



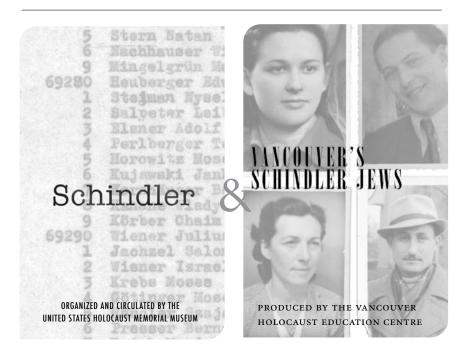
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### OPENING PROGRAM

7:30 PM, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2006

**GUEST SPEAKER:** 

### **LEON LEYSON**

THE YOUNGEST SURVIVOR OF SCHINDLER'S LIST

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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### SUNDAY FILM SCREENINGS\*

A documentary about Oskar Schindler featuring interviews with survivors he saved, his wife and his mistress, as well as archival footage and rare photos. This film was one of the sources used by Steven Spielberg in making Schindler's List 10 years later.

# SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL:

This Sundance Award-winning film tells the story of Canadian Lieutenant General Roméo Dallaire and his controversial command of the United Nations mission to Rwanda during the 1994 genocide.

### SCHINDLER SUNDAYS

The VHEC will be open to visitors 12 noon to 4 PM on the following Sundays with

GUIDED TOURS AT I PM.

### 2PM SCHINDLER'S ACT OF RESCUE:

Barry Dunner, son of a Schindler Kit Krieger, Holocaust Educator

2 P M Film Screening\* Schindler Documentary (1981)

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NOVEMBER 26, 2006

#### **2PM GENOCIDE PREVENTION**

Dr. Reva Adler Other panelists TBA

### **2PM LOCAL SURVIVORS &** THEIR RESCUERS:

Dr. Robert Krell Ruth Sigal Alex Buckman

DECEMBER 10, 2006

2 P M Film Screening\*

Shake Hands with the Devil The Journey of Roméo Dallaire (2004)

#### SPECIAL THURSDAY LECTURE

NOVEMBER 16, 2006 **SCHINDLER IN FILM** 7:30PM

> Prof. Sara Horowitz, York University

### VANCOUVER'S SCHINDLER JEWS

BY FRIEDA MILLER

Oskar Schindler was an unlikely and imperfect hero. A member of the Nazi party, he seized the opportunity that the war offered speculators and profiteers. Schindler exploited cheap Jewish labour, cultivated business contacts at lavish dinner parties and benefited from lucrative German army contracts.

This portrait defies the heroic archetype common in popular imagination. It challenges our preconceived notions of what constitutes a hero and offers us an opportunity to consider the nature of rescue and moral decision-making during the Holocaust.



Schindlerjuden, Jews saved by Schindler, have long recognized and acknowledged their rescuer's seeming contradictions and failings. And yet, they have demonstrated an unwavering gratitude and commitment to the man, whose name has become synonymous with rescue during the Holocaust.

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre's exhibit Vancouver's Schindler Jews presents this story of rescue through the unique perspective of four Schindlerjuden, who later immigrated to Canada and found new lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. It is based on the personal narratives, documents, photographs and artefacts of Else Dunner, Bernard Goldberg and Esther and Leon Kaufman, ensuring that their unique voices will not be lost.

"I don't know why he did it. I just know that I'm alive because of Schindler."

— ELSE DUNNER

This local perspective is one that will resonate with both school visitors and members of the public. It is remarkable that in a relatively small centre like Vancouver, at such a distance of time and place from the events of the Holocaust, there were at least four Holocaust survivors who owed their lives to the actions of Oskar Schindler.

The exhibit hopes to create a rich and dynamic experience for visitors through the use of multimedia content. The exhibit panels are enhanced and animated by a video-slide show of pre-war photographs and film footage. In addition, students, teachers and the public can view a number of Schindler survivor testimonies and video clips on a laptop computer. This feature will also be used by docents during school tours to allow students to learn about this history as told through the words of the four Vancouver Schindler survivors themselves. The application is designed in such a way that these testimonies will have the potential to become part of an online learning resource at a later time.

This exhibit presents a particularly rich teaching opportunity with links to British Columbia's curriculum. In addition to lending itself to the study of key issues in the history of the Holocaust, most notably the theme of rescue, the story of Schindler invites discussion about the challenge of moral action during times of social and political crisis both during the Holocaust and today. The exhibit and accompanying Teachers' Guide written by Nina Krieger, draws connections between rescue during the Holocaust and acts of moral courage during the Rwandan and other genocides. *Vancouver's Schindler Jews* will also facilitate student interaction with primary testimony and artefacts, potent tools for fostering empathy and reflection about the sources of historical knowledge.

"Schindler's factory was paradise compared to the hell we experienced in other camps."

- BERNARD GOLDBERG

Vancouver's Schindler Jews will run from October 18, 2006 to June 30, 2007. It runs concurrently with Schindler, a travelling exhibit which is organized and circulated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C. Schindler runs from October 18 to December 15, 2006.

The two exhibits complement each other well. The USHMM's exhibit *Schindler* focuses on the biography of Oskar Schindler while the VHEC exhibit explores this compelling history from the survivor's perspective and addresses issues of rescue, Jewish agency, anti-racism and contemporary genocides.

The VHEC exhibit is designed to travel, making it possible to share with other centres and galleries in British Columbia and Canada. Many of the VHEC's past exhibits are now travelling in this way.

For the opening reception on October 18, 2006 at 7:30 PM and the schedule of Sunday tours, film screenings and panel discussions, please see opposite page.

# VIDEO DOCUMENTATION COMES ALIVE: REFLECTIONS OF A STUDENT RESEARCHER

BY DANIELLE AMES

I spent this summer as a Research Assistant at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre working on the exhibit Vancouver's Schindler Jews. Hours were spent watching and reading the transcripts of local Vancouver survivors who had been on Schindler's list. Each of the survivors was deceased but their stories, along with their voices, body language and facial expressions, live on through their video testimonies in a manner impossible to convey through words alone. Unlike static historical accounts, the struggles and strengths of Else Dunner, Bernard Goldberg and Esther and Leon Kaufman emerged from the television screen to echo through the Education Room at the VHEC.

As a young adult who has grown up in a digital age, the stories of Else, Bernard, Esther and Leon came alive for me, in an experience unparalleled to other forms of archival memory.



Research assistant, Danielle Ames transcribing the video testimony of Bernard Goldberg

Leon Kaufman said in his video testimony that despite the emotional and psychological difficulty of verbalising his experiences, he wanted to be interviewed in order to ensure that his grandchildren would one day be able to hear him tell his story in his own words. Only later did I find out in an interview with his daughter, Lyliane Thal, that Leon did not tell his story to his children or grandchildren during his lifetime. Only after his passing did his family learn that he had recorded his story through the VHEC's video documentation

project, an example of how technology can help bridge the gap between generations.

As one of the last generations of young people that will be able to hear the stories of survivors first hand, I have often wondered how I will one day convey the enormity of the Holocaust to future generations. Leon reminded me that Holocaust education has the potential to expand rather than diminish, since the voices of the Holocaust are eternal as long as the personal reflections of survivors are preserved and can be heard.

When asked why they thought Schindler took the actions that he did to save over one thousand Jews, all four survivors hesitated to give an answer. To them, the motivations of Schindler's actions were less relevant; it was the end result that changed the course of their lives and of history. The Talmud declares that one who comes to do a good deed with ulterior intentions will eventually take the moral path for the right reasons. Regardless of what may have been Schindler's initial personal and financial incentives to protect his Jewish workers, his fight to save Jewish lives reminds us that every decision a human being makes, for whatever the initial motivation, can have enormous significance and consequences for the good or the bad.

We live today in an era of abstract thought with the luxury of time in regards to decision making. Young people are taught how to analyze, weigh their options and consider various courses of action. The experiences of our local survivors, as communicated through their video testimonies, remind us that it is action rather than thought that separates a compassionate person from a rescuer. Many may have felt badly for the plight of the Jews but few risked their own wellbeing to save Jewish lives. Schindler's altruism is remarkable because of his ability to act swiftly, cleverly and incisively when it became clear that action was needed.

It is remarkable that through the technology of video documentation, future generations will always be able to learn these universal truths as conveyed by Else Dunner, Bernard Goldberg and Esther and Leon Kaufman. A history book can only say so much. A photograph can only depict a moment. But the eyes and voice of a survivor unlock an eternal flow of emotion and remembrance.

# TEACHER'S PAGE

Oskar Schindler is a figure that will no doubt be familiar to students whether they have seen Steven Spielberg's portrayal of this "unlikely hero" or not. A member of the Nazi party, war profiteer and saviour of 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust, Schindler has become fixed in the popular imagination as the embodiment of an imperfect altruist.

Schindler's archetypal stature provides a compelling starting point for teachers and students approaching the Holocaust. Why some people (less than one-half of one percent of those under Nazi occupation) chose to help Jews, while most remained bystanders, is a central issue in Holocaust education. Schindler provides an invaluable case study for thinking about such moral complexities and their contemporary significance.

### HUMANIZING RESCUERS

The pre-visit activity in the Teachers' Guide introduces the theme of rescue and identity during the Holocaust. What were the obstacles to aiding Jews? Who were some of the individuals who defied the norm to help Jews and why? Did they share common characteristics? Schindler and other rescuers were not saints or heroes, and challenge our most basic assumptions about human nature. Students will begin to understand action and inaction during the Holocaust as the often-difficult choices made by ordinary people under extraordinary circumstances.

#### CONTEXTUALIZING SCHINDLER

When working with students visiting the exhibit, docents will emphasize the historical context of Schindler's altruism. Although Schindler has a prominent place in the popular perceptions of the Holocaust, he acted decisively on behalf of his Jewish workers only towards the end of the war. By positioning the Schindler narrative against the backdrop of World War II and the Holocaust, docents can help students understand the trajectory and enormity of the Nazi destruction of European Jewry.

### CONSIDERING LISTS

The story of Schindler's "list" also provides an entry-point into a discussion about the bureaucratic and systematic nature of the Final Solution. The Nazis drew up lists of possessions confiscated from Jews for distribution in the Reich, lists of Jews to be moved to ghettos and lists of Jews for transport to death camps. Students will learn that, in the context of the Holocaust, the difference between life and death could be reduced to a typed name or number. Schindler's list signified a rare chance of survival.

#### THINKING CRITICALLY

Another Teacher's Guide activity encourages students to consider how historical understanding is constructed from various, and often conflicting, sources. Students interact with a variety of accounts of Schindler's motivations for rescuing Jews, including a magazine article about Schindler written by Herbert Steinhouse, a Canadian journalist in 1949, Thomas Keneally's novel, Steven Spielberg's film, Emilie Schindler's memoir and historian David M. Crowe's recent biography. Students will not only learn from different perspectives about Schindler's motivations, but also about the potential and limitation of each interpretation.

#### HUMANIZING VICTIMS

The exhibit *Vancouver's Schindler Jews* introduces other voices essential to the Schindler story: those of local survivors rescued by Schindler. Just as Schindler defies the categories of bystander, perpetrator and rescuer, the victims could not be captured by that term alone. The words, photographs, artefacts and documents of Else Dunner, Bernard Goldberg and Esther and Leon Kaufman – and, in particular, Else's remarkable snapshots of pre-war Jewish Life in Poland – fosters empathy for the individuals and communities lost in the Holocaust and those who survived.

### REFLECTING ON RWANDA

It is the humanity of the victims, rescuers, bystanders and perpetrators of the Holocaust that brings the enduring moral implications of the Holocaust to the fore. An exhibit panel and Teachers' Guide activity devoted to rescue during the Rwandan genocide emphasizes this concept. Students draw on lessons from the Schindler story when learning about those individuals who saved Rwandan lives in the face of the failure of the international community to intervene in the crisis.

The dilemmas faced by Schindler and Rwandan rescuers play themselves out in less dramatic ways in our classrooms, schools and communities. At the end of their visit to the Centre, students are invited to post their responses to the following question: "Who do you know that has displayed moral courage?" The Schindler exhibits present a timely opportunity for students to consider such a question, and to address the important goal of developing social responsibility in students.

## LOCAL SURVIVORS & THEIR RESCUERS BY ROBERT KRELL

The rescue of Jews was not a high priority either before or during the Holocaust. Before the Shoah unfolded in all its horror, there was virtually no attempt to rescue its intended victims. Canada turned away the St. Louis, a ship laden with Jewish refugees, and Britain issued a "White Paper" preventing Jews from entering Palestine. The world conspired against European Jewry now confined to Europe, conquered by Germany which turned into a slaughterhouse. But in the midst of murder and madness there were a few, a precious few, who saved Jewish lives. In our community there are survivors and their families who owe their lives to such rescuers.

Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese diplomat stationed in Kovno, Lithuania, saved Susan Bluman and her husband, Nathan. Sugihara issued transit visas enabling Jews to escape. In 1985, he was awarded the "Righteous Among the Nations" designation by Yad Vashem. Other Vancouver survivor families to benefit from Mr. Sugihara's personal heroism include the families of Bernard, Nadia, and Nomi Kaplan, Stefan and Marta Heyman and Jacob and Meta Zalkowitz.

Madame Andrée Geulen, a member of a Belgian resistance group numbering twenty persons, saved Alex Buckman. She was the only one to survive. The other nineteen were eventually captured, tortured and murdered. With his father's permission, Alex was taken by Andrée Geulen and placed in an orphanage in Namurs. This group of twenty people saved hundreds of Jewish children, including Alex's seven cousins. None of their parents survived. Yad Vashem recognized Madame Geulen and her charges still meet with her on her birthday.

Celina Lieberman's rescuer Helena Zaleska (centre) 1958.

Celina Lieberman was taken in and sheltered by a religious Christian woman, a childless farmer in Noviki, Poland. Celina lived with her for three years between the ages of eleven and fourteen. Her rescuer, Helena Zaleska, is inscribed amongst the Righteous of the Nations at Yad Vashem.

Ruth Sigal was hidden by the family of Ona and Antanas Ragauski of Siaulia, Lithuania. Recognized among the Righteous at Yad Vashem, they were also honoured in 2003 by the President of Lithuania shortly before Mrs. Ragauski's passing. The daughter of the Ragauskis', Grazina, who was two-years old when eight-year-old Ruth was hidden with her family, now resides in Surrey.



Ruth Sigal (right) with her rescuers Ona and Antanas Ragauski in Lithuania.

Louise Sorenson was hidden in Holland from January 1943 to April 1945, between the ages of thirteen and sixteen. In the first six months she had seven different addresses, finally staying for twenty-two months in the attic of a tiny farmhouse in Apeldoorn. Her hider, Arie Pleysier, also found hiding places for her parents and sister. A Mr. Hoogedoorn, who was a key member of the Protestant Christian Resistance, provided food ration coupons and brought news from the outside. Louise has been researching whether these two saviours have been properly recognized.

Leo Vogel survived in Holland by hiding with Johan and Bernadina Reimerink for three years, between the ages of two and five. He stayed with them after the war until 1949. They were recognized by Yad Vashem in 2001.

Henk and Grace Hulstein sheltered Jewish "visitors" in their small home in the Netherlands already filled with seven of their own children. The Jewish families were then relocated to hiding places and survived. When there were nine children in the family, the Hulsteins added a tenth, a Jewish newborn whose name, Benny de Goede, was changed to Jacques Hulstein. He stayed for three years. His parents survived and found him but Benny rejoined the Hulstein family in the mid-1950s and lives in British Columbia.

Ray Hulstein, son of Henk and Grace, was aged eleven to sixteen during the war. In 1966, Vancouver's Jewish Community honoured his parents for their kindness and heroism. Several survivors in our community paid off their mortgage and gifted the Hulsteins with the deed to their house.

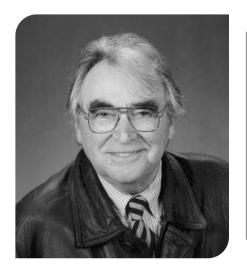
On May 30th, 2006 at the VHEC's Annual General Meeting, our community recently honoured Reverend Metzger for his role in saving Hungarian Jews.

There also lived in Vancouver several Schindler's List survivors, Else Dunner, Bernard Goldberg, and Esther and Leon Kaufman whose experiences are documented in the VHEC exhibit *Vancouver's Schindler Iews*.

And I am privileged to write about these remarkable people, because I was also saved. Albert and Violette Munnik took me into their home for nearly three years. Nora Munnik, my ten year older "sister" is exactly the age that Anne Frank would have been, had she survived. Only Nora went to school, while Anne remained in hiding and was betrayed. Betrayal was common. When I returned to Holland in 1961 and knocked on the door of my rescuers, a neighbour opened his. 'Is that you Robbie?' he asked. "Yes, meneer de Vries." "Here to see your Moeder?" "Yes, of course". He continued. "Robbie, I was actually very disappointed in you, you never thanked me for not betraying you." Luckily, he didn't. He would have condemned us all to death. But the thought was there and indeed over half of the Dutch Jewish children in hiding were found and/or betrayed.

"One life is indeed a world especially when one counts succeeding generations."

While it is imperative that we recognize the courage and bravery of the non-Jews who stepped forward at great personal risk, we must not forget that there were also Jewish rescuers. Thousands of Belgian Jewish children and Dutch Jewish children were rescued by Jews and placed in hiding. The proportion of Jews in various resistance movements far exceeded their actual numbers and they were in double jeopardy.



Professor Rudolph Vrba

We must also remember the rescuer Rudolph Vrba, who lived in Vancouver these past thirty years and who died on March 27th, 2006. With his passing we have lost a great Jewish hero. Rudi escaped from Auschwitz with his friend, Alfred Wetzler on April 7, 1944. They produced the *Vrba/Wetzler Report*, which became known as the *Auschwitz Protocols* and which were intended to warn Hungarian Jewry of their impending fate. Rudi always felt that ultimately he had failed for a variety of reasons still debated today. However, I received a letter from Sir Martin Gilbert, the renowned historian, dated March 21st 2006. Referring to his correspondence with Professor Vrba. Sir Martin writes, "I was able to show Vrba (and the reading public) that far from his mission being a failure, it led directly to the saving of more than 100,000 lives."

Amongst the Vancouver survivors that were rescued, there are close to forty grandchildren. One life is indeed a world especially when one counts succeeding generations. And that is why we recognize individuals who personally are responsible not only for saving individuals but the children and grandchildren who might not have been.

### NO LONGER ALONE

CHILD SURVIVORS' PAGE

### A TRIBUTE TO MY RESCUERS BY LILLIAN BORAKS NEMETZ

Rescuers of Jews during World War II, such as Oskar Schindler, Irena Sandler, Raoul Wallenberg and others have been honoured as Righteous Gentiles. However, there are still those, both Jewish and Christian, who have not been recognized. How many children would not have survived, had it not been for a kind Christian woman, or man, a nun, a minister, or a Jewish relative?

I am a child survivor, who has not officially acknowledged my rescuers, but I have been thinking about them a great deal following my recent trip to Poland.

This trip came about as a result of a strange coincidence. Claude Romney, a Vancouver child survivor and a friend, discovered upon reading my book, *The Old Brown Suitcase*, that I had been hidden during the war in Poland, in a village called Zalesie, on Spokojna Street no. 16. Claude promptly arranged for me to visit her cousin Wisia, a child survivor herself, who had coincidentally bought the very house in which I had been hidden. I had tried to visit this house before on one of my previous trips back to Poland, but the former owners would not let me in. Thanks to Claude and the kind couple who live there now, I was able to return 60 years later, to an important time in my childhood past.

This house and garden were the boundaries within which I was confined during the war. As I wandered through the premises a few weeks ago, memories abounded.

In 1942, my escape from the Warsaw Ghetto was made possible by my father. He pulled all possible strings just before the great deportations began to get me out of the ghetto hell to the other side of the wall. From there, a Christian woman took me to that house in the village of Zalesie. It was my grandmother who lived there. She took me in while hiding under the protective wing of a Catholic man from Krakow and passing as his Christian wife. Though they were not married, the man was willing to support this temporary relationship, based on human decency and friendship. The climate was dangerous as the village was populated by suspicious folk, among them the Volksdeutsche, informers of German origin, planted by the Gestapo to spy on Jews in hiding and Polish Partisan activity. My identity was to be that of a Christian child of Polish parents, fictitious friends of my grandmother's, who had supposedly died in the Blitzkrieg defending their country.

And so in June 2006, I relived the years of 1942-44, sleeping in that same dark room smelling of mould. I found a few of the familiar trappings such as the yellow-tiled wood burning stoves, Grandmother's ancient dining-room hutch and the white-tiled kitchen stove and oven. The rooms were un-

changed except for some of the furniture, and still had the same wood-framed windows through which I watched the changing of the seasons, longing for my parents and sister.

What often helped me in those days to dispel the closed in feeling of the darkish house, was being allowed into the summer garden to hide among the sweet-smelling jasmine and acacia flowers, which still blossom there. The raspberry bushes still grace the back fence and walnut and chestnut trees are still scattered throughout the garden. Searching every nook and cranny so well remembered I even found the old outhouse, now equipped with a toilet seat and an orange blossom air-freshener.

It was near the outhouse that I was once hidden inside a hole in the ground to avoid being noticed by the visiting Nazi delegation, which came to investigate the murder of the village Volksdeutscher. Standing by the fence, I recalled with a chill in my heart the unforgettable night when my grandmother and I stood by the same fence. We were facing Warsaw, staring at the blood-red sky over the burning ghetto and wondering with despair about the fate of our family.

A year and a half later, my father, having escaped the ghetto would risk his life to come to Zalesie, despite the impending danger of being caught by the Nazis. He came at night from a barn in another village where he was hiding to comfort me in my displacement and loneliness. On one occasion my mother came with tears in her eyes, telling us of my little sister Basia, who had been informed on in the neighbouring village and was taken away by the Gestapo. That was when I got down on my knees in the same little room I now slept in, in front of the window and begged G-d to grant my sister her life. Sadly, Basia did not survive.

The return to this house was a healing experience that helped me get in touch with a significant part of my life, my feelings at that time, and the people around me. It even offered closure to certain events. More than ever I realized how fortunate I was to have survived thanks to those who cared. I am deeply indebted to the woman who brought me to Zalesie, the man under whose wing we had hidden, my grandmother who took me in and my father who saved my life. I honour them here and now.

They placed themselves in danger so that a child might live.

The No Longer Alone page welcomes submissions from Child Survivors. Send submissions to the NLA editor: Lillian Boraks-Nemetz c/o VHEC, 50–950 W 41st ave, Vancouver, BC V5Z 2N7

### BOOK REVIEW

SCHINDLER: THE UNTOLD STORY OF HIS LIFE, WARTIME ACTIVITIES, AND THE TRUE STORY BEHIND THE LIST BY DAVID M. CROWE REVIEWED BY KIT KRIEGER



Oskar Schindler, the Sudeten-German who rescued 1,100 Jews, is the most famous of the more than 20,000 designated as "Righteous Among the Nations" by Yad Vashem. Schindler's deeds were made widely known by the novelist Thomas Keneally in his 1982 novel, Schindler's List. Stephen Spielberg's adaptation of the Keneally work Oscar-winning the Schindler's List broadened Schindler's renown.

Keneally and Spielberg framed the Schindler story within the genres of historical fiction and film. For dramatic effect, both identified a critical point where Schindler turned from Nazi war profiteer to single-minded rescuer: the liquidation of the Kraków ghetto in March 1943. Spielberg depicted Schindler, on horseback, viewing the brutality from a hill overlooking the ghetto. This is the scene in which Spielberg has viewers focus on the girl in the red coat, which serves as a metaphor for Schindler's individualization of Jewish victims. Several of the film's other dramatic constructs - Schindler's visit to Auschwitz to secure the release of 300 women diverted to the camp, for instance – never occurred yet have become integral to popular perceptions of Schindler.

The rescuer's life has finally been subject to the scrutiny of a historian. David Crowe's Oskar Schindler: The Untold Account of His Life, Wartime Activities, and the True Story Behind Schindler's List adds greatly to our knowledge of Schindler. By turning to sources other than survivors and by examining Schindler's pre and post-war life, Schindler's acts of rescue are placed in a context not provided by either Keneally or Spielberg. Crowe's Schindler emerges as a much more complex and ambiguous hero than the protagonist of the Keneally and Spielberg renderings.

The first part of Crowe's work focuses on Schindler's prewar connections with the *Abwehr*, the German intelligence organization. There was considerable conflict between the *Abwehr* and both Hitler and the SS. Through his *Abwehr* associations, Schindler acquired a contempt for Nazi policies that emboldened him to undertake his own resistance to the regime. Furthermore, Schindler's Abwehr connections helped him evade imprisonment following his arrest on suspicion of corruption.

Crowe finds no single turning point that made Schindler a hero. He leaves the reader with several, sometimes competing, explanations for Schindler's transformation to rescuer. Jews replace Polish workers in the Emalia factory for largely economic reasons: Jews cost less than Polish workers. Schindler then forged strong personal ties with some Jews, particularly Itzhak Stern, Abraham Bankier and Mietek Pemper, who gave human faces to the victims of Nazi policy. Further, Schindler relied upon these men to run his immensely profitable enterprises and the acts of rescue could be viewed as issuing from self-interest rather than altruism. Crowe discounts charges made by a few Schindler Jews that Schindler's acts of rescue were rooted in his need to rescue himself from the consequences of his earlier misdeeds.

Crowe has much to say about Schindler's famed "list". There were, in fact, three different lists compiled between October 1944 and May 1945. The lists were compiled by Marcel Goldberg, a figure that Keneally and Spielberg place very much in the background. An analysis of the names of the list, and of the family groupings in particular, reveals that places on the list were secured by the most privileged Plaszów Jews able to pay Goldberg.

Schindler's post-war life was anti-climactic. Fears of prosecution for his pre-war *Abwehr* activities prevented him from realizing his plans to return to his native Czechoslovakia. He depended upon "his Jews" for spiritual and material sustenance. The post-war dependence on his Jews differed little from his wartime dependence on key figures such as Abraham Bankier who ran his profitable wartime enterprises. Schindler's wartime business success relied on charm and bravado more than acumen. The Jews closest to Schindler guided him in his transformation to savior of 1,100 Jews.

Held to David Crowe's close scrutiny, Oskar Schindler emerges as a hero with more serious flaws than those revealed in artistic treatments. Although demythologized, Schindler remains the individual who rescued the most Jews among the "Righteous Among the Nations." Crowe makes it clear that Schindler's failings were not incidental to his heroism, but were instrumental. Only his misdeeds, as *Abwehr* agent, as profiteer, and as a Nazi comfortable in the sinister world of the SS, placed him in a position to facilitate his monumental act of rescue.

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The VHEC is looking for enthusiastic and committed volunteer guides/docents with strong communication skills for our upcoming school programs. Teaching experience and/or knowledge of European History and French is an asset. Docents must be available mornings or afternoons on at least one day a week (Monday – Friday), October 2006 to May 2006. Full training will be provided. Docents receive an annual subscription to Zachor and invitations to VHEC events.

To interview or learn more about the docent program, please contact Rome Fox at romefox@vhec.org or 604.264.0499.

### HELP FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS

The Holocaust Education Centre and Jewish Family Service agency are pleased to announce the continuation of financial aid through grants from the Claims Conference. Survivors who qualify must show financial need and meet criteria that have been set out by the various funds. The funds help with cost of medicine home help, medical equipment, some dental and denture help. Funds are available through December 31, 2006 and may be extended to 2007.

For more information, please contact Gisi Levitt at the VHEC (604.264.0499) or JFSA (604.257.5151)

### STAFF CHANGES AT THE VHEC

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO

### FRIEDA MILLER

**Executive Director** 



The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre is honoured to welcome Frieda Miller as its new Executive Director. Frieda has played a key role in making the VHEC a nationally recognized and respected organization with a reputation for original and stimulating educational and public programming. Frieda's

passion and commitment is deeply rooted in her family's personal history. As the new Executive Director, Frieda brings her skills from her previous position as Education Coordinator to preserve and enhance the mandate of education and remembrance. Professionally, Frieda has been involved in many levels of education, from elementary school to university, with a particular interest in museum education. With her look to the future, she will address the challenges of a small museum, and envisions expanding the space through the use of multimedia and technology. We are confident that the Centre's next chapter will be innovative and exciting with Frieda at its helm.

By Ethel Kofsky, VHEC Board Member

ROME FOX Assistant Director



As the daughter of Holocaust survivors, I became an active member of the 2nd generation and joined the Warsaw Ghetto Committee for Yom HaShoah in 1983. I have served on the Yom HaShoah Committee ever since, co-chairing the event for many years. In 1987 I joined the VHEC Board, serving in many capacities including as Secretary.

In 1997 I joined the VHEC staff as the Volunteer Coordinator, bringing my experience in education and volunteer work to the position. I was an elementary teacher in Edmonton and Richmond and have volunteered in both the Jewish and wider communities.

I am looking forward to my new responsibilities as the Assistant Director and to working closely with Frieda and the rest of the staff. I am honoured to work with students, volunteers, the VHEC Board and Holocaust survivors in our community.

### NINA KRIEGER Education Co-ordinator



It is with great pleasure that I join the VHEC as Education Coordinator some five years after working as a Research Assistant at the Centre. In the interim, I completed a Master's degree in History and Cultural Studies in London, England and worked in educational and public programming at arts in-

stitutions in the UK and Vancouver. I am looking forward to bringing my knowledge of gallery-based education and audience development to the Centre, and to building on the organization's reputation for producing outstanding school programs, teaching resources and professional development activities that support learning about the Holocaust and social justice issues. I am particularly excited about the possibility of developing outreach initiatives that will put our resources into the hands of students and teachers across British Columbia and beyond.

DENYS YUEN
Design and Communications Co-ordinator



I recently moved from Edmonton where I graduated with a Bachelor of Design from the University of Alberta. Shortly after graduation I began a year-long contract position as a graphic designer for the federal government, dealing mainly with website and application development. I have also worked as a print designer and as an illustrator for several freelance projects.

I am extremely excited about and value the variety of work the Centre does. I think that it is extremely rare and exciting for a designer to have the opportunity to produce web, print and exhibition design from start to finish like I am able to do here. Given the nature of our organization and its mandate to educate it is very easy to stay motivated and excited about communicating this message as effectively and efficiently as possible.

### DONATIONS AND CARDS MARCH 16 2006 TO AUGUST 2 2006

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Schara Tzedeck Cemetery, Holocaust Memorial Monument 12 Noon, Sunday, October 1, 2006 Opening remarks by Art Hister

### SCHINDLER EXHIBIT OPENING & RECEPTION

Wednesday, October 18, 2006 - 7:30 PM, VHEC

### SCHINDLER TEACHER PREVIEW

Thursday, October 26, 2006 – 4:30 - 6 PM, VHEC

### KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE

Keynote Speaker: Professor Chris Friedrichs

Last Letters from a Lost Fatherland: Micro-Histories of Mass Murder Sunday, November 5, 2006 – 7:30 PM, Beth Israel Synagogue

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