzpah! Festival to present Jennifer Teege, author of *My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me: A Black Woman Discovers Her Family's Nazi Past*.

As part of the Vancouver Jewish Film Festival, the VHEC sponsored three presentations, including *Claude Lanzmann: Spectres of the Shoah*, *What Our Fathers Did: A Nazi Legacy* and *Once in a Lifetime*, about the impact on young people of meeting a survivor of the Holocaust.

In November, the Centre hosted the Vancouver launch of *Holocaust Survivors in Canada: Exclusion, Inclusion, Transformation, 1947-1955*, with author Adara Goldberg, a former Education Director of the VHEC.

These events are just a few of the ways the Centre reaches diverse audiences through innovative offerings beyond our core programs.



# Survivor Services

Survivors sometimes say the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre is their second home. The Centre was founded by survivors as a legacy for the future, but our work is also very much about the present, ensuring that survivors receive the respect, care, recognition and supports that they require and deserve.

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Through the Centre, survivors access support that enhances their financial, emotional and physical well-being.

Through funding from the Claims Conference and other programs, the VHEC helps survivors access not just the financial supports they require, but some acknowledgement from national governments of the experiences they and their families endured.

In addition to accessing financial aid, services to survivors include group support, counselling, in-home assistance, advocacy around housing and health care and crucial social and educational activities.

A drop-in group for survivors, as well as groups especially for child survivors and Russian-speakers, provide peer companionship. The Centre also initiated a second generation group for children of survivors.



Volunteer lawyer Stan Taviss at the VHEC with a client.

*“On Tuesdays for over 16 years, I have been at the Centre trying to find restitution or reparations that individual survivors are entitled to. I’ve been able to help people succeed 219 times ... In virtually every single case, the survivor has said that what is more important than money was the acknowledgement that the country in question is admitting what happened and it’s a small measure of closure. Every time we have a success, every time somebody gets this acknowledgement, I float the way home two or three feet off the ground.”*

Stan Taviss  
VHEC VOLUNTEER LAWYER

# Collections

The VHEC stewards Western Canada's largest collection of Holocaust-related artefacts, survivor testimonies and archival documents. The Centre also has a comprehensive library of books, films, educational resources, as well as rare books and special collections. We are in the midst of major initiatives to expand our collections as well as, crucially, to make them far more accessible for visitors to the Centre and to students, educators, scholars and others worldwide.

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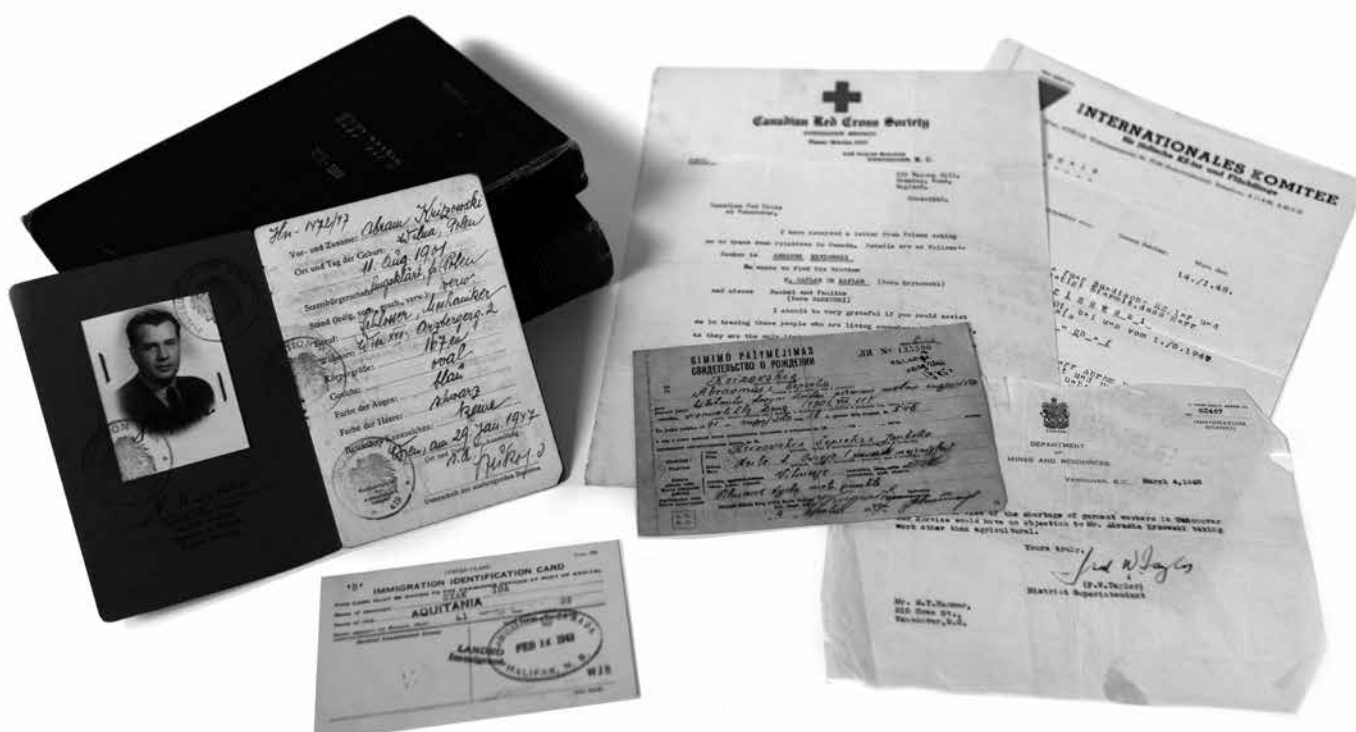
Access to and preservation of the VHEC's rich archival materials is currently being enhanced by digitization and integration into an online collection management system, greatly expanding the reach of the Centre.

Visitor experience and engagement with the VHEC's collections — much of which has been generously donated

by local survivors, their families and community members — is a priority, and the Centre is developing innovative ways of integrating these into exhibitions and educational programs. This documentation is vital for combatting Holocaust denial and will play an increasingly prominent role in the future of Holocaust education.



Collections assistant Katie Powell working on digitizing collections.



A collection of books, personal correspondence, documents and audio-visual materials relating to the Vilna Ghetto, post-war refugee aid, and Canadian immigration.  
Kaplan Fonds - VHEC Archives

## NEW ACQUISITIONS

The VHEC welcomed a number of significant items into our archives, museum and library collections over the past year.

Included in the archives and museum collection are a variety of prewar, wartime and post-war documents and artefacts, including immigration and identity documents, correspondence, clothing, stamps, photographs, books, items from daily wartime life and commemorative artefacts.

Just over 150 items were added to the library collection during the year. A number of resources were acquired under the Citizenship and Immigration Canada-funded Holocaust Testimony Digitization Project. Additionally, a selection of books acquired recently will support research for the upcoming *Canada Responds to the Holocaust* exhibition.

We wish to thank everyone who generously donated to the archives, museum and library collections this year and for their patience and commitment during this time of growth and renewal.



Electric Yahrzeit Lamp  
Arnold Selwyn - VHEC Collection

## EXPANDING OUR REACH

There is perhaps no teaching tool more powerful than the perspective of an eyewitness. The testimonies of survivors are entry-points into the diversity of prewar Jewish life in Europe and Holocaust experiences, and to the diversity of responses to loss, survival and the rebuilding of lives.

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre is home to one of the earliest collections of video-recorded testimonies of Holocaust survivors. Initiated in the 1970s by VHEC founding president Dr. Robert Krell, the collection now includes more than 200 recordings of eyewitness accounts of the Holocaust.

Thanks to funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the VHEC is digitizing, preserving and cataloguing

these testimonies, making it possible for students, teachers, scholars and others worldwide to access these first-person narratives for educational, commemorative and research purposes.

A bequest from the estate of Edwina and Paul Heller <sup>z'l</sup>, is allowing the VHEC to digitize, catalogue, preserve and develop community engagement strategies centered around the VHEC's broader archival and museum collections.

These projects, aided by accompanying pedagogical materials we are developing to support teacher and student engagement, will foster Holocaust education and commemoration into the future.



Collections research assistant Caitlin Donaldson with a number of the VHEC's Holocaust survivor audio-video testimonies.

## ENHANCING OUR COLLECTIONS

The VHEC is committed to expanding and enhancing our collections and their accessibility to visitors and scholars.

Upcoming plans include the development of a new “Learning Lab” of interactive kiosks animated by local content and primary source materials, making it easier for visitors to locate relevant resources at their fingertips.

Curated visible storage will meet preservation requirements and broaden the exhibition and educational potential of our collections. Environmentally controlled storage and display facilities will help to foster the purposeful growth of our collections by assuring that the VHEC employs best practices in preservation and display of artefacts and archival materials.

Combined with digitization projects that will make our resources accessible worldwide, this upcoming infrastructure project will maximize visitor experiences on site, making the VHEC an even more impactful destination for researchers, students and the general public.



The VHEC library of Holocaust-related resources is a vital asset for members, educators and the community.

## APPEAL FOR ARTEFACTS

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre stewards Western Canada’s largest collections of Holocaust-related artefacts and archival materials.

The VHEC is committed to education by contextualizing the history of the Holocaust through items from prewar, wartime and postwar settlement. Primary sources assist in individualizing the loss and destruction of the Holocaust and the range of surviving materials speaks to the diversity of experiences.

While many families may be unaware that they possess articles of interest to the Centre, please consider photographs, letters, documents and any other artefacts your family may have and discuss entrusting them to the VHEC for care and preservation.



Student teacher Gurdeep Bhalru engages with an artefact displayed as part of the *Open Hearts - Closed Doors* exhibition.

# ***Celebrating Decades of Achievement***

On May 26, 2016, the VHEC held its first gala-type event since 2005. “Looking Back ... Moving Forward” was an evening commemorating more than 40 years since the start of formal Holocaust education in B.C., and three decades since the creation of the society that, more than 20 years ago, created the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre. The event attracted 500 friends and supporters.

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The evening provided an opportunity to honour those who built the organization and represented a promise from successive generations to continue building on the solid foundation begun by the visionary founders. Guests were able to learn more about the breadth of programs and services the VHEC offers, and their emotional and intellectual impacts.

Keynote presentations from Robbie Waisman, a survivor of the Holocaust, and Éloge Butera, a survivor of the genocide against the Tutsis in Rwanda, provided for guests the sort of eyewitness testimony experienced by tens of thousands

of young British Columbians through the VHEC’s Holocaust symposia and survivor outreach speaker programs.

A special thank-you to all gala attendees and sponsors, as well as the volunteers who made the evening a success.

## **CO-CHAIRS**

Mariette Doduck • Helen Heacock Rivers • Shoshana Lewis

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

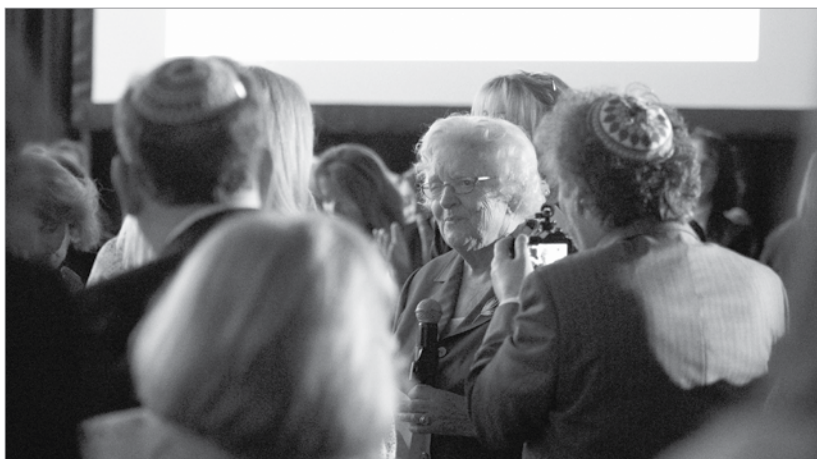
Tamar Bakonyi • Elisa Belzberg • Steve Groner • Michelle Guez  
Belinda Gutman • Katia Hessel • Simone Kallner • Stacey Kape  
Michaela Singerman • Carla van Messel • Corinne Zimmerman



Keynote speakers Éloge Butera and Robbie Waisman with VHEC Executive Director Nina Krieger.



Five-hundred attendees listened to moving stories of survival.



Nora Lórier-Munnik, who Robert Krell knew as his sister while he was a hidden child in the Netherlands, attended the event. She is recognized, alongside her parents Albert and Violette Munnik, as Righteous Among the Nations.



Katia Hessel, a grand-daughter of four Holocaust survivors, shared her family's story and her commitment to continued education and remembrance.



Lillian Boraks Nemetz listens as Grade 11 student Caden Dorey expresses the impact her story had on his life.



Event co-chairs Shoshana Lewis, Mariette Doduck and Helen Heacock Rivers.

## ***Treasurer's Report***

The Vancouver Holocaust Centre for Education and Remembrance (the "Society") financial position remained relatively stable in fiscal 2015. The Society's net assets shrunk by \$8,110 (2014 – growth of \$196,755) primarily due to the weak financial markets. Due to the generosity of donors, \$22,107 (2014 – \$18,640) of endowment contributions were made to the Society. The investment portfolio generated a return of 3.10% (2014 – 7.38%) net of fees during the fiscal year, which includes unrealized gains from capital appreciation. The Society's current liabilities increased largely as a result of deferred public and private contributions anticipated to be used for seven projects in fiscal 2016.

Revenues have increased by \$239,255 in the current year, principally from the recognition of previously deferred contributions for specific projects. The Society has seen a growth in donation and tribute card revenues of \$30,871, which represents an increase of 31% from fiscal 2014. Consistent with the increase in revenues, expenses increased by \$221,831 as a result of continued work on funded projects. On-going program expenses increased by \$111,017 as a result of significant work done on a project funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Administrative expenses increased by \$130,305 as a result of additional resource requirements to facilitate projects funded by both private and public contributions.

The Society incurred a deficit of \$25,580 during the fiscal year (2014 – surplus of \$43,968). Included in the deficit were unrealized foreign exchange gains of \$21,573 (2014 – \$113,720), unrealized losses on investments of \$71,385 (2014 – \$48,118), and realized gains of \$131,051 (2014 – \$114,233). The deficit before taking into account investment income, realized gains and other items was \$208,634 (2014 – \$227,058). The Society is dependent on continued portfolio growth to sustain the shortfall from general operations. The Society's portfolio is professionally managed, and must adhere to an investment policy that has been approved by the Board of Directors.



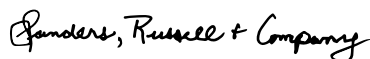
**Marcus Brandt**  
TREASURER

## ***Review Engagement Report***

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance as at December 31, 2015 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the Society.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



**Sanders, Russell & Company**  
PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

JUNE 1, 2016

# Abbreviated Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		RESTATED
Current Assets - Unrestricted	\$ 422,488	\$ 297,108
Current Assets - Restricted	217,259	215,281
Property and Equipment	30,372	17,786
Holocaust Education Centre	653,071	661,385
Investments	3,561,211	3,542,081
	<u>\$ 4,884,401</u>	<u>\$ 4,733,641</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$ 388,040	\$ 222,700
Deferred Contributions - Permanent Exhibit	184,110	190,580
Net Assets	4,312,251	4,320,361
	<u>\$ 4,884,401</u>	<u>\$ 4,733,641</u>

# Abbreviated Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,212,703	\$ 4,123,606
Prior Period Adjustment	(32,711)	(32,711)
Reallocation of Recognized Revenues from Prior Years' Permanent Exhibit Contributions	140,369	134,147
Restated Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,320,361	\$ 4,225,042
(Deficiency) Surplus of Revenues Over Expenses	(25,580)	76,679
Endowment Contributions	17,470	18,640
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 4,312,251</u>	<u>\$ 4,320,361</u>

# Abbreviated Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

	2015	2014
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Memberships	\$ 48,737	\$ 45,039
Donations and Tribute Cards	130,152	99,281
B.C. Gaming Grant	24,500	24,500
Fundraisers	24,590	28,522
Book Income and Other	3,036	712
Federation Grant	21,333	18,833
General Grants	123,653	83,089
Claims – Socialization Grants	18,938	28,162
Permanent Exhibit Revenues	6,470	6,222
Exhibit Revenues	3,555	12,399
Ongoing Program Revenues	188,393	6,252
Annual Program Revenues	14,001	15,092
	<b>\$ 607,358</b>	<b>\$ 368,103</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
On-going Programs	\$ 122,719	\$ 111,702
Administrative	661,946	531,641
Book Store Expenses	619	752
Exhibit Costs	7,131	25,714
Annual Program Expenses	23,577	25,352
	<b>\$ 815,992</b>	<b>\$ 595,161</b>
<b>OPERATING DEFICIT BEFORE GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ (208,634)</b>	<b>\$ (227,058)</b>
<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>		
Interest and Other Investment Income	100,784	123,902
Realized Gains on Sale of Investments	\$ 131,051	\$ 114,233
Unrealized (Loss) Gain on Investments	(71,385)	(48,118)
Unrealized Foreign Exchange Gains	21,573	113,720
Realized Gain on Replacement of Equipment	1,031	-
	<b>\$ 183,054</b>	<b>\$ 303,737</b>
<b>(DEFICIT) SURPLUS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (25,580)</b>	<b>\$ 76,679</b>
Prior Period Adjustment – Overstatement of Revenues Due to Understatement of Deferred Revenues Regarding CIC	-	23,351
Prior Period Adjustment – Additional Contract Labour Expense for CIC Project	-	9,360
<b>RESTATED (DEFICIT) SURPLUS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (25,580)</b>	<b>\$ 43,968</b>

# Abbreviated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

	<b>2015</b>	2014
<b>CASH (USED BY) PROVIDED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ 9,592</b>	\$ 103,324
<b>CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Endowment Contributions	<b>17,470</b>	\$18,640
Withdrawal from Investment Portfolio for Use in Operations	<b>50,000</b>	
Redemption of Israel Bonds (\$25,000 USDs)	<b>\$ 33,205</b>	\$ 23,542
	<b>100,675</b>	18,640
<b>CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of Investments – Net	<b>\$ (18,863)</b>	\$ 43,093
Investment in Capital Assets	<b>(22,107)</b>	3,014
	<b>\$ (40,970)</b>	46,107
<b>INCREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>\$ 69,297</b>	\$ 168,071
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>497,530</b>	329,459
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 566,827</b>	\$ 497,530

# Endowments

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