



Annual Report 2018

V A N C O U V E R H O L O C A U S T E D U C A T I O N C E N T R E

The Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance

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 tens of thousands of students annually. It produces acclaimed exhibitions, 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.

Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre

Vision Statement

A world free of antisemitism, discrimination and genocide, with social justice and human rights for all.

Mission Statement

Through education and remembrance, the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre engages students, educators and the broader public in British Columbia and beyond with the history of the Holocaust — the Shoah — and its ongoing relevance. As a teaching museum that stewards programs and collections initiated by Holocaust survivors, we honour and support those who survived and remember those who perished.

Values Statement

Inspired by our founders, survivors of the Shoah, the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre strives to model understanding and respect for human rights and social justice.

Message from the President & Executive Director

This has been a year of transition for the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre. The VHEC was engaged in a Renewal Project and recently reopened its doors after a major renovation. The Centre is now more effective and accessible, both to visitors inside the walls of the Centre and online to researchers, students and others worldwide, through access to our digitized collections. By renewing the VHEC facilities to better serve the organization's mandate and its audiences this project meets the goal of honouring the legacy of Holocaust survivors and ensuring the community's on-going dedication to Holocaust education.

Though the Centre was inaccessible for several months, staff and volunteers continued to fulfill the VHEC's mandate. This was achieved through community programming, devoted Holocaust survivor outreach speakers reaching more students than ever in their schools and by dedicated volunteer docents leading Holocaust related workshops in the classrooms.

In November, the VHEC hosted a special evening, *Looking Back ... Moving Forward – Expanding the Reach of Holocaust Education*, at The Permanent in support of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre. Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Marissa Roth gave a glimpse into the Centre's exhibition, *Faces of Survival*, which opened with the Renewed VHEC. *Faces of Survival* features photographs of some local Holocaust survivor volunteers, including past and present Board members and Outreach Speakers, and their reflections about the Holocaust.

A new custom, online Collections Management System (CMS) was created by the VHEC, which makes the Centre's Collections catalogue available online to the public for the first time at collections.vhec.org. Visitors can explore Western Canada's largest collection of Holocaust-related artefacts, survivor testimonies, archival materials and publications. The VHEC acquires, preserves and makes available these items as documentary evidence of the Holocaust and its effect on individuals, families and society.

In keeping with the connection between the broader history of the Shoah and the local community, a second new exhibition, *In Focus: The Holocaust Through the VHEC Collection*, showcases selected artefacts from our collection many of which were generously contributed by local survivors, their families and community members. With the new visible storage units, the Centre will now be able to display rotating artefacts from our collection and travelling exhibitions.

Child survivor Rene Goldman delivered the annual Kristallnacht Commemorative Lecture recounting his fragmented and tragic childhood and adolescence. Copies of his memoir *Childhood Adrift: The Nazi War on Jewish Children in France* were distributed courtesy of the Azrieli Foundation.

For the first time the VHEC commemorated International Holocaust Remembrance Day on the UBC campus. The Centre partnered with Hillel BC and the UBC Department of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies, to present the powerful testimony of Auschwitz survivor David Ehrlich. Holocaust survivors present lit candles in memory of their loved ones who perished.

The feedback from those who attended the recent Yom HaShoah commemoration was overwhelming. The standing room only audience in the Jewish Community Centre's Wosk Auditorium heard founding VHEC President and child survivor Dr. Robert Krell's powerful and personal reflections on *Living Life as a Child Holocaust Survivor*. The increased attendance of not only community members but also municipal, provincial and federal representatives indicates the increasing importance of the Shoah to all people, and the unique role of the VHEC in perpetuating its remembrance and commemoration in British Columbia and beyond.

Eyewitness testimony is integral to the success of Symposia on the Holocaust. This year's Symposia engaged more than 7,500 students across British Columbia. The profound impact of the presentation of eyewitness perspectives, continues to affect both students and teachers. We would like to extend a very special thank you to our committed Holocaust survivor speakers for their extraordinary commitment to sharing their experiences with students, teachers and communities across North America.

Thank you to the foundations and individuals who supported the Renewal Project, the new exhibitions and all our work; who share our vision of a world free of antisemitism, discrimination and genocide, with social justice and human rights for all.

We would like to use this opportunity to also express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the professional staff, board of directors and volunteers of the VHEC — as well as to all of you, our members and supporters — for your steadfast commitment to Holocaust education and remembrance.

And finally, a profound and sincere thank you to the survivors who founded The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre and gave us this legacy to carry on.



Philip Levinson
PRESIDENT



Rome Fox
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Achievements & Highlights 2017 -2018

25,000+

Students reached each year through pedagogical programs

7,500+

Students and teachers attended Symposia on the Holocaust throughout the year

4,000+

Holocaust-related books, journals, films and educational resources in the VHEC Library

1,400+

People attended VHEC commemorative programs

200+

Local survivor audio-visual testimonies – 100% of our Holocaust testimonies are digitized and video clips are being added to the online catalogue

200+

Three-dimensional objects and artworks in the VHEC collection

200+

Donations to collections in 2017

80+

Artefacts donated by Holocaust survivors and their families on display in the exhibition, *In Focus*

16

Symposia in school districts across the province, an increase from last year

43rd Annual Symposium on the Holocaust.

Renewal Project



Installation of the temperature and humidity-controlled archival storage and display facilities.



Mounting of the *In Focus* exhibition banners.

Following extensive renovations as part of the Renewal Project, the VHEC reopened its doors to the public on June 20, 2018. The project reconfigured the VHEC's space to honour the legacy of Holocaust survivors and ensure the community's on-going dedication to education and remembrance of the Holocaust. The preservation of the VHEC's collection of artefacts, and its use in support of its mandate in the post-eyewitness era, has emerged as a new area of emphasis for the future.

A highlight of the Renewal Project, are the temperature and humidity-controlled archival storage and display facilities which enhance the visitor experience at the Centre.

We have also incorporated electronic access portals, which will allow visitors to interact with key themes in Holocaust history and with artefacts, documents and testimonies from our impressive collections, at the touch of a screen.

Additionally, a designated audio-visual programming space has been added that allows survivors and educators to interact with students and participants in remote locations.

Every component of the Renewal Project was designed to be modular and transportable. With the planned redevelopment of the Jewish Community Centre, in which the VHEC is located, the purpose of the Renewal Project was to upgrade the Centre to maximize its functionality for the next several years, while ensuring that the upgrades would be able to be relocated when a new, purpose-built Centre is completed, at some point in the future.

Visitors to our renewed space can look forward to interacting with the depth and breadth of our collection and its significant potential for teaching the Shoah and its enduring lessons.

With thanks to the following supporters, the VHEC is proud to re-open its doors:

The Province of British Columbia through the British Columbia | Canada 150: Celebrating B.C. Communities and their Contributions to Canada grant program

The Government of Canada through Western Economic Diversification Canada

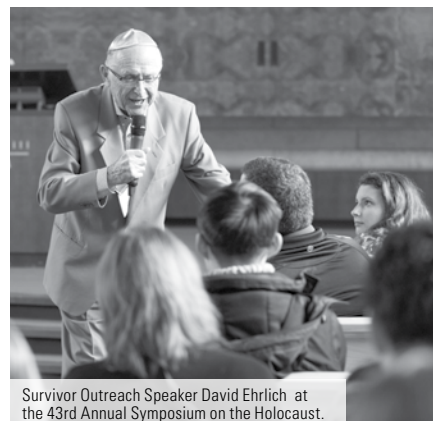
Leon Judah Blackmore Foundation, London Drugs, Coast Hotels, Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Vancouver, Dr. Robert & Marilyn Krell, Leon(z'l) & Evelyn Kahn and Family, Isaac & Judy Thau, Jody & Harvey Dales, Birgit Westergaard & Norman Gladstone, The Ben & Esther Dayson Charitable Foundation, Yosef Wosk & Family, Bob Markin & Ralph Markin, and The Lohn Foundation.

Education

43RD ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE HOLOCAUST

More than 700 senior secondary students from 18 BC schools attended this year's symposium, hearing an historical overview, viewing a contextualizing film and then hearing first-hand testimony from survivor Outreach Speakers. This was followed by a panel discussion and question period with historian Professor Chris Friedrichs and Holocaust survivors Robbie Waismin and Lillian Boraks-Nemetz.

The Annual Symposium on the Holocaust is sponsored by the following VHEC Funds: Edwina & Paul Heller Holocaust Education Fund, Sophie Waldman Endowment Fund, and the Leo Krell Memorial Book Fund. This program is funded through our community's generous contributions to Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver Annual Campaign and by the Province of British Columbia, with additional support from the Azrieli Foundation.



Survivor Outreach Speaker David Ehrlich at the 43rd Annual Symposium on the Holocaust.

DISTRICT SYMPOSIA PROGRAMS

During the 2017-2018 school year, the VHEC presented 16 half-day Holocaust symposia, reaching more than 7,500 senior secondary students and their teachers in school districts and private schools throughout the province. Districts reached included Abbotsford, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Langley, New Westminster, North Surrey, Shawnigan Lake, Richmond, Surrey, West Vancouver and Vancouver.

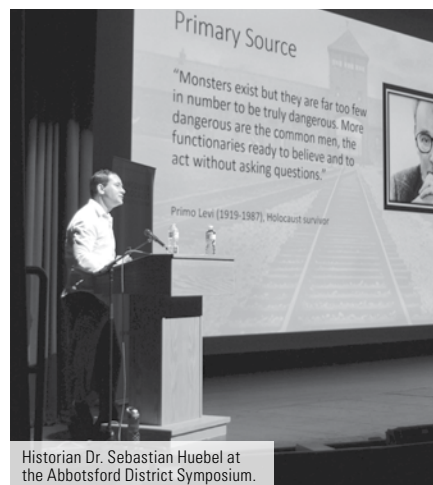
District Symposia are supported by the Vaisler family in honour of Syd & Sari Vaisler and Naomi & Mac Adler; and The Lovi Memorial Endowment Fund of the VHEC in honour of Anna (Abrahamsohn) Lovi, Dr. Joseph Lovi & Dr. Marta Lovi; and by the financial support of the Province of British Columbia. This program is also funded through our community's generous contributions to Federation Annual Campaign, with additional support from the Azrieli Foundation.



Survivor Outreach Speaker Janos Benisz at the Langley District Symposium.



Students thanking Survivor Outreach Speaker Alex Buckman at the 43rd Annual Symposium on the Holocaust.



Historian Dr. Sebastian Huebel at the Abbotsford District Symposium.



"The stories of the Holocaust survivors helped me realize the true tragedies of genocide. It gave me a different perspective aside from those conveyed in history textbooks. I feel honoured to meet firsthand witnesses of the Holocaust."

**SOCIAL STUDIES 10 STUDENT
FRASER HEIGHTS SECONDARY**

"It was an absolute honour to hear survivor stories. These sessions were so intimate, they really struck home. They gave a much better impression than any documentary or interview could give. I want to say thank you to the speakers for having the courage to tell their stories and to educate future generations."

**HISTORY 12 STUDENT
LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY**



Q&A Panel at the 43rd Annual Symposium on the Holocaust, moderated by VHEC Education Director Ilona Shulman Spaar and Outreach Speakers Robbie Waisman, Lillian Boraks-Nemetz and historian Professor Chris Friedrichs. (left to right)

Education

CLASSROOM WORKSHOP

While the physical space of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre was closed to the public for renovations, our education programs continued. The VHEC offered (and continues to offer) special in-class workshops for classes in British Columbia.

The workshops consist of a short film by Canadian filmmaker Anthony Green titled *Pigeon*. The thought-provoking film focuses on rescue and decision making during the Holocaust in France and is a stark reminder of the human capacity for good in a time of cruelty. The film viewing is followed by an interactive exploration of those themes led by a VHEC docent. Workshops are recommended for students in grades 6 to 12.



VHEC docent Lise Kirchner with students at Vancouver College.

2017 MEYER AND GITA KRON AND RUTH KRON SIGAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Each year, the VHEC presents the Meyer and Gita Kron and Ruth Kron Sigal Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education to a B.C. elementary or secondary teacher who has shown a remarkable commitment to teaching students about the Holocaust and its important lessons.

Anna-Mae Wiesenthal, secondary school teacher at King David High School, was presented with the 2017 Kron Sigal Award including a prize of \$500, in recognition of her outstanding and exemplary commitment to Holocaust education.

Supported by the Kron Sigal family in memory of Meyer and Gita Kron and Ruth Kron Sigal.



Anna-Mae Wiesenthal presented with the Kron Sigal Award by VHEC Education Director Ilona Shulman Spaar.

OUTREACH SPEAKERS

The Centre's devoted speakers continue to share their eyewitness accounts and their experiences with students and community groups across British Columbia and beyond.



Commemoration



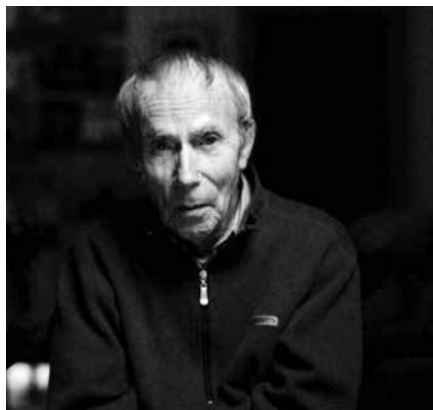
HIGH HOLIDAYS CEMETERY SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

This year's cemetery service commemorated the 30th Anniversary of the unveiling of the Memorial at the Schara Tzedek Cemetery. Jack Kowarsky, Chair of the Memorial committee in 1987, and a child survivor, reflected on the anniversary of the unveiling. Lillian Boraks-Nemetz, child survivor, recited a poem she wrote shortly after the unveiling in 1987. Rabbi Hillel Brody delivered Hespel and Cantor Yaacov Orzech chanted the El Moleh Rachamim.

Presented by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre with Schara Tzedek Congregation and the Jewish War Veterans.

Organized by Jack Micner, VHEC Programs Committee.



KRISTALLNACHT

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

This year's address by Holocaust child survivor Rene Goldman was titled *Childhood Adrift: The Nazi War on Jewish Children in France*. Goldman was introduced by Jody Spiegel, Director of the Holocaust Survivor Memoirs Program, of the Azrieli Foundation. Copies of Goldman's memoirs were distributed to all those in attendance.

Presented by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre in partnership with Congregation Beth Israel and the Azrieli Foundation. Funded through our community's generous contributions to Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver Annual Campaign.



INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

JANUARY 25, 2018

IHRD was hosted this year by Hillel BC and the UBC Department of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies (CENES). The commemorative program featured a brief lecture about the Holocaust by Dr. Uma Kumar, CENES, and keynote speaker, David Ehrlich, Auschwitz Survivor. Rabbi Philip Bregman, Executive Director of Hillel BC, emceed the program.

Presented by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre in partnership with Hillel BC. Funded through our community's generous contributions to Federation Annual Campaign and by the Province of British Columbia. Audience members received Holocaust survivor memoirs generously donated by the Azrieli Foundation. Supported by the Akselrod Family in memory of their beloved Ben Akselrod z'l.



YOM HASHOAH

APRIL 11, 2018

The commemorative evening featured survivor speaker, Dr. Robert Krell, who spoke about *Living Life as a Child Holocaust Survivor*. Candle lighting and a musical program featured cellist Eric Wilson, Advah Soudack, and Cantor Yaacov Orzech & the Kol Simcha singers. More than 400 attended the program including 23 survivors who participated in the candle lighting ceremony. Civic, provincial and federal government representatives attended.

Presented with the support of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver and funded through our community's generous contributions to Federation Annual Campaign, with the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia and support from the VHEC Funds: Gail Feldman Heller Endowment and Sarah Rozenberg-Warm Memorial Endowment.



"We who teach from our experiences in the Shoah and its consequences, seldom know whose hearts and minds will be touched."

DR. ROBERT KRELL, YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2018

Engaging the Public

WRITING LIVES: THE HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR MEMOIR PROJECT

Writing Lives: the Holocaust Survivor Memoir Project was a two-semester course and a partnership between Langara College, the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre and the Azrieli Foundation. In the first semester, students learned about the history of European Jewish culture and the Holocaust. In the second term, groups of students were teamed with a Holocaust survivor. Students interviewed the survivor, transcribed their recollections and wrote their memoirs, which were presented at the closing ceremony on April 26, 2018.

"These memoirs will be given to the survivors as gifts for themselves and their families, but they will also be archived and they may possibly be published and they will also serve as legacies for the survivors, their families and perhaps the research community in general," said Dr. Rachel Mines, an English instructor at Langara and coordinator of the Writing Lives program. "I'm also the daughter of survivors, so I know how important it is that the stories get told and kept as a legacy for the families and the children and the grandchildren and great-grandchildren and also for the community at large, which I think is something that this particular program has succeeded in very well."



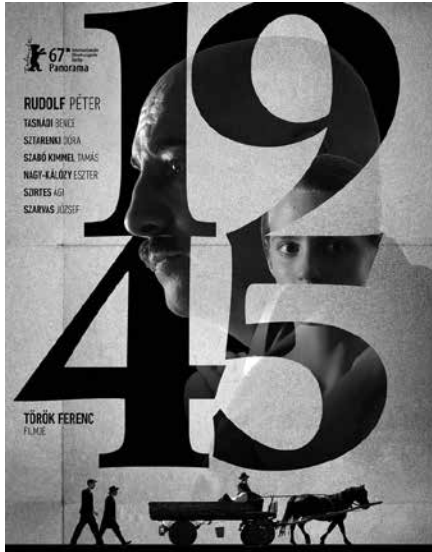
Holocaust survivor Louise Sorensen with the students who interviewed her for their Writing Lives Project.



Langara student participants of the Writing Lives Survivor Memoir Project with coordinator Dr. Rachel Mines.



Holocaust survivor Rita Akselrod speaking at the Writing Lives Closing Ceremony.



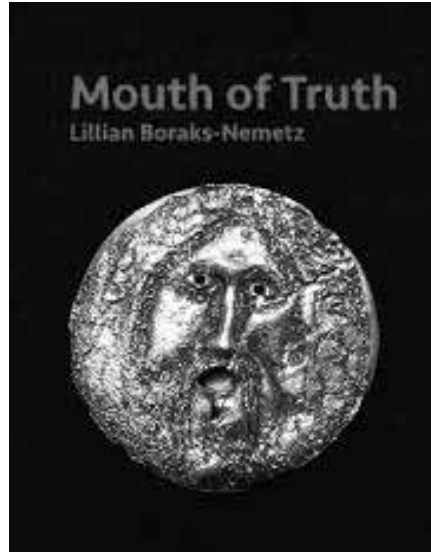
VANCOUVER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

1945 by Ferenc Török

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

On a summer day in 1945, an Orthodox man and his grown son return to a village in Hungary while the villagers prepare for the wedding of the town clerk's son. The townspeople — suspicious, remorseful, fearful and cunning expect the worst and behave accordingly. The town clerk fears the men may be heirs of the village's deported Jews and expects them to demand their illegally acquired property back.

Sponsored by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre.



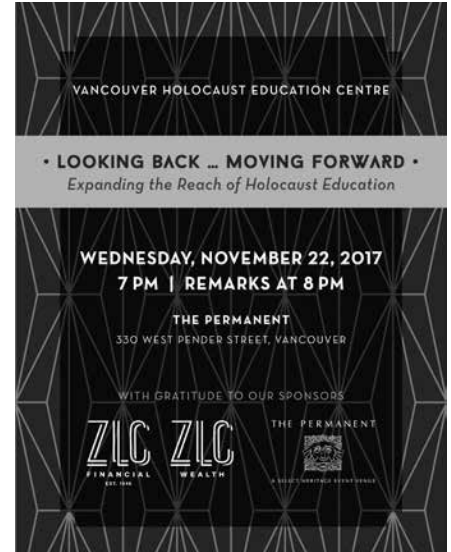
CHERIE SMITH JCCGV JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

***Mouth of Truth* by Lillian Boraks-Nemetz**

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Based on the author's personal experience as a child in the Warsaw Ghetto, *Mouth of Truth* is a gripping tale of impossible choices, divided loyalties and unimaginable horrors. It's a story of trauma and child abuse experienced by war children and how it affects their adult lives and offspring.

Presented by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre in partnership with the Cherie Smith JCC Jewish Book Festival.



VHEC EVENT

Looking Back ... Moving Forward – Expanding the Reach of Holocaust Education

NOVEMBER 22, 2017

Supporters of the VHEC gathered for an evening in support of Holocaust education at The Permanent in downtown Vancouver. Over drinks and canapés we showcased some of the exciting work ahead for the Centre. Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Marissa Roth provided a preview of the new *Faces of Survival* exhibition.

Presented by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre in partnership with ZLC Financial, ZLC Wealth, The Permanent, Pêché Mignon.

Collections

The VHEC Collections team was actively engaged in the Centre's Renewal Project in 2017-2018. We thank prospective donors and researchers for their patience during the hold on reference services while we focused on Renewal Project tasks. Alongside this work, Collections staff continued the implementation of our collections management strategy and new collections management system (CMS). Highlights of Collections work this year include:

- Launching our new CMS (collections.vhec.org) integrating components of the Centre's diverse holdings (archives, museum, testimony and library) into an online platform featuring educational resources aligned with the B.C. secondary school curriculum to support teaching with primary source materials;
- Arranging and describing the VHEC's exhibition files with Documentary Heritage Communities Program grant funding. These files document our 22-year history of programming, 55 original exhibitions produced by the VHEC, as well as travelling exhibitions hosted by the VHEC;
- Arranging, describing and cataloguing over 800 artefacts, archival materials, library items and testimonies to populate the CMS;
- Coordinating the safe packing, transportation and storage for the Centre's archives, library and museum collections during the renovation, with many thanks to Denbigh Fine Arts Services and the Jewish Museum & Archives of British Columbia;
- Settling in to the renewed collections spaces by establishing new workflows, reviewing collections policies and services, and organizing our workspaces to facilitate collaborative work;
- Developing an interactive timeline and historical overview of the VHEC's exhibition history;
- Contributing 11 finding aids to MemoryBC (<https://www.memorybc.ca/vancouver-holocaust-centre-society-archives>), a web portal to access descriptions of archival material in repositories across the province;
- Assisting with VHEC exhibition development by supporting in-house research, arranging conservation services and professional artefact mounting, and preparing condition reports;
- Conducting user-testing with special interest groups prior to the public launch of the online CMS;
- Acquiring select material for VHEC Collections, including accruals of pre-war, wartime and post-war documents and artefacts to the Bick family fonds, Rosengarten family fonds, and Kaplan/Shak family fonds, as well as 40 new library books;
- Demonstrating a case study of the VHEC's collection management strategy and online CMS at the Museums and the Web Conference held in Vancouver in April 2018;
- Partnering with the newly opened Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre at UBC by sharing the database structure of the VHEC's open-source CMS for use in its database development.

Collections staff are continually adding records and digitized items to the CMS and we thank you for your continuing patience and commitment as we populate the system and re-open our reference services. We encourage visitors to contact Collections staff (collections@vhec.org) prior to travelling to the VHEC to ensure that requested items will be available to access.

Funding for the collections management strategy has been provided by a generous donation from Dr. Irene Bettinger on behalf of the estate of her parents, Paul and Edwina Heller, and by grants from the Government of Canada and UBC's Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.



1936 Olympics pin gifted to the VHEC Collections by Joanne Nokleby.



ADEFA dress donated to the VHEC Collections by Claus Jahnke.

NEW COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMS)

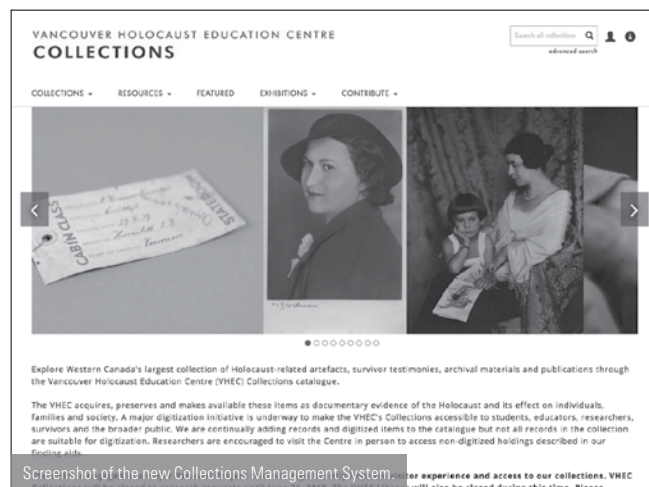
The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre has developed a Collections Management System (CMS) that integrates all the components of the Centre's diverse holdings into an online platform featuring educational resources aligned with the B.C. secondary school curriculum to support teaching with primary source materials.

The VHEC is committed to assisting teachers to use primary sources effectively in the classroom to teach about the Holocaust and social justice broadly, and has created worksheets to guide students through searching the CMS and analyzing artefacts.

The CMS was developed using CollectiveAccess, an open-source collections management and presentation software created by Whirl-i-Gig, which provided development services for the VHEC. CollectiveAccess is used locally by the Vancouver Maritime Museum and the just-opened Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre at the University of British Columbia.

Explore the VHEC Collections online at collections.vhec.org

The development of the online catalogue and CMS was made possible through a generous donation by Dr. Irene Bettinger on behalf of the estate of her parents, Paul and Edwina Heller.



Survivors & Future Generations

SURVIVOR SERVICES

The VHEC and Jewish Family Service Agency delivered services to more than one hundred survivors, including:

- Financial Aid
- Group Support
- Referrals for Professional Counselling
- Housing and Health Care Advocacy
- Restitution and Compensation Assistance
- Social and Educational Activities

Social services for Nazi victims have been supported by a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.



HOLOCAUST RESTITUTION

Volunteer lawyers Stan Taviss and Bonnie Elster helped many survivors this year apply for compensation and restitution. The service has been in operation for 18 years and counts more than 230 successful restitution applications.

SURVIVOR DROP-IN

Between 20 and 35 Holocaust survivors meet regularly to socialize and attend special events, including a monthly program for Russian-speaking survivors.

CHILD SURVIVOR GROUP

Members of the Child Survivor Group hold regular meetings and special events and participate in commemorative events.

Child Survivor Executive: Lillian Boraks-Nemetz, Claude Romney and Alex Buckman.

SECOND GENERATION GROUP

The experiences of children of Holocaust survivors are shared among peers in the Second Generation Group.



Treasurer's Report Year Ended December 31, 2017

The financial position of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance (the "Society") strengthened in fiscal 2017. The Society's net assets increased by \$247,580 (2016 – \$59,772) primarily due to positive investment returns. The investment portfolio generated a strong return of 7.50% (2016 – 3.20%) net of fees during the fiscal year, which includes unrealized gains and losses from marketable securities.

Operating revenues and expenses have both decreased in the current year due to the gala event that took place in 2016. The Society received more than \$307,000 in general donations from its members and supporters, over and above annual membership fees. Ongoing program expenses decreased by \$31,215 as the Society concentrated on the Renewal project. Administrative expenses have decreased by \$16,137 during the year, as the Society has continued to find ways to improve efficiencies.

The Society generated a surplus of \$217,115 during the fiscal year (2016 – \$53,273). The surplus includes unrealized foreign exchange losses of \$19,306 (2016 – \$14,364), unrealized gains on investments of \$113,616 (2016 – \$153,874), and realized gains of \$69,598 (2016 – loss of \$48,399). The deficit, before taking into account investment income, realized gains and other items, was \$93,997 (2016 – \$102,364). The Society is dependent on investment income from its portfolio to supplement 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

Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

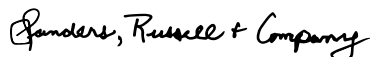
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, 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 the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance as at December 31, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Sanders, Russell & Company

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

MAY 30, 2018

Abbreviated Statement of Financial Position

<i>As of December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)</i>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Assets		
Current Assets – Unrestricted	\$ 684,991	\$ 406,661
Current Assets – Restricted	10,028	10,024
Cash – Restricted	–	208,794
Property and Equipment	400,903	63,175
Holocaust Education Centre	1,095,971	644,757
Investments	3,858,407	3,607,232
	<u>\$ 6,050,300</u>	<u>\$ 4,940,643</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities	\$ 670,934	\$ 203,431
Deferred Contributions – Permanent Exhibit	766,685	372,111
Net Assets	4,612,681	4,365,101
	<u>\$ 6,050,300</u>	<u>\$ 4,940,643</u>

Abbreviated Statement of Changes in Net Assets

<i>For the Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)</i>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,365,101	\$ 4,312,251
Prior Period Adjustment	–	(7,122)
Restated Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,365,101	\$ 4,305,129
Named Endowment Contributions	30,465	6,699
Surplus of Revenues over Expenditures	217,115	53,273
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,612,681</u>	<u>\$ 4,365,101</u>

Abbreviated Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenues		
Donations and Tribute Cards	\$ 307,667	\$ 73,323
General Grants – Specific Projects	224,372	262,555
Gala Event Revenue and Fundraisers	74,191	259,146
Memberships	31,762	45,632
B.C. Gaming Grant	27,000	24,500
Federation Grant	26,000	24,000
Claims – Socialization Grants	17,131	20,788
Annual Program Revenues	12,819	10,489
On-going Program Revenues	10,000	92,616
Young Canada Works Government Grant	7,580	5,013
Exhibit Revenues	5,188	4,475
Book Income and Other	269	305
General Grants	–	72,000
	<u>\$ 743,979</u>	<u>\$ 894,842</u>
Expenses		
On-going Program Expenses	\$ 31,240	\$ 62,455
Annual Program Expenses	25,274	17,545
Administrative	737,726	753,863
Exhibit Costs	9,875	53,898
Fundraising and Gala Expenses	33,861	109,445
	<u>\$ 837,976</u>	<u>\$ 997,206</u>
OPERATING DEFICIT BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	<u>\$ (93,997)</u>	<u>\$ (102,364)</u>
Other Items		
Interest and Other Investment Income from Investments Measured at Cost	\$22,792	\$23,436
Interest and Other Investment Income from Investments Measured at Fair Value	\$ 124,412	\$ 42,960
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments Measured at Market Value	113,616	153,874
Realized Gains on Sale of Investments	69,598	(48,399)
Unrealized Foreign Exchange (Loss) Gain on Investments	(19,306)	(14,364)
Realized Loss on Citizenship and Immigration Canada Project	–	(1,870)
	<u>\$ 311,112</u>	<u>\$ 155,637</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 217,115</u>	<u>\$ 53,273</u>

Abbreviated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Cash Provided for (Used by) Operating Activities	\$ 625,892	\$ (164,354)
Cash Used for Investing Activities		
Purchase of Investment Portfolio Securities	\$ (1,536,119)	\$ (1,859,873)
Purchase of Israel Bonds (\$25,000 USDs)	(31,440)	(32,815)
Investment in Capital Assets	(827,603)	(61,647)
	<u>\$ (2,395,162)</u>	<u>\$ (1,954,335)</u>
Cash Provided by Financing Activities		
Proceeds from Sales of Investments	\$ \$1,372,895	\$ \$1,848,163
Returns of Capital Received	6,360	19,201
Deferred Contributions, Permanent Exhibit – Renewal Project	394,574	188,000
Redemption of Israel Bonds (\$25,000 Usds)	31,440	32,815
Named Endowment Fund Contributions	30,465	6,699
Withdrawal from Investment Portfolio for Use in Operations	–	50,000
	<u>\$ 1,835,734</u>	<u>\$ 2,144,878</u>
INCREASE IN CASH	\$ 66,464	\$ 26,189
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	593,016	566,827
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 659,480</u>	<u>\$ 593,016</u>

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