

VANCOUVER HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTRE

Annual Report 2015





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.

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From the President and Executive Director

On the 40th anniversary of our Annual Holocaust Symposium, some 1,200 senior secondary students representing 29 schools from across Metro Vancouver gathered to hear from historian Chris Friedrichs and Holocaust eyewitnesses Robert Krell and Lillian Boraks Nemetz. This was not the first program for a number of the teachers in attendance. In fact, four had first attended the VHEC's Symposia programming when *they* were high school students. During the lunch break, these educators exchanged reflections about these formative experiences and the impact the VHEC's programs had on them, and continue to have on young people today.

For founding survivors of the VHEC, the continued resonance and relevance of our educational activities is no doubt gratifying. The importance of sustaining the legacy of the VHEC — a Centre dedicated to teaching about the causes and consequences of discrimination, racism and antisemitism through education and remembrance of the Holocaust — is at the heart of the Centre's current objectives and activities. This year, your board of directors and professional staff have worked together to continue delivery of core educational and commemorative programs, while also carrying out several exciting new projects to ensure the future resonance of our work.

This year saw the expansion of our district-wide Symposia on the Holocaust, which in 2014-15 engaged more than 6,000 students. The incomparable impact of VHEC Outreach Speakers, central to the VHEC's Symposia and Outreach Program, is affirmed in student and teacher reflections featured throughout this Annual Report. We would like to convey our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to local Holocaust survivors who share their experiences with students and community groups throughout British Columbia and beyond.

Our thanks as well to the Centre's talented team of volunteer docents who guide student visitors through the Centre's rotating exhibits and school programs. This year the VHEC proudly presented two significant international teaching exhibits to local audiences. Realized in partnership with the Swiss and German Consulates in Vancouver respectively, the exhibits *Carl Lutz and the Legendary Budapest Glass House* and *The Face of the Ghetto: Pictures Taken by Jewish Photographers in the Litzmannstadt Ghetto* provided important contexts of learning. The *Carl Lutz* exhibit was enlivened by a VHEC-produced companion

piece featuring artefacts and testimonies from our collection and on loan from local survivors, their families and community members.

Alluded to above, local materials and local stories — and their vital contribution to supporting education and remembrance — will assume increasing importance in the years ahead. This year the VHEC commenced work on two multi-year projects currently underway. The first project, funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, supports the preservation, access and pedagogical use of our collection of audio-video survivor testimonies. The second and concurrent initiative, realized with a generous bequest from the estate of Paul Heller, consists of work to digitize, catalogue and develop educational strategies for engaging with the VHEC's broader archival collection. Supported by best practices in the field, the VHEC's collection of primary source material and survivor video testimony will play central roles in future exhibits, school programs and teaching materials.

We also continue to play a vital role within our own community and an increasingly important role beyond our borders. Commemorative programs such as Yom HaShoah, Kristallnacht and International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the latter marking the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, continued to draw strong attendance and foster community-building and remembrance of the Holocaust. Meanwhile, the VHEC's contributions to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's Canadian Delegation and to the international organization's Memorials and Museums Working Group (a committee of experts chaired by Nina Krieger in 2015) represents an opportunity to contribute to and benefit from international trends in the field.

None of this work or our significant achievements would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our professional staff, board of directors and volunteers. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of them — as well as to all of you, our members and supporters — for ensuring that the Centre continues to build on our many successes for years to come.



Ed Lewin, PRESIDENT



Nina Krieger, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bringing the Past to Life

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS AND CONSULATES, THE CENTRE PRESENTED TWO SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TEACHING EXHIBITS TO LOCAL AUDIENCES.



Carl Lutz and the Legendary Glass House in Budapest exhibit at the VHEC.

CARL LUTZ AND THE LEGENDARY GLASS HOUSE IN BUDAPEST

OCTOBER 22, 2014 – MARCH 13, 2015

After the Nazi invasion of Hungary on March 19, 1944, 825,000 Hungarian Jews came under attack. Swiss Vice-Consul Carl Lutz issued thousands of safe passes and provided asylum to Jews threatened with deportation inside the Glass House, the site of a former glass factory. Lutz became the first Swiss national honoured as “Righteous Among the Nations” for the rescue of 62,000 Jews.

Presented on the 70th anniversary of the Nazi invasion of Hungary, the *Carl Lutz and the Legendary Glass House in Budapest* exhibit illustrated a little-known story of diplomatic rescue and moral courage during the Holocaust. More than 1,800 visitors viewed the exhibit during its presentation at the VHEC.

The travelling exhibit, on loan from the Carl Lutz Foundation in Budapest, was enlivened by a VHEC-produced companion exhibit, which contextualized Lutz’s rescue efforts through the testimony and artefacts of local Hungarian Holocaust survivors drawn from the VHEC’s collection.

Carl Lutz and the Legendary Glass House in Budapest travelling exhibit produced by the Carl Lutz Foundation in Budapest. Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of Switzerland.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT TOURS

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE STAFF • MUSEUM OF VANCOUVER VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATES
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*“Thank you for your faithfulness
in keeping the world reminded
of the past. May we never forget
– or repeat!”*

*“A very moving and special
tribute to Carl Lutz and those
who facilitated this humanitarian
chapter during a dark chapter of
Hungarian history.”*



THE FACE OF THE GHETTO: PICTURES TAKEN BY JEWISH PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE LITZMANNSTADT GHETTO, 1940-1944

MAY 14 – OCTOBER 16, 2015

Following the invasion of Poland in 1939, the Nazis imposed a ghetto in the city of Lodz, which they renamed Litzmannstadt. From 1940 to 1944, more than 180,000 Jews and 5,000 Roma and Sinti lived in the cramped quarters, with many working in factories that supported the war effort.

A handful of Jewish photographers, commissioned by the local Jewish Council, took photographs of life inside the ghetto. While instructed to document the productivity of the war industry for the Nazis, the photographers — at great personal risk — also captured intimate moments of family, childhood and community. 12,000 images survived.

Presented in partnership with the German Consulate General in Vancouver, this teaching exhibit from the Topography of Terror Foundation in Berlin reveals the resilience and dignity of those imprisoned in the Lodz Ghetto, and offers a rare glimpse into daily life during the Holocaust.

The Face of the Ghetto: Pictures Taken by Jewish Photographers in the Litzmannstadt Ghetto, 1920 – 1944 travelling exhibit produced by the Topography of Terror Foundation, Berlin. Supported by the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Vancouver.

Travelling Exhibits

THIS YEAR, THREE EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY THE VHEC TRAVELLED TO INSTITUTIONS LOCALLY AND ACROSS CANADA. MANY OF THEM ALSO COINCIDED WITH LARGER HOLOCAUST EDUCATION EVENTS AND SYMPOSIA, INCREASING THE VIEWERSHIP OF THE VHEC'S ORIGINAL EXHIBITS.

VANCOUVER'S SCHINDLER JEWS

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2014
HILLEL BC AT UNIVERSITY OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Holocaust Education Week

MARCH 2015

SHAWNIGAN LAKE SCHOOL,
SHAWNIGAN LAKE BC

*Second Shawnigan Lake School Holocaust
and Genocide Symposium*

SHANGHAI: A REFUGE DURING THE HOLOCAUST

FEBRUARY - MAY 2015
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,
NORTH YORK CIVIC CENTRE
AND VAUGHAN CITY HALL, ONTARIO

Presented by the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)

IN DEFIANCE: JEWISH RESISTANCE DURING THE HOLOCAUST

APRIL 2015
BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE, RICHMOND BC
Yom HaShoah Commemorative Event

*"The story of Shanghai's Jewish
community that is shared in the
VHEC's travelling exhibit has been a
unique and impactful way to share
the rich and diverse history of the
Jewish community of Canada while
also educating visitors on this dark
chapter in history."*

**SARINA REHAL, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,
COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND OUTREACH
FOR CIJA**



Shanghai: A Refuge During the Holocaust exhibit at the University of Toronto.



Vancouver's Schindler Jews exhibit at Shawnigan Lake School.



School Programs

DOCENT-LED SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND COMPANION TEACHING MATERIALS SUPPORTED LEARNING ABOUT EXHIBIT THEMES AT THE VHEC AND IN THE CLASSROOM.

CARL LUTZ AND THE LEGENDARY GLASS HOUSE IN BUDAPEST

OCTOBER 22, 2014 – MARCH 13, 2015

The VHEC welcomed some 40 classes — approximately 1000 students — to its fall/winter school program. Groups participated in an inquiry-based exhibit tour, in addition to either a testimony-based workshop or session with a Holocaust Survivor Outreach Speaker.

DOCENT TRAINING

The training included a historical overview of the Holocaust by Dr. Chris Friedrichs, History Department at University of British Columbia, and a workshop on rescue, led by Kit Krieger of the VHEC Teacher Advisory Committee.

THE FACE OF THE GHETTO: PICTURES TAKEN BY JEWISH PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE LITZMANNSTADT GHETTO, 1940-1944

MAY 14 – OCTOBER 16, 2015

The VHEC has welcomed 15 classes - approximately 380 students - to its spring school program. Groups participated in an exhibit tour featuring a photo-based workshop, which explored themes of daily life in the ghetto.

DOCENT TRAINING

The training included a historical overview of the Lodz Ghetto and a workshop on Jewish ghetto leadership, led by Samuel Watkins, a Community Field Experience student from the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia.



TEACHERS' GUIDES

The VHEC produced teaching resources to support classroom visits to the *Carl Lutz* and *The Face of the Ghetto* school programs. The guides contained pre- and post-visit activities that facilitated student engagement with the historical context and personal testimonies in the exhibits, and provided an opportunity for further reflection on thematic issues raised during the school program.

"The workshop on Eva Kero's testimony definitely touched the students, and I found the responses to the questions posed to be very insightful. They felt sadness, horror, gratitude for their own situation, and moral courage. I brought the experience back to rescue and traits of rescuers, and what [students] own response might be when they experience their own personal 'knock on the door.' Survivor testimony is very powerful."

HERB MILLS, VHEC DOCENT

"Thank you for the exhibit — very moving. As a high school humanities teacher this visit was invaluable and I will share it with my students so we can continue to tell the stories that must be told."

TEACHER, SURREY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Seeing the artefacts in the Carl Lutz exhibit made the Holocaust real, especially the shoe that was saved from Auschwitz. It scared but amazed me that in another place and time, that shoe could have belonged to me or my brother. Knowing that young kids suffered through this tragic moment in history shattered my heart into tiny pieces."

GRADE 12 STUDENT,
ELPHINSTONE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Symposia Programs

THE VHEC MET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR SYMPOSIA PROGRAMS BY EXPANDING OFFERINGS FEATURING HOLOCAUST HISTORIANS AND EYEWITNESSES.



Outreach Speaker Dr. Robert Krell at Annual Symposium.

40TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE HOLOCAUST UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

MAY 6, 2015

CHAN CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Nearly 1,200 senior secondary students from 29 schools participated in the 40th Annual Symposium on the Holocaust at UBC. Following a historical overview from Professor Chris Friedrichs and viewing the film *World at War: Genocide*, students had the opportunity to hear from two eyewitnesses to the Holocaust: Dr. Robert Krell, a hidden child from the Netherlands, and Warsaw Ghetto survivor Lillian Boraks Nemetz. Students also participated in a panel discussion and Q&A session with the featured speakers.

Students in attendance received copies of two Holocaust survivor memoirs courtesy of the Azrieli Foundation. Teachers received library copies of *The Holocaust Chronicle: A History in Words and Pictures*, generously gifted by the Leon Judah Blackmore Foundation and the VHEC.

SYMPOSIUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE: RITA AKSELROD, DR. ROBERT KRELL, ROBBIE WAISMAN.

The Symposium 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, and made possible with support from the Chan Endowment Fund at the University of British Columbia.



Outreach Speaker Lillian Boraks Nemetz with students after Annual Symposium.

"Lillian's personal experiences gave me insights into what the Holocaust was like, the trauma she had to ensure, and the memories that haunt survivors even after liberation. She said, 'liberation was not really liberating,' and that really impressed on me how great their pain was. Thank you for trusting us with your story."

**GRADE 11 SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENT,
FRASER HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL**

"It is our generation that will ensure the Holocaust does not happen again. We are the witnesses to witnesses and that is what makes this Symposium special, so personal. The Holocaust survivors and their stories are irreplaceable."

**GRADE 12 SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDENT,
FRANK HURT SECONDARY SCHOOL**

DISTRICT-WIDE SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

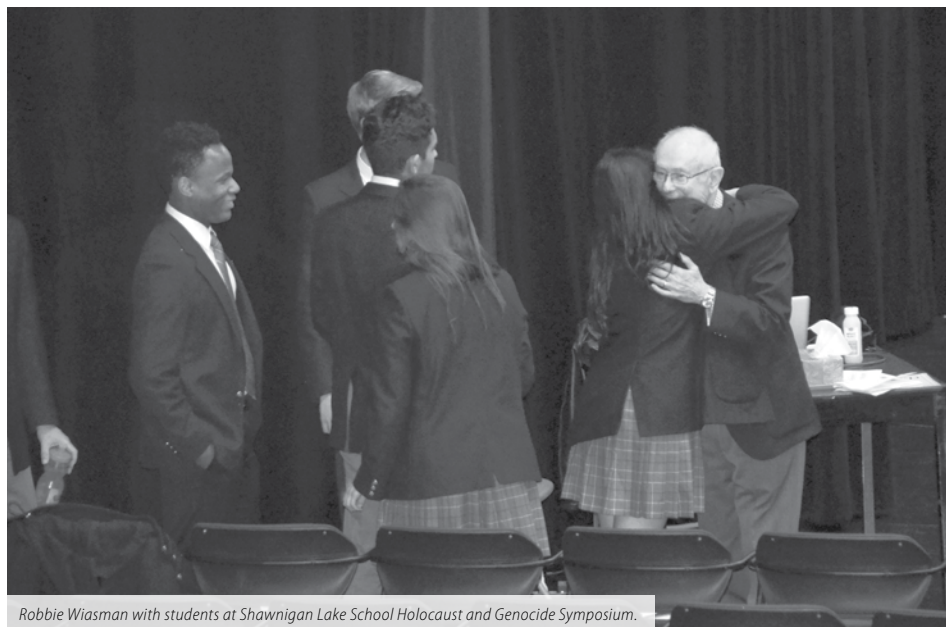
2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

The VHEC presented 9 successful half-day symposia programs — reaching more than 6,000 senior secondary students from 62 schools — in partnership with school districts across the province: Abbotsford, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Delta, Maple Ridge, Shawnigan Lake School, Surrey and two in West Vancouver. Dr. Jay Eidelman and Kit Krieger delivered historical overviews at the events and participated in panel discussions alongside VHEC Outreach Speakers.

District Symposium supported by the Vaisler Family in honour of Syd and Sari Vaisler & The Lovi Memorial Endowment Fund of the VHEC in honour of Anna (Abrahamsohn) Lovi, Dr. Joseph Lovi & Dr. Maria Lovi. 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.



Professor Chris Friedrichs with student at candle lighting ceremony, Annual Symposium.



Robbie Wiasman with students at Shawnigan Lake School Holocaust and Genocide Symposium.

OUTREACH SPEAKERS

The Centre's dedicated Outreach Speakers continue to share their eyewitness accounts with students and community groups across British Columbia and beyond. This year, the VHEC's committed group of speakers addressed more than 11,000 students in 48 schools, including teleconferencing via Skype.

Speakers travelled to communities beyond Metro Vancouver, reaching students in locales including Winnipeg, Calgary, Fort St. John and Whitehorse.

Speakers addressed nearly 2,000 adults across British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta, Nevada and California at churches, synagogues and commemorative events.

"Hearing from a survivor of a concentration camp opened my eyes to the despicable actions Jews were forced to endure, and the ethical decisions people made to try and survive. This eyewitness account serves as ultimate proof that the Holocaust did occur and gives me the tools to challenge deniers. Thank you."

**AN EARL MARRIOTT SECONDARY STUDENT'S
RESPONSE TO OUTREACH SPEAKER DAVID EHRLICH**

Opportunities for Educators

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS PROMOTE BEST PRACTICES FOR TEACHING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST AND PROVIDE ONGOING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS TO EXPLORE NEW TEACHING RESOURCES AND CLASSROOM STRATEGIES.

TEACHER PREVIEW

OCTOBER 22, 2014

Approximately 30 teachers participated in a special preview event for the *Carl Lutz and the Legendary Glass House in Budapest* exhibit, where they received an introduction to programs and resources. Teachers also spent time engaging with the VHEC-produced companion exhibit, which contextualized Lutz's rescue efforts through the testimony and artefacts of local Hungarian Holocaust survivors.

2014 BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 24, 2014

Approximately 20 BC teachers attended a workshop of the VHEC's professional development and outreach resources. They also participated in an activity related to the school program for *Carl Lutz and the Legendary Glass House in Budapest*.

"The most significant impact of the International Summer Seminar was having the opportunity to connect with other educators, to hear about what is happening in curriculum in various parts of the world and to share teaching and lesson ideas with one another. The passion and commitment of the other participants was contagious and I feel that it will fuel my teaching for years to come."

SARAH FRUEAN, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT
PITT MEADOWS SECONDARY SCHOOL

2014 YAD VASHEM INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SEMINAR & JEWISH EDUCATORS SEMINAR

The VHEC administered scholarships to send four British Columbia educators to study at the International Summer Seminar for Educators and one teacher from a Jewish institution to study at the Jewish Educators Seminar at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Israel. During the intensive sessions, participants learned from scholars and educators with decades of experience in the field of Holocaust education and research.

Ilana Finkleman

Judaic Studies & French teacher,
Richmond Jewish Day School

Sarah Fruean

Social Studies teacher,
Pitt Meadows Secondary School

Cathy Gutkowski

English teacher,
Clayton Heights Secondary School

Nathalie Lleres

French Social Studies teacher,
Sentinel Secondary School

Aron Rosenberg

English & Drama teacher,
King David High School

*Supported by Anita Shafran, Elaine and Zev Shafran,
Yosef Wosk, and the Diamond Foundation.*

2015 KRON SIGAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

JUNE 2015

A prize of \$500 was presented at the VHEC Annual General Meeting in recognition of a teacher's outstanding commitment to Holocaust education.

This year's recipient is Mark Figueira, Social Studies Department Head at Earl Marriott Secondary School, Surrey, BC.

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



Mark Figueira, Earl Marriott Secondary.



Keynote speaker Dr. Diane Afoumado at the 9th Biennial Shafran Teachers' Conference.

9TH BIENNIAL SHAFRAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 20, 2015

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE OF GREATER VANCOUVER

On February 20, 2015, the VHEC welcomed more than seventy classroom teachers, university professors, and museum professionals from British Columbia, Alberta and Washington state to the 9th Biennial Shafran Teachers' Conference: *Memoir, Testimony and Text in Holocaust Education*. The conference provided tools for facilitating student engagement with testimonies, memoirs and primary sources in teaching about the Holocaust and other genocides.

Dr. Diane Afoumado (International Tracing Service Research Branch, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum) and Dr. Jay Eidelman (University of British Columbia) offered keynote addresses and educators participated in workshops on historical thinking, social media and the Holocaust, and survivor memoirs. Participants attended a pre-conference public talk by journalist and author Jeanne Beker for the West Coast launch of her parents' memoir, *Joy Runs Deeper*, published by the Azrieli Foundation's Holocaust Survivor Memoirs Program.

Educators received teaching resources from the Historical Thinking Project and the International Tracing Service, as well as the latest series of Holocaust survivor memoirs and short films courtesy of the Azrieli Foundation.

Sponsored by the David & Lil Shafran Endowment Fund of the VHEC.

"Thank you so much for this wonderful learning experience. I'm so grateful to the VHEC for putting on these conferences and thrilled with the networking and resources they provide. Great job!"

TEACHER, MAPLE RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Thank you! The networking, the international level speakers are terrific. It's always great to learn new things from a Canadian perspective!"

TEACHER, WASHINGTON STATE

Engaging the Public

THE CENTRE PRESENTED A WIDE VARIETY OF PUBLIC PROGRAMMING THAT EXPLORED TIMELY TOPICS AND ENGAGED NEW AUDIENCES IN REFLECTING ABOUT THE ONGOING RESONANCE OF THE HOLOCAUST.

ROMA AND SINTI GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

AUGUST 7, 2014

In partnership with the Canadian Romani Alliance, the VHEC presented a screening and panel discussion of *A People Uncounted: The Untold Story of the Roma* by Aaron Yeger, in recognition of Roma and Sinti Genocide Remembrance Day.



VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 28 & OCTOBER 2, 2014

The VHEC sponsored two screenings of the German film, *Der Anständige* (*The Decent One*) by Vanessa Lapa, at the International Village Cinema.



CARL LUTZ AND THE LEGENDARY GLASS HOUSE IN BUDAPEST OPENING RECEPTION

OCTOBER 22, 2014

The opening reception for the exhibit attracted more than 160 guests. Speakers included Urs Strausak of the Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver and VHEC Executive Director Nina Krieger.



Nina Krieger with Swiss Consul General Urs Strausak.



Janos Maté with his family's prewar artefacts exhibited alongside the Carl Lutz exhibit.

VANCOUVER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 1, 2014

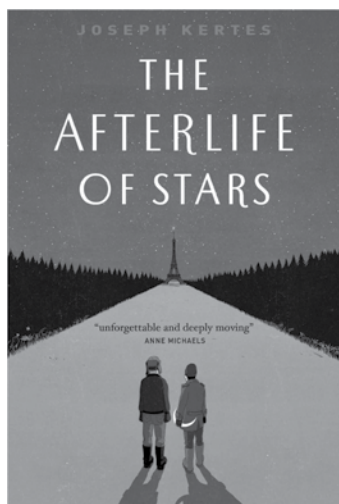
The VHEC sponsored a sold-out screening of the German film, *Der Letzte Mensch* (*The Last Mensch*) by Pierre-Henry Salfati, at the Fifth Avenue Cinema.



CHERIE SMITH JCCGV JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 24, 2014

The VHEC presented a reading and discussion of *The Afterlife of Stars* by Joseph Kertes, at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre.



Author Joseph Kertes.

SPECIAL SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

NOVEMBER 30, 2014

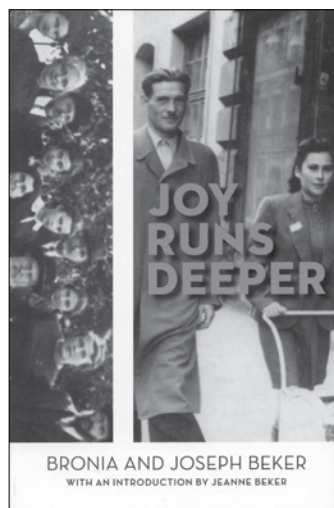
In partnership with the JCCGV and the Vancouver Jewish Film Centre, the VHEC presented a screening and panel discussion of the film *Killing Kasztner* by Gaylen Ross, at the Jewish Community Centre.



THE AZRIELI SERIES OF HOLOCAUST MEMOIRS

FEBRUARY 19, 2015

The VHEC and the Azrieli Series of Holocaust Memoirs co-presented the West Coast launch of *Joy Runs Deeper*, with a talk by journalist and author Jeanne Beker, at the Museum of Vancouver.



Jeanne Beker reading from *Joy Runs Deeper*.

THE FACE OF THE GHETTO: PICTURES TAKEN BY JEWISH PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE LITZMANNSTADT GHETTO, 1940-1944 OPENING RECEPTION

MAY 14, 2015

The opening reception for the exhibit attracted more than 100 guests. Speakers included Consul General Hermann Sitz, German Consulate of the Federal Republic of Germany, VHEC Second Generation member Dan Sonnenschein, and VHEC Executive Director Nina Krieger.



Dan Sonnenschein alongside a photo featuring his mother, Bronia Sonnenschein¹.

Building Community

THE VHEC PARTNERS WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO PRESENT A RANGE OF PROGRAMMING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THAT FOSTERS COMMEMORATION AND REFLECTION, EDUCATION AND DIALOGUE.



Holocaust Memorial at the Schara Tzedeck Cemetery.

HIGH HOLIDAYS CEMETERY SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

Held annually at the Holocaust Memorial at the Schara Tzedeck Cemetery on the Sunday between the High Holidays, this service affords participants the opportunity to mourn those who perished during the Holocaust at this symbolic gravesite. The program featured keynote speaker Dr. Ralph Rothstein, Second Generation and Hespel by Rabbi Philip Bregman. Cantor Yaacov Orzech chanted El Moleh Rachamim.

ORGANIZED BY JACK MICNER, VHEC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE.

Presented in partnership with Schara Tzedeck Congregation and the Jewish War Veterans.

KRISTALLNACHT

NOVEMBER 9, 2014

The commemorative lecture marks the Nazi state sponsored "Night of Broken Glass" of November 9, 1938. This year's lecture, "Mothers and Daughters in the Holocaust" by Dr. Sara Horowitz, York University, brought in more than 300 audience members, 40 of whom participated in the Question & Answer session.

KRISTALLNACHT COMMITTEE: CYNTHIA BLUMAN, GEORGE BLUMAN (CHAIR), RABBI JONATHAN INFELD, DEBBY FREIMAN, CHRIS FRIEDRICHS, DODIE KATZENSTEIN, GAYNOR LEVIN, RICHARD MENKIS, JUDY OBERLANDER, SYDNEY SWITZER.

Presented by the VHEC and Congregation Beth Israel with support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver Endowment Fund.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

JANUARY 27, 2015

This year the United Nations-declared annual commemoration marked the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. The program featured keynote speaker, Buchenwald survivor Robbie Waisman, who reflected on liberation. In a moving candle lighting ceremony, local Holocaust survivors honoured the memory of those who perished, including their own family members. The Israeli film *Numbered* by Dana Doron and Uriel Sinai, was screened.

A copy of a survivor memoir was distributed to all who attended, courtesy of the Azrieli Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs.

Presented by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre in partnership with the Norman & Annette Rothstein Theatre and the Vancouver Jewish Film Centre. Funded through our community's generous contributions to Federation Annual Campaign, with support from Rita Akselrod & Family, in loving memory of Ben Akselrod²¹.

"I notice fewer and fewer survivors walking down the aisle with their candles each year. It is a reminder of how much harder we all have to work to remember the Holocaust..."

"The work you do is more important now than it has ever been, especially with the rise of antisemitism in Europe."



Candle lighting with survivors at Yom HaShoah.

YOM HASHOAH

APRIL 15, 2015

The commemorative evening included survivor speaker, Chaim Kornfeld, candle lighting and a musical program featuring Claire Klein Osipov, Lisa Osipov Milton and violist Andrew Brown, with Cantor Yaacov Orzech & the Kol Simcha singers. More than 30 survivors participated in the candle lighting ceremony and more than 400 attended the program, including civic, provincial and federal government representatives.

Presented in partnership with 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.



Survivor Outreach Coordinator Rita Akselrod with Dr. Moira Stilwell, MLA, Vancouver-Langara.

YOM HASHOAH, BC LEGISLATURE

APRIL 16, 2015

The Province of British Columbia paid tribute to the more than six million victims of the Holocaust in a ceremony at B.C.'s Parliament Buildings to mark Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Memorial Day. Holocaust survivor keynote speaker Leo Vogel addressed the British Columbia Legislature. Vogel was joined at the Legislature by more than 100 Vancouver and Victoria Holocaust survivors and community members.

Presented by the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs Pacific Region, the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre and the Victoria Holocaust Remembrance & Education Society.

"The strength of the survivors and their families never fails to inspire hope in the human spirit and a better future."

DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREA REIMER, CITY OF VANCOUVER

"In order to build a better future we MUST know our past. Yom HaShoah is not only about learning from history, but about passing those lessons on to the next generation."

DR. MOIRA STILWELL, MLA, VANCOUVER-LANGARA

A Space for Public Response

THE CENTRE'S TWITTER AND FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS ARE SPACES FOR SHARING RELEVANT UPDATES AND SERVE AS PLATFORMS TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, TEACHERS AND OTHER CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

UBC SYMPOSIUM

✈ James @JmzPlayS

#vhcsymp15 was an incredible experience to hear about the holocaust from first hand survivors, thanks a lot for the symposium!

✈ Gurpal Sohal @MisterSohal

@VHolocaustCntr #vhcsymp15 Dr. Robert Krell: "There's something about the Holocaust ... it never leaves you"



DISTRICT SYMPOSIA

✈ Rockridge Secondary @RockridgeSS

Thanks to the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre for providing us with a thought provoking morning.

✈ Charlene Dobie @CharlenePDobie

Such a privilege to hear David Ehrlich speak today as an Auschwitz survivor @Surrey_Schools @VHolocaustCntr Thank-you

SHAWNIGAN LAKE SCHOOL HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE SYMPOSIUM

✈ Claudio Cabana @ClaudioCabana

The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil but because people who don't do anything about it. #slshgs15

ROBBIE WAISMAN OUTREACH AT UBC DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL, EASTERN AND NORTHERN EUROPEAN STUDIES

✈ UBC Cenes Dept @cenesubc

"The only way to counter Holocaust deniers is to continue to bear witness." – Robbie Waisman #CENS303B #vhc outreach

✈ Karnpreet @kpsanghera

Meeting and listening to Holocaust survivor Robbie Waisman today was an incredible experience @cenesubc @UBEvents #UBC #vhc outreach

SHAFRAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

✈ Ezra S. Shanken @eshanken

Great gathering of #educators @VHolocaustCntr Shafran Conf. @JCCVancouver feat. @HolocaustMuseum staff, @UBC profs & @AzrieliMemories pros.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

✈ PeerNetBC @PeerNetBC

@VHolocaustCntr & many thx 2 Serge 4 sharing his story of survival and asking us the hard questions abt our role & responsibility in oppression

✈ Maritime Museum @vanmaritime

Our volunteers visited @VHolocaustCntr today & were treated to a fantastic volunteer-led tour of the current exhibit!



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

✈ Jennifer West @Westjet007

Very grateful for our book display from the @VHolocaustCntr to teach this unit on stories of courage #bced



✈ Angela Monk @FH_library

@VHolocaustCntr Eng 11 doing stations activity using Discovery kit after reading the Book Thief. #sd36learn



✈ Angela Monk @FH_library

Our Anne Frank display with artefacts borrowed from the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre. #sd36learn #fhlearn



Ensuring the Legacy

THE VHEC OFFERS AN ARRAY OF SERVICES FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, AND IS A FOCAL POINT FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE CHILD SURVIVOR AND SECOND GENERATION GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY.

SURVIVOR SERVICES

A range of services is offered to benefit local Holocaust survivors, whose needs are assessed and addressed. Through Claims Conference funding, two outreach workers offered a range of services in English and Russian to approximately 135 survivors, including: financial aid, group support, counselling, home support, housing and health care advocacy, restitution, compensation assistance and social and educational activities.

Supported by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.



HOLOCAUST RESTITUTION

Volunteer lawyer Stan Taviss met with about 40 survivors this year to assist them with their claims for compensation and restitution. Many of the applications are pursuant to two funds: the Child Survivor and Article 2 funds. The German government has liberalized the income limits for the latter fund, which has resulted in increased eligibility for local survivors.

The new fund for child survivors, born in or after 1928, has resulted in a flurry of appointments. Administered by the Claims Conference and governed by strict criteria, the fund is somewhat restrictive and the process takes considerable time.



Guy Askadsky (far right), Russian Outreach Coordinator of Survivor Services with Survivor Drop-In group.

SURVIVOR DROP-IN

A group of 20-35 survivors meet regularly for social programs and special lunches. The closing lunch attracted 60 survivors. This year, a representative from the Claims Conference spoke to local survivors about the new Child Fund at two information sessions, including one with a Russian translator. The VHEC also hosts a Russian drop-in group once a month for about 15 survivors.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS: GERRI LONDON AND GLORIA WAISMAN.

CHILD SURVIVOR GROUP

The Child Survivor Group meets monthly at the VHEC and for special occasions, including a Chanukah lunch at the Maple Grill. The group participates annually in *Kristallnacht* and Yom HaShoah and lays a wreath at the City of Vancouver's Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Lillian Boraks Nemetz edits "No Longer Alone" in *Zachor*, a section that explores the child survivor experience.

CHILD SURVIVOR EXECUTIVE: LILLIAN BORAKS NEMETZ, ALEX BUCKMAN, CLAUDE ROMNEY AND PETER JOHN VOORMEIJ.

SECOND GENERATION GROUP

The group shares issues related to the Second Generation experience and the Holocaust and to witness each other's life stories. Members meet informally rather than in structured meetings. There are now about 125 on the email list. The group shares news items, stories, and events, local and international, about the Holocaust. Second Generation community members who would like to join are invited to contact the group through the VHEC.

The Vancouver Sun interviewed three members and published an article, "Holocaust Survivor's Children Band Together for Support".

Second Generation Group members participated in the Wallenberg-Sugihara Civil Courage Society, which produces the annual Vancouver Raoul Wallenberg Day event. Members attended Yom HaShoah events, as well as continue to be docents at the Holocaust Centre and drive Survivors to speaking engagements.

COORDINATOR: ALAN LEFEVRE.

Building a Collection

THE CENTRE CONTINUES TO BUILD ITS LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM COLLECTIONS AND SUPPORTS PRESERVATION, ACCESS, AND USE OF THE COLLECTION FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PURPOSES.

We welcomed a number of wonderful items to our library, archives and museum collections over the past twelve months. Included in the donations to the archives and museum are a variety of prewar, wartime and post-war documents and artefacts, such as bottles manufactured in Poland, suitcases and travel documents, education documents, wartime recordkeeping books, photographs, newspapers, maps, medals, and religious artefacts.

Items from the archives, museum and testimony collections were featured as a companion alongside the travelling exhibition *Carl Lutz and the Legendary Glass House in Budapest*. The VHEC survivor testimonies and artefacts on loan helped to contextualize Lutz's rescue efforts and highlight the stories of local Hungarian Holocaust survivors.

As we enter the second year of work under two multi-year projects, we are excited with the progress to date. We are halfway through an 18-month project that focuses on our Holocaust survivor testimony audio-video collection; this work has been facilitated by a generous grant from Citizenship and Immigration Canada and focuses on digitization, long-term preservation and increased pedagogical use of and access to almost four decades of survivor testimony.

Over the course of this past year, staff have undertaken project planning, inventorying, research, digitization, and cataloguing work of the testimony collection.

Concurrently, we have completed the first year of a three-year project — *Collection Management in the Digital Age: Preservation, Access & Pedagogy* — which is funded by a generous donation from the estate of Paul Heller. Work is well underway to facilitate the goals of this project, which include digitization, preservation, access, and pedagogical and research use of all of the VHEC's collections. Some highlights of the work include selection, implementation and testing of a new collections management system that will facilitate rich and extensive access to our collections both internally and online, on-going digitization of the Centre's archives, digital preservation research and planning, and cataloguing.

A list of our recent library acquisitions can be found online at: <http://bit.ly/2014-library> and <http://bit.ly/2015-library>

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



Finding Aid Workers at work on the VHEC Testimony Project.



Two albums containing photographs taken by the Stapf Bilderdienst press agency in Amsterdam during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. — Courtesy the Peter Moogk Collection – VHEC Collection.

Viennese report card of Berthold Knoll for the 1929-1930 school year. — Courtesy the Joel Knoll Collection – VHEC Collection.



Certificate of UK Registration of Berthold Knoll, issued July 4, 1939. — Courtesy the Joel Knoll Collection – VHEC Collection.

RECENT DONATIONS TO THE VHEC ARCHIVES

The VHEC is grateful for the many items that were gifted to the Centre's archives over the last year including: (clockwise from top left)

1. A collection of 187 photographs documenting the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.
2. Documents relating to the experiences of the Knoll family, including school report cards, official documents and family records such as birth, marriage, and death certificates. This donation also further expands on the VHEC's documentation around the internment of Jewish refugee "Enemy Aliens" in Great Britain and Canada, as well as immigration and settlement in Canada.
3. A collection of newspapers from the time of the Nazi occupation of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.



Cover image of The Star newspaper from the Bailiwick of Guernsey, February 3, 1941. — Courtesy the Robert Krell Collection – VHEC Collection.



Polish birth witnessing document, 1918. — Courtesy the Joel Knoll Collection – VHEC Collection.



Immigration Identification Card of Malka Klein from her arrival in Canada onboard the S.S. Roussillon, September 3, 1930. — Courtesy the Joel Knoll Collection – VHEC Collection.

VIDEO TESTIMONY DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

The VHEC has documented three new interviews with local Holocaust survivors during the last year. Going forward, and with the help and support of our committed team of volunteer interviewers — including Debby Freiman, Hodie Khan, Kit Krieger, Cathy Paperny, and Anita Schafran — the VHEC is schedule document several eyewitness accounts over the summer months.

PROJECT COORDINATOR: TONI-LYNN FREDERICK.

Supported by Anita Shafran, Zev and Elaine Shafran, and Rabbi Yosef Wosk.



More than three decades of Holocaust survivor testimony being prepared for digitization.

PUBLICATIONS

More Than Just Games: Canada and the 1936 Olympics

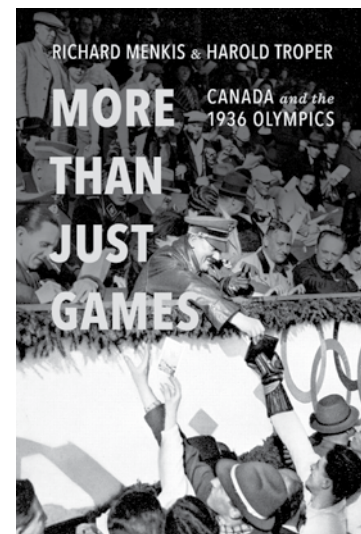
Richard Menkis and Harold Troper

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PRESS,
SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING DIVISION, 2015

Held in Germany, the 1936 Olympic Games sparked international controversy. Should athletes and nations boycott the games to protest the Nazi regime? *More Than Just Games* is the story of the Canadian Olympic officials and promoters who were convinced that national unity and pride demanded that Canadian athletes compete in the Olympics without regard for politics. It is the story of those Canadian athletes, mostly young and far more focused on sport than politics, who were eager to make family, friends, and country proud of their efforts on Canada's behalf. And, finally, it is the story of those Canadians who led an unsuccessful campaign to boycott the Olympics and deny Nazi Germany the propaganda coup of serving as Olympic host.

Written by two noted scholars of Canadian Jewish history, Richard Menkis and Harold Troper, *More than Just Games* brings to life the collision of politics, patriotism, and the passion of sport on the eve of the Second World War.

The publication of More Than Just Games was supported by the Morris & Yosef Wosk Publishing Endowment Fund of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre.



TREASURER'S REPORT

The Vancouver Holocaust Centre for Education and Remembrance (the "Society") experienced a year of steady growth in fiscal 2014. The Society's net assets grew by \$282,269 (2013 – \$155,281) as a result of continued public support from various levels of government, significant private gifts, growth in the investment portfolio, and contributions from membership and programs. The investment portfolio generated a return of 7.38% (2013 – 12.01%) net of fees during the fiscal year, which includes unrealized gains from capital appreciation. The Society's current liabilities increased as a result of deferred public and private contributions anticipated to be used for specific projects in fiscal 2015.

Overall revenues have remained relatively stable, increasing by \$5,176 from 2013. Annual grant revenues of \$83,089 (2013 – \$Nil) is comprised of revenues from public and private sources recognized for specific projects which commenced in 2014. B.C. gaming grant revenues decreased by \$20,500 because in fiscal 2013, the Society received a one-time grant to support the documentation of video testimonies. Overall expenses remained relatively consistent, increasing by \$5,104. Annual program expenses decreased by \$33,693 primarily as a result of a decrease in video testimony expenditures. Administrative expenses increased by \$22,860 as a result of additional resource requirements to facilitate significant projects which have been funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada and through a major private contribution.

The Society generated a surplus of \$76,679 during the fiscal year (2013 – \$194,926). Included in the surplus were unrealized foreign exchange gains of \$113,720 (2013 – \$22,611) due to the strengthening of marketable securities denominated in foreign currencies, unrealized losses on investments of \$48,118 (2013 – unrealized gain of \$184,421), and realized gains of \$114,233 (2013 – \$98,204). Notwithstanding the performance of the portfolio, the Society generated a loss of \$103,156 (2013 – \$103,228). 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, 2014 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 11, 2015

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets - Unrestricted	\$ 297,108	\$ 165,192
Current Assets - Restricted	215,281	179,817
Property and Equipment	17,786	25,297
Holocaust Education Centre	661,385	669,698
Investments	3,542,081	3,411,368
	\$ 4,733,641	\$ 4,451,372
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities	\$ 189,989	\$ 23,817
Deferred Contributions - Permanent Exhibit	330,949	303,949
Net Assets	4,212,703	4,123,606
	\$ 4,733,641	\$ 4,451,372

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,420,473	\$ 4,235,192
Prior Period Adjustment	7,082	7,082
Reallocation of Permanent Exhibit Contributions	(303,949)	(273,949)
Restated Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,123,606	\$ 3,968,325
Surplus, (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	76,679	194,926
Endowment Contributions	18,640	23,542
Permanent Exhibit Contributions Utilized During the Year	(6,222)	(63,187)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 4,212,703	\$ 4,123,606

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)

	2014	2013
REVENUES		
Memberships	\$ 45,039	\$ 46,221
Donations and Tribute Cards	99,281	63,739
Interest and Other Investment Income	123,902	121,019
B.C. Gaming Grant	24,500	45,000
Fundraisers	28,522	25,302
Book Income and Other	712	1,375
Federation Grant	18,833	15,442
General Grants	83,089	-
Claims - Socialization Grants	28,162	23,848
Permanent Exhibit Revenues	6,222	68,287
Exhibit Revenues	12,399	22,253
Ongoing Program Revenues	6,252	6,110
Annual Program Revenues	15,092	48,233
	\$ 492,005	\$ 486,829
EXPENSES		
On-going Programs	\$ 11,654	\$ 11,757
Administrative	531,689	508,829
Book Store Expenses	752	1,150
Exhibit Costs	25,714	9,276
Annual Program Expenses	25,352	59,045
	\$ 595,161	\$ 590,057
OPERATING DEFICIT BEFORE GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS	\$ (103,156)	\$ (103,228)
GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS		
Realized Gains on Sale of Investments	\$ 114,233	\$ 98,204
Unrealized (Loss) Gain on Investments	(48,118)	184,421
Unrealized Foreign Exchange Gains	113,720	22,611
	\$ 179,835	\$ 305,236
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 76,679	\$ 202,008

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
CASH (USED BY) PROVIDED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 103,324	\$ (127,643)
CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Endowment Contributions	\$ 18,640	\$ 23,542
CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Investments - Net	\$ 43,093	\$ 110,323
Investment in Capital Assets	3,014	7,008
	\$ 46,107	\$ 117,331
INCREASE IN CASH	\$ 168,071	\$ 13,230
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	329,459	316,229
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 497,530	\$ 329,459

Securing Our Mission for Future Generations

THE VHEC IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE COMMITTED MEMBERS WHO, IN ADDITION TO GIVING ANNUAL GIFTS, HAVE ALSO SHOWN THEIR COMMITMENT BY ESTABLISHING AN ENDOWMENT FUND. THE FOLLOWING FUNDS PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT FOR OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS, EXHIBITS AND COLLECTION, AS WELL AS THE PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE.

Selina Alko, Karen Alko Bichin, Amber Quiring, David and Michael Yochlowitz Endowment Fund

Gary and Dianne Averbach and Betty Averbach Endowment Fund

Sam and Frances Belzberg Endowment Fund

Dr. Barrett Benny Endowment Fund

Bluman Family Endowment Fund

Larry Brandt and Family Endowment Fund

Claman-Mielnicki Family Legacy Endowment Fund

Lorne and Sylvia Cristall Endowment Fund

Jody and Harvey Dales Hospitality Endowment Fund

Jody and Harvey Dales Legacy Endowment Fund

Charles and Dora Davis and Family Endowment Fund

Gordon and Leslie Diamond Endowment Fund

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Dr. Arthur and Judith Dodek Endowment Fund

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Samuel and Else Dunner Legacy Endowment Fund

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Erica Fleischer Memorial Endowment Fund

Steve and Eva Floris Endowment Fund

Abe and Rachele Fox and Family Endowment Fund

Bertha Fraeme Endowment Fund

Max and Margaret Fugman Endowment Fund

Gaerber Family Legacy Endowment Fund

Edgar and Marilyn Gaerber Endowment Fund

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Gottfried Family Kristallnacht Endowment Fund

Sam and Lola Haber Endowment Fund

Gail Feldman Heller Endowment Fund

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Kitty Heller Memorial Endowment Fund

Sam and Michael Heller Memorial Endowment Fund

Kahn Family Legacy Endowment Fund

Leon and Evelyn Kahn Endowment Fund

Abrasha, Ida, Odie and Sherie Kaplan Endowment Fund

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Leo Krell Memorial Book Fund

Emmy Krell Legacy Endowment Fund

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Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, Pacific Region
(*Yom HaShoah*, Victoria BC)
Cherie Smith JCCGV Jewish Book Festival
Congregation Beth Israel (*Kristallnacht*)
Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Vancouver (*Face of the Ghetto exhibit*)
Consulate General of Switzerland (*Carl Lutz exhibit*)
Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver (*Yom HaShoah*)
Norman Rothstein Theatre, JCCGV
(*International Holocaust Remembrance Day*)
Vancouver Jewish Film Centre
(*International Holocaust Remembrance Day*)
Vancouver International Film Festival
Vancouver Jewish Film Festival

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