

VANCOUVER HOLOCAUST
EDUCATION CENTRE
ANNUAL
REPORT
2017



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 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.

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

This year, the Board of Directors and professional staff of the VHEC engaged in a process to develop renewed statements of the organization's vision, mission and values.

These statements, intended to articulate the Centre's foundational principles, do not represent a new direction, but rather are intended to capture in words the intent of the founders as well as the practical impacts of the VHEC's work over more than two decades.

Adopted by the Board on May 2017, the statements are as follows:

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 AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The past year has been an extraordinarily busy period of delivering the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre's core education and remembrance programs alongside the planning and development of new initiatives.

Highlights included the launch of an original exhibition, *Canada Responds to the Holocaust, 1944-45*, our interaction with educators at the 10th Biennial Shafran Teachers' Conference, the growth of symposia for senior secondary students, as well as numerous commemorative and public programs that engaged and expanded our audiences.

The VHEC also laid the groundwork for a Renewal Project that will ensure that the Centre continues to build on its reputation for excellence and innovation. With an anticipated completion date in early 2018, this project includes the ongoing digitization of our collections, which will support the preservation of and access to our archival materials. Infrastructure improvements will ensure that we meet the growing demand from students, teachers and the general public. A new web-based collections management system and companion pedagogical resources will allow teachers in British Columbia and beyond to integrate Holocaust survivor testimonies and invaluable primary source materials into their classroom teaching.

Holocaust-related organizations have relied on eyewitness accounts to deliver impactful programming, especially for student audiences. Across the sector, organizations are preparing for the delivery of mandates in a post-eyewitness era. The Renewal Project currently underway will position the VHEC for the future, ensuring that our onsite and online offerings continue to engage with the history of the Holocaust, present meaningful local and Canadian content and explore the ongoing relevance of the Shoah.

Everything we are undertaking will make the Centre even more effective in supporting social justice education, and promoting remembrance of the Holocaust.

As we proceed with new initiatives, we remain grateful for and dedicated to the vision of the founders of the VHEC, survivors of the Holocaust, who, despite experiencing and witnessing the worst inhumanity, created this legacy, the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre. It is this model of courage and optimism that underpins the work we do and guides us in our mission.

This is all possible because we have the support of members of our community, like you, who understand and value the importance of our work.

Thank you.



Philip Levinson
President



Nina Krieger
Executive Director

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.



Docent Belinda Gutman with students.



OPEN HEARTS - CLOSED DOORS: THE WAR ORPHANS PROJECT

Open Hearts – Closed Doors tells the story of the arrival in Canada of 1,123 Jewish children orphaned by the Holocaust.

Originally developed by and presented at the VHEC in 1997, 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.

Supported by the Isaac and Sophie Waldman Endowment Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation.

CANADA RESPONDS TO THE HOLOCAUST, 1944-45

This original VHEC-produced exhibition explores interactions between Canadians in Europe and survivors of the Holocaust at the close of the Second World War and in the immediate postwar era. It follows members of the Canadian military — soldiers, chaplains, official photographers and war artists — who fought in the Allied campaigns in Europe, as well as journalists and aid workers, as they encountered and struggled to respond to evidence of Nazi atrocities.

This original exhibition, produced by the Vancouver Holocaust Education

Centre, has been researched and written by Richard Menkis and Ronnie Tessler, with the Bergen-Belsen panels by Mark Celinscak.

Canada Responds to the Holocaust represents an approach for which the VHEC has become known: presenting original scholarship at the intersection of Holocaust history and local or Canadian relevance.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the VHEC commissioned an original comic book, *Kicking at the Darkness*, by Vancouver artist Colin Upton, which students and teachers have acclaimed as an age-appropriate entry point to the subject matter.

Produced by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre and funded by the Government of Canada.

TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS

THIS YEAR, THREE EXHIBITIONS 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 EXHIBITIONS.

MORE THAN JUST GAMES: CANADA AND THE 1936 OLYMPICS

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE,
LONDON, ON

The 1936 Olympics held in Nazi Germany represented one of Canada's first points of intersection with Nazi Germany. This VHEC-produced exhibition explores the intersection of Nazi-era history and Canadian responses.

"Today, I didn't just learn about acceptance, I realized just how important it is and what it can do to a community."

— A STUDENT WHO VIEWED THE *MORE THAN JUST GAMES* EXHIBITION



IN DEFIANCE: JEWISH RESISTANCE DURING THE HOLOCAUST

KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL,
VANCOUVER, BC

Early histories of the Holocaust portrayed Jews as passive victims. Recent accounts have contributed to a more nuanced representation of Jews as active resisters. This original VHEC exhibition invites reconsideration of the role of resistance during the Holocaust. Students were trained as volunteer docents to lead peers through this exhibition during the school's Yom HaShoah week.

SHANGHAI: A REFUGE DURING THE HOLOCAUST

SHAWNIGAN LAKE SCHOOL,
SHAWNIGAN LAKE, BC

More than 18,000 Jews escaped from Nazi-occupied Europe to Shanghai, China, between 1938 and 1940, including numerous who settled in British Columbia. This original VHEC exhibition was presented as part of the fourth annual Shawnigan Lake School Holocaust and Genocide Symposium.

EDUCATION SYMPOSIA PROGRAMS

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

42nd ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE HOLOCAUST, UBC

MAY 3 & 4, 2017, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

One thousand senior secondary students from 24 schools attended this year's symposium, hearing an historical overview, viewing a contextualizing film and then hearing first-hand testimony from Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, a survivor of Indian residential schools, and Holocaust survivor Robbie Waisman.

Teachers received library copies of *Rywka's Diary: The Writings of a Jewish Girl from the Lodz Ghetto* generously donated by the Leo Krell Memorial Book Fund.

The Annual Symposium at UBC 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.



Dr. Robert Krell addressing students.



Robbie Waisman, Chief Dr. Robert Joseph and Professor Chris Friedrichs during the panel discussion at the Annual Symposium, UBC.



Dr. Martha Salcudean during a break-out session.

"The seminar with Martha was a truly inspirational experience and an eye-opening moment. Getting to know these survivors is a privilege and it was not something many more people will be able to experience. This is the part of today that I valued the most."

— A STUDENT'S RESPONSE TO OUTREACH SPEAKER MARTHA SALCUDEAN, ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM, UBC

EDUCATION SYMPOSIA PROGRAMS

DISTRICT-WIDE SYMPOSIA

The VHEC delivered 10 half-day symposia, engaging more than 6,800 senior secondary students in 62 schools.

School and district partners:

Abbotsford

Burnaby

Coquitlam

Delta

Maple Ridge

New Westminster

North Vancouver

Shawnigan Lake

West Vancouver

(Kay Meeks Centre)

West Vancouver

(Rockridge Secondary School)

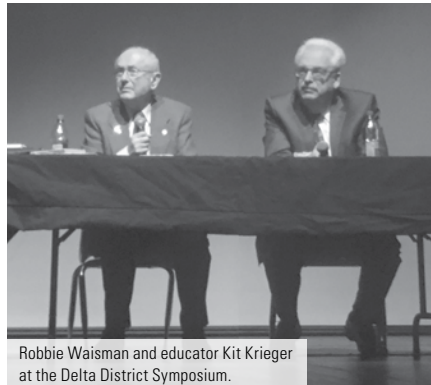
District Symposia are supported by the Vaisler family in honour of Syd & Sari Vaisler and Naomi & Mac Adler; and The Lovi Memorial Endowment Fund of the VHEC in honour of Anna (Abrahamsohn) Lovi, Dr. Joseph Lovi & Dr. Marta Lovi; and by the financial support of the Province of British Columbia. This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



Janos Benisz at the Burnaby District Symposium.



Alex Buckman and Dr. Deborah Dwórk during a panel discussion at the Coquitlam District Symposium.



Robbie Waisman and educator Kit Krieger at the Delta District Symposium.

"During her speech, the audience became silent. For a moment, not a single sound could be heard in the whole gymnasium. Students and teachers alike were transformed by this heart-breaking image and the thought of never seeing a loved one again. ... The account of this journey moved every member of the audience in one way or another. Everyone who had the opportunity to hear her story would forever be changed."

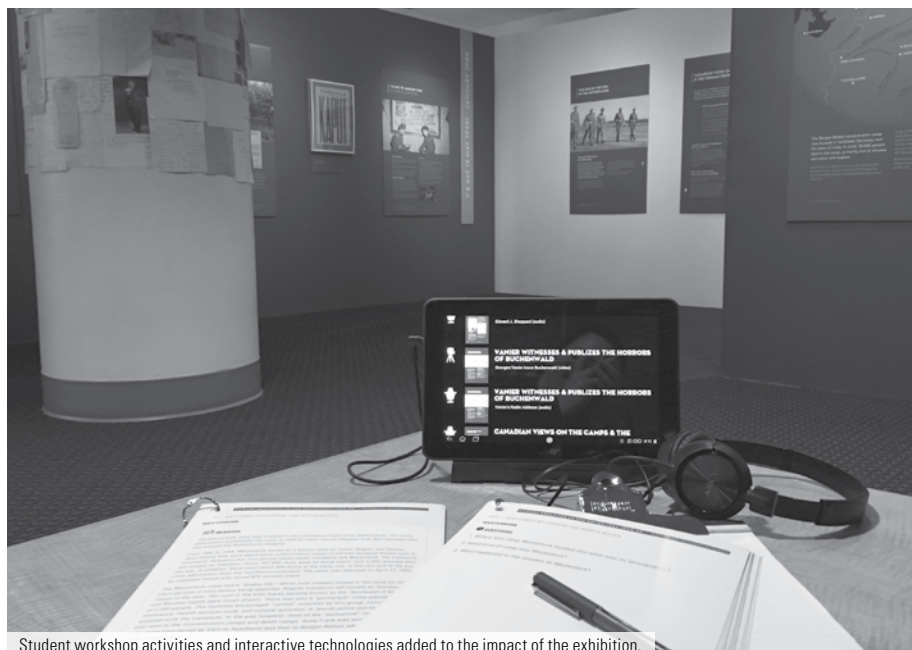
— A STUDENT'S RESPONSE TO OUTREACH
SPEAKER LILLIAN BORAKS-NEMETZ,
NORTH VANCOUVER SYMPOSIUM



Lillian Boraks-Nemetz at the West Vancouver District Symposium.

EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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



Student workshop activities and interactive technologies added to the impact of the exhibition.



"The reference to local individuals who were part of the liberation effort – photos of Rabbi Cass and the uniform of Dr. Sheppard — were some of the highlights of the school program. Students enjoyed the hands-on experience of putting the simulated weight of the helmet on their heads to see how heavy it is."

- DODIE KATZENSTEIN, VHEC DOCENT

CANADA RESPONDS TO THE HOLOCAUST, 1944-45

OCTOBER 2016-JUNE 2017

The exhibition welcomed 65 classes, including more than 1,400 students, who participated in interactive docent-led exhibition tours followed by either a workshop based on Colin Upton's comic *Kicking at the Darkness* or a session with a Holocaust Survivor Outreach Speaker.

DOCENT TRAINING

Training included an overview by the exhibition's research directors, Richard Menkis and Ronnie Tessler, with further training including an exhibition walk-through based on the docent script with VHEC education director Ilona Shulman Spaar.

TEACHERS' GUIDES

The *Canada Responds to the Holocaust, 1944-45* Teacher's Guide contained pre- and post-visit activities that facilitated student engagement with the historical context of the exhibition and provided an opportunity for further reflection on thematic issues raised during the school program.

EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

TEACHER PREVIEW

Teachers participated in a special preview event for the *Canada Responds to the Holocaust, 1944-45* exhibition and received an introduction to the school program and the VHEC teaching resources.

10TH BIENNIAL SHAFRAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

The VHEC welcomed 50 classroom teachers, university professors, school librarians and educators from British Columbia and Washington state to the 10th Biennial Shafran Teachers' Conference: *Beyond the Textbook: New Approaches to Holocaust Education*.

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



Educators at the 10th Biennial Shafran Teachers' Conference.

WEST VANCOUVER DISTRICT-WIDE WORKSHOP

West Vancouver teachers learned about the VHEC teaching resources and school programs on a district-wide professional development day and heard Holocaust Outreach Speaker Robbie Waisman.

GLOBAL STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL VANCOUVER

Students of St. George's School in Vancouver engaged with the VHEC-commissioned comic book *Kicking at the Darkness* at the school's first Global Stewardship Conference, titled *Me.U.s.World*.

2016 MEYER AND GITA KRON AND RUTH KRON SIGAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Eyal Daniel of Buckingham Elementary School in Burnaby and Stephanie Henderson of Seaquam Secondary School in Delta, were presented with the Kron Sigal Award, including a prize of \$500, in recognition of their outstanding commitment to Holocaust education.

The Kron Sigal Award is presented annually to an elementary or secondary teacher in any discipline who has shown a commitment to teaching students about the Holocaust and its important lessons.

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



Stephanie Henderson and Eyal Daniel were presented with the Kron Sigal Award at the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

EDUCATION OUTREACH SPEAKERS

THE CENTRE'S DEDICATED SPEAKERS CONTINUE TO SHARE THEIR EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS WITH STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS ACROSS BRITISH COLUMBIA AND BEYOND.

This year, VHEC Outreach Speakers engaged more than 9,000 students in 44 schools, in-person and teleconferencing via Skype, as well as more than 900 adults at schools, churches, synagogues and commemorative events. Communities reached include Metro Vancouver, Calgary, Vernon, Prince George and Seattle.



WRITING LIVES

LANGARA STUDENTS PARTNER WITH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS TO WRITE MEMOIRS

Writing Lives 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 three students were teamed with a Holocaust survivor. Students interviewed the survivor, transcribed their recollections and wrote their memoirs, which were presented at the graduation event on April 20.

The course was a pilot project and will be offered again in future.

"They had fresh points of view, they had interesting ideas about the Holocaust, they had interesting questions — not the kind of routine things that I've gone through before with more professional interviewers who tend to ask the same questions the same ways. Some of the questions made me think about my own experiences in ways that I never had before..."

— DR. PETER SUEDFELD



Dr. Peter Suedfeld, professor emeritus of psychology at the University of British Columbia, spoke at the Writing Lives Graduation Ceremony on behalf of the survivors who participated.



Dr. Rachel Mines

"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..."

— DR. RACHEL MINES, ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR AT LANGARA AND COORDINATOR OF THE WRITING LIVES PROGRAM



Frieda Krickan

"I came out of this class with something I did not expect: Hope. Amidst all their personal accounts of suffering and loss, our survivors still managed to impart upon us the importance of hope. I don't know if I've ever had such a life-affirming experience as talking to these survivors."

— FRIEDA KRICKAN, LANGARA COLLEGE STUDENT IN THE WRITING LIVES PROGRAM

SURVIVORS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

THE VHEC OFFERS AN ARRAY OF SERVICES FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

SURVIVOR SERVICES

The VHEC and Jewish Family Service Agency delivered 224 services to 137 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.



Claims Conference ועידת התביעות
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 17 years and counts 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, Peter John Voormeij, Claude Romney and Alex Buckman.

SECOND GENERATION GROUP

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



Russian Holocaust survivor group luncheon.



Chanukah luncheon with Holocaust survivors.

ENGAGING THE PUBLIC

IN ADDITION TO OUR CORE PROGRAMMING, THE VHEC ENGAGES DIVERSE AUDIENCES WITH A RANGE OF OFFERINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THIS YEAR, WE PARTNERED WITH SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PRESENT SUCCESSFUL EVENTS THAT INVITED REFLECTION ON THE RESONANCE AND CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE OF THE HOLOCAUST.

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 5, 2016

The VHEC sponsored the film, *Vita Activa The Spirit of Hannah Arendt* by Ada Ushpiz.

UNDERSTANDING INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Partnering with the Jewish Family Service Agency, the VHEC presented Mark Wolynn discussing how traumas of previous generations can emerge in unexplained depression, anxiety, obsessive thoughts and other symptoms.

VANCOUVER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

The Centre's presentation of the film, *Every Face Has a Name*, by Magnus Gertten, sold out at the Fifth Avenue Cinema.

THE MAX STERN ART RESTITUTION PROJECT- IN SEARCH OF NAZI-LOOTED ART

MARCH 23, 2017

Co-presenting with Canadian Friends of Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Congregation Schara Tzedek, the VHEC sponsored this event with guest speaker Prof. Clarence Epstein, head of the Max Stern Art Restitution Project, with opening remarks by Mr. Robert Heffel, Heffel Fine Art Auction House.

CHERIE SMITH JCCGV JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

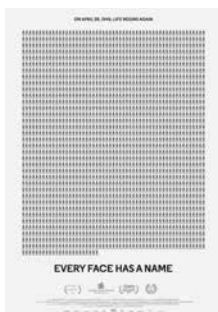
NOVEMBER 29, 2016

Andrew Nagorski, journalist and author of *The Nazi Hunters* presented at a reading and discussion sponsored by the VHEC.

VANCOUVER COMIC ARTS FESTIVAL, KICKING AT THE DARKNESS ARTIST COLIN UPTON

MAY 21, 2017

Colin Upton was joined in conversation by Ronnie Tessler, one of the research directors and writers of the exhibition *Canada Responds to the Holocaust, 1944-45*, and Ilona Shulman Spaar, Education Director of the VHEC, to discuss his comic *Kicking at the Darkness*, which was commissioned to accompany the exhibition.



COMMEMORATION

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.

HIGH HOLIDAYS CEMETERY SERVICE

OCTOBER 9, 2016

This year's service included a memorial to Dr. Elie Wiesel and featured remarks by child survivor Dr. Robert Krell and Buchenwald survivor Robbie Waisman.

VHEC with Schara Tzedek Congregation and the Jewish War Veterans. Organized by Jack Micner, VHEC Programs Committee.

KRISTALLNACHT

NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Professor Debórah Dwork spoke on the topic *Holding on through Letters: Jewish Families During the Holocaust*, about what families did — and did not — discuss in correspondence while separated due to the war.

VHEC with Congregation Beth Israel. Funded through Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver Annual Campaign.



Professor Mark Celinscak discusses Canadian involvement in the liberation of Nazi concentration camps.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

JANUARY 18, 2017

Speaking about his book *Distance from the Belsen Heap: Allied Forces and the Liberation of a Nazi Concentration Camp*, Professor Celinscak shared little-known history of Canadian involvement in the liberation of Nazi concentration camps.

VHEC with the Norman and Annette Rothstein Theatre. Funded through Federation Annual Campaign and 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 ²¹.

YOM HASHOAH

APRIL 23, 2017

Holocaust survivor, Claude Romney spoke about *Prisoner Doctors in Nazi Concentration Camps*, including the experiences of her own father. The event included Eric Wilson, Cellist, Cantor Yaakov Orzech, Matanya Orzech & Kol Simcha Singers, Myrna Rabinowitz, Yiddish vocalist & the Yom Hashoah singers.

VHEC with the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver. Funded through Federation Annual Campaign, the Province of British Columbia, and VHEC Funds: Gail Feldman Heller Endowment and Sarah Rozenberg-Warm Memorial Endowment.

COLLECTIONS

THE VHEC'S COLLECTION REPRESENTS THE LARGEST HOLOCAUST-RELATED HOLDINGS IN WESTERN CANADA, MUCH OF WHICH WAS GENEROUSLY DONATED BY LOCAL SURVIVORS, THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

The VHEC is nearing completion of a multi-year, multi-project initiative to preserve, digitize and enhance access to and pedagogical use of its four collections: archives, museum objects, Holocaust survivor testimonies and library (together referred to as the "Collection"). Several significant milestones in the VHEC's collections management strategy have been achieved to date, including:

- implementation of a new online collections management system, which was selected and customized by VHEC staff to best serve the specific needs of the institution, its user groups, the community and scholars;
- establishment of an in-house digitization lab and photography studio giving the VHEC the capacity to digitize artefacts and archival material;
- digitization of over 500 artefacts, documents, correspondence, photographs and works of art;
- arrangement, description and cataloguing of over 1,100 artefacts, archival materials, library items and testimonies to populate the new collections management system;
- digitization of the VHEC's collection of over 200 survivor and eyewitness video testimonies;
- creation of time-coded summaries for 175 of these testimonies;
- creation of 10 new archival finding aids for the Collection;
- development of a digital preservation strategy to sustain and preserve the digital content of the Collection into the future; and
- development of an interactive timeline and historical overview of the VHEC's Survivor Testimony Project.

In this final year of the initiative, the VHEC looks forward to making much of the Collection publicly accessible with the launch of the VHEC Collections website and online catalogue later this year.

Funding for the collections management strategy has been provided by a generous donation from the Estate of Paul and Edwina Heller, with thanks to Dr. Irene Bettinger, and by grants from the Government of Canada and UBC's Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.

NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

The archives, library and museum collections acquired a variety of pre-war, wartime and post-war documents and artefacts this year, including: displaced persons camp publications, propaganda posters, prayer books, identity documents, correspondence, stamps, photographs, research materials, items from daily wartime life, and commemorative artefacts. The library collection expanded by almost 200 items.

We would like 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.



Librarian Shannon LaBelle.

COLLECTIONS

COLLECTIONS OUTREACH

This year, items from the Collection were displayed in the VHEC-produced exhibition *Canada Responds to the Holocaust, 1944-45*.

Eyewitness testimony from the VHEC's survivor testimony collection was included in Mark Celinscak's *Distance from the Belsen Heap: Allied Forces and the Liberation of a Nazi Concentration Camp*, which won the 2016 Vine Award for Canadian Jewish Literature in the non-fiction category.

Items from the VHEC's Rosengarten family collection were used in the exhibition *Faithful Israelites – Faithful Citizens: From the History of the Jews in Meiningen*, curated by Christoph Gann at the Meiningen Museum in Meiningen, Germany.

Materials from the Rosengarten collection were also featured in a German television documentary *Heimweh nach Themar* (Homesick for Themar). In this program Dr. Sharon Meen, historian and VHEC volunteer, discussed her research about the Jewish community in Themar and Manfred Rosengarten's attempts to reconnect with his hometown.

APPEAL FOR ARTEFACTS

As part of our mission to preserve the memory of the Holocaust, the VHEC collects original artefacts and archival materials relating to pre-war Jewish life, experiences during and after the Holocaust, and settlement in Canada. Survivors and their families are encouraged to consider entrusting their photographs, correspondence, diaries, government documents or household and personal objects to the VHEC for use in education, exhibition and commemoration. Such materials provide a tangible link to the personal experiences of survivors and can bear witness to events, which is a powerful component of Holocaust education.

VHEC staff welcomes inquiries about the donation of materials to the Collection. Please call 604.264.0499 or email info@vhec.org.



SOCIAL MEDIA COLLECTIONS

THE COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED THE @VHECCOLLECTIONS TWITTER ACCOUNT THIS YEAR TO SHARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR DIGITIZED HOLDINGS, PROMOTE RESOURCES IN ALL AREAS OF THE COLLECTION, AND OFFER A GLIMPSE AT BEHIND-THE-SCENES COLLECTIONS WORK.



VHEC COLLECTIONS

@VHECCollections



German passport belonging to Gerda Sara Marcus, who immigrated to #Vancouver in 1966 #IAD17



Burned fragment of a prayer book. Found in front of Fasanenstrasse Synagogue in Berlin, following the Kristallnacht pogrom. | 2009.004.001



The most testimonies in our collection were recorded in the 1980s & 1990s on Umatic tapes. The length of the interview covered 2 tapes 1/8



All artefacts tell a story. This luggage was donated to the VHEC with little known about its history. A bit of research uncovered more... 1/3



Card issued by the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization qualifying refugee status. | RA009-04-00-00-01



Metal cup from Ravensbrück concentration camp | 1997.001.001



We're currently processing & digitizing the Baltuch, Schmucker family fonds. This photo, taken in around 1933, is of an unidentified woman.



We're repairing some pedagogical artifact reproductions that accompany the In Defiance traveling exhibition.

SOCIAL MEDIA VHEC

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.

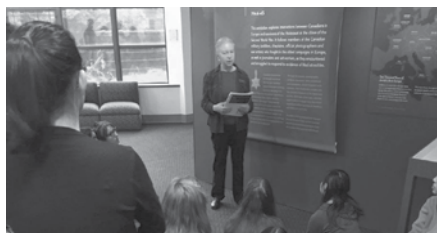
CANADA RESPONDS TO THE HOLOCAUST 1944-45 EXHIBITION

✈ JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD @Puglaas
Thx @nicoslobinsky & @CIJAinfo 4 organizing #VanGran visits today w/Vanc. Hebrew Academy, @JewishVancouver, @VHolocaustCntr & @KDHSVancouverpic. twitter.com/UwPX05e61S



✈ ARTUR WILCZYNSKI @Arturmaks
Fantastic exhibit about how Canada and Canadians responded to the #Holocaust at the @VHolocaustCntr Powerful personal reflections.

✈ MICHAEL BODNAR @idealm
Socials 11 students from Ideal Mini learning about the Canadian response to the Holocaust at @VHolocaustCntr @VSB39



✈ BROCKTON SCHOOL @brockton_school
Our 10-12s visited the @VHolocaustCntr today to learn about the Canadian reactions towards the Holocaust victims during WWII.



UBC ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

✈ LOGAN KITTINGHAM @GatorDunWGSS
Thank you to Mariette Doduck (child holocaust survivor from Belgium) for speaking to us today. So powerful and real @VHolocaustCntr



NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT SYMPOSIUM

✈ CLAUDIO CABANA @ClaudioCabana
An incredible privilege to hear David Ehrlich, Holocaust Survivor & Kit Krieger, renowned educator, @VHolocaustCntr Symposium. Thx VP Mr.J

BURNABY DISTRICT SYMPOSIUM

✈ DALLAS THOR @seagreenED
Incredible morning @bbysouthSD41 learning about Holocaust history with Kit Krieger & a survivor @VHolocaustCntr #sd41 #fightinjustice

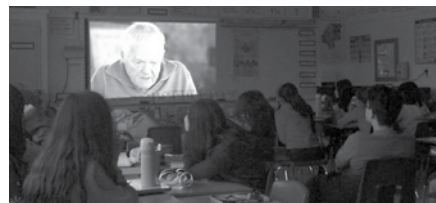


WEST VANCOUVER - ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY DISTRICT SYMPOSIUM

✈ ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY @RockridgeSS
Thanks to the @VHolocaustCntr for working with our grade 11 students today. Important, hard and thought provoking work. #westvaned

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

✈ EcolePJLFI @ecolePJLFI
Watching Documentary 'Hana's Suitcase'. Learning so much. Such an inspiring story! @LaraHanaBrady @VHolocaustCntr



BIENNIAL SHAFRAN CONFERENCE

✈ CHARLOTTE SCHALLIÉ @CSchallie
It was a great honour to present our #graphicnovel Holocaust #highschool project at the #shafrancon @VHolocaustCntr. Pics by @_ChorongKim



SUMMIT ICE

✈ NATHAN FIELDER @nathanfielder
Vancouver Summit Ice store is open for business!



✈ SARAH WETHERED @swethered
@VHolocaustCntr today I wore my "Deny Nothing" button I won yesterday at the conference and someone asked me what it meant.

TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

The financial position of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance (the "Society") improved in fiscal 2016. The Society's net assets grew by \$59,972 (2015 – reduction of \$15,232) primarily due to net proceeds received from the gala. The investment portfolio generated a return of 3.20% (2015 – 3.07%) net of fees during the fiscal year, which includes unrealized gains and losses from market value adjustments. The Society's liabilities remained virtually unchanged, and are mostly comprised of deferred public and private contributions anticipated to be used for projects in future years.

Revenues have increased by \$281,192 in the current year, principally from the generosity of the Society's donors, with the generation of more than \$259,000 from the gala alone. In addition, the Society received more than \$73,000 in general donations from its donors, over and above annual membership fees. Current year overall expenses increased by \$167,800 as a result of continued work on funded projects, and gala-related expenditures. On-going program expenses decreased by \$52,683 primarily as a result of the reduction in activities on a project funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Administrative expenses increased by \$78,502 as a result of additional resource requirements to facilitate the Society's projects.

The Society incurred a surplus of \$53,273 during the fiscal year (2015 – deficit of \$32,702). The surplus includes unrealized foreign exchange losses of \$14,364 (2015 – gain of \$21,573), unrealized gains on investments of \$153,874 (2015 – loss of \$71,385), and realized losses of \$48,399 (2015 – gain of \$131,051). The deficit, before taking into account investment income, realized gains and other items, was \$102,364 (2015 – \$215,756). The Society is dependent on investment income 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, 2016 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, 2017

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS		RESTATED
Current Assets - Unrestricted	\$ 406,660	\$ 417,299
Current Assets - Restricted	10,025	10,025
Cash - Restricted	208,794	207,234
Property and Equipment	63,174	30,372
Holocaust Education Centre	644,757	653,071
Investments	3,607,232	3,561,211
	<u>\$ 4,940,642</u>	<u>\$ 4,879,212</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities	\$ 389,930	\$ 389,973
Deferred Contributions - Permanent Exhibit	185,611	184,110
Net Assets	4,365,101	4,305,129
	<u>\$ 4,940,642</u>	<u>\$ 4,879,212</u>

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,312,251	\$ 4,212,703
Prior Period Adjustment	(7,122)	(32,711)
Reallocation of Recognized Revenues from Prior Years' Permanent Exhibit Contributions		140,369
Restated Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,305,129	\$ 4,320,361
Surplus (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	53,273	(32,702)
Endowment Contributions	6,699	17,470
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,365,101</u>	<u>\$ 4,305,129</u>

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

	2016	2015
REVENUES		RESTATED
Memberships	\$ 45,632	\$ 48,737
Donations and Tribute Cards	73,323	130,152
BC. Gaming Grant	24,500	24,500
Gala Event Revenue and Fundraisers	259,146	24,590
Book Income and Other	305	3,036
Federation Grant	24,000	21,333
General Grants	72,000	-
General Grants - Specific Projects	262,555	123,653
Claims - Socialization Grants	20,788	18,938
Young Canada Works Government Grant	5,013	6,292
Permanent Exhibit Revenues	-	6,470
Exhibit Revenues	4,475	3,555
Ongoing Program Revenues	92,616	188,393
Annual Program Revenues	10,489	14,001
	<u>\$ 894,842</u>	<u>\$ 613,650</u>
EXPENSES		
On-Going Programs	\$ 62,456	\$ 122,719
Gala Expenses	109,445	-
Administrative	753,862	675,360
Book Store Expenses	503	619
Exhibit Costs	53,898	7,131
Annual Program Expenses	17,042	23,577
	<u>\$ 997,206</u>	<u>\$ 829,406</u>
OPERATING DEFICIT BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	<u>\$ (102,364)</u>	<u>\$ (215,756)</u>
OTHER ITEMS		
Interest and Other Investment Income	66,396	100,784
Realized Gains on Sale of Investments	\$ (48,399)	\$ 131,051
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments Measured at Market Value	153,874	(71,385)
Unrealized Foreign Exchange (Loss) Gain on Investments	(14,364)	21,573
Realized Loss on Citizenship and Immigration Canada Project	(1,870)	-
Realized Gain on Replacement of Equipment	-	1,031
	<u>\$ 155,637</u>	<u>\$ 183,054</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 53,273</u>	<u>\$ (32,702)</u>

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

	2016	2015
		RESTATED
CASH (USED FOR) PROVIDED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (399,306)	\$ (274,160)
CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Endowment Contributions	\$ 6,699	\$ 17,470
Deferred Revenues Received	421,453	409,536
Withdrawal from Investment Portfolio for Use in Operations	50,000	50,000
Proceeds from Sales of Investments	1,848,163	1,690,828
Returns of Capital Received	19,201	15,839
Redemption of Israel Bonds (\$25,000 USDs)	32,815	33,205
Deferred Contributions, Permanent Exhibit	1,500	7,500
	\$ 2,379,831	\$ 2,224,378
CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Investment Portfolio Securities	\$ (1,859,873)	\$ (1,856,581)
Purchase of Israel Bonds (\$25,000 USDs)	(32,815)	-
Investment in Capital Assets	(61,647)	(24,340)
	\$ (1,954,335)	\$ (1,880,921)
INCREASE IN CASH	\$ 26,190	\$ 69,297
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	566,827	497,530
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 593,017	\$ 566,827

ENDOWMENTS

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.

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