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CANADA WELCOMED AS A FULL MEMBER

*Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust
Education, Remembrance, and Research*

BY FRIEDA MILLER

Canada became a full member of The Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research (ITF) on June 24, 2009 in Oslo, Norway. In a moving ceremony, the Canadian delegation entered the plenary behind the Canadian flag, which then joined the flags of the 26 other member nations. Frieda Miller, the Executive Director of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre was present on this historic occasion, at the invitation of the Canadian Government. Frieda was a member of the Canadian delegation, led by Jason Kenney, Canada's Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism and Jillian Stirk, the Canadian Ambassador to Norway.

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of the Task Force)
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I believe that my participation in Oslo was recognition of the important work of our Centre and paid tribute to the vision of the survivors who founded it nearly 15 years ago. Could these founding survivors have imagined that one day, the VHEC would be represented internationally on such an important world stage?

Fellow delegates included: Alice Herscovitch, Executive Director of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre; Dr. Frank Bialystok, Chair, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region; Dr. Alain Goldschläger, University of Western Ontario; Dr. Kori Street, Mount Royal College, Calgary and Mary Farrell and Julia Smith from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. From the warm reception afforded to Canada in Oslo, it is clear that Canada is expected to make a strong contribution to the task force, with much of the ground work having already been laid in terms of the important scholarship that has been conducted in Canada as well as the significant contributions made by its Holocaust museums.

ABOUT THE TASK FORCE

With Canada as its newest member, the task force currently consists of representatives of 27 countries including the US, Israel and most European countries. Its purpose is to promote Holocaust education, remembrance, and research both nationally and internationally. The Task Force consists of representatives of government, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations. Its purpose is to place political and social leaders' support behind the need for Holocaust education, remembrance, and research both nationally and internationally. Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson initiated the ITF in 1998 and Professor Yehuda Bauer, former chair of the Yad Vashem Research Institute in Jerusalem, is its Honorary Chairman.

Membership in the Task Force is open to all countries. Members must be committed to the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust, and must accept the principles adopted by the Task Force regarding membership. They must also be committed to the implementation of national policies and programs in support of Holocaust education, remembrance, and research. The governments comprising the Task Force agree on the importance of encouraging all organizations, both public and private, to make their archival holdings on the Holocaust more widely accessible.

The Task Force has working groups devoted to museums and memorials, education, research, and communications. Frieda joined the Museums Working Group, which looked at issues related to the preservation of authentic Holocaust sites in Europe and a survey of commemorative practices marking January 27th Holocaust Remembrance Day.

What impressed me the most were the delegates themselves. It was a rare privilege to be able to work with such extraordinarily bright and committed people from around the world, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, all working through this history from their own unique national perspectives. As is often the case, it was the informal exchanges between delegates that were so revealing and rewarding.



Canadian Delegation - From Left to Right: Mary Farrell, Department of Citizenship and Immigration - Dr. Frank Bialystok, Chair, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region - Dr. Kori Street, Professor, Mount Royal College - Dr. Alain Goldschläger, Director, University of Western Ontario, Holocaust Research Institute - Jillian Stirk, Canada's Ambassador to Norway - Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism - Frieda Miller, Executive Director, Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre - Julia Smith, Department of Citizenship and Immigration - Alice Herscovitch, Executive Director, Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre.

Canada's membership comes eleven years after the Task Force was first convened in 1998. Many believe that Canada should have been among the ITF's founding members and were concerned by how long it took for this initiative to become a Canadian priority. The way may have been paved by Canada's relatively recent recognition of historical injustices perpetrated by Canadian governments of the past with respect to its first nations and other cultural communities.

Canada first announced it would take up observer status, the first of three stages on the road to membership in 2007. To advance from observer to liaison status, Canada was required to submit a detailed baseline study April 2009, prepared by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, to outline current and planned educational activities regarding Holocaust remembrance and education. The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre participated in the study, submitting a report on Holocaust education in British Columbia.

Canada's membership represents a significant opportunity to inform and sensitize Canadians to the dangers of institutionalized antisemitism, prejudice and racism and the context in which they occur. It will allow Canada to share the way its different jurisdictions teach students about the Holocaust, and take away lessons learned from the task force's 26 other member countries.

Arising out of this commitment will be a 3-year National Task Force on the Holocaust, which will mirror the work of the International Task Force, in which Canada can play an important role, and thereby enhance this country's contribution to the international initiative.

TORONTO CONFERENCE - ST. LOUIS ERA

As part of this commitment, the Canadian government co-sponsored with B'nai Brith Canada a conference called *The St. Louis Era: Looking Back, Moving Forward* on June 1-2, 2009 in Toronto to officially commemorate the fate of the St. Louis. Funding for the event came out of the Historical Recognition Program, a multi-million dollar program created by the Conservatives in early 2006. This conference helped raise public awareness of the St. Louis tragedy in the context of official policy barring the entry of Jewish refugees into Canada.

The case of the St. Louis, a ship carrying German Jewish refugees desperately seeking safe haven in 1939, which was turned away from Canadian shores by the Government of the day, condemning the passengers to almost certain death in Nazi Europe, is a particularly egregious example of an official immigration policy steeped in antisemitism. The current Government's recognition of this shameful chapter in Canadian history is an important first step in taking the process of reconciliation beyond the realms of expressions of regret.

The conference brought together Holocaust scholars, museum professionals, educators and teachers from across Canada. The VHEC was well represented at the conference. Professors Harold Troper & Richard Menkis presented *Tilting at Windmills: Canada's Response to the Nazi Olympics*, while Frieda presented a paper called *One Country, Many Realities: The British Columbia Experience* and Jonathan Friedrichs presented *Best Practices in Holocaust Education: The View from the Front Lines*. Education Director, Nina Krieger and Teacher Advisory Member, Kit Krieger also represented the VHEC at the conference establishing invaluable contacts. Nina has since been invited back by *Facing History and Ourselves* to present a session at their August 2009 Educators' Seminar in Toronto.

The website of the International Task Force (<http://www.holocausttaskforce.org/>) maintains an international directory of organizations in Holocaust education, remembrance, and research; an international calendar of events; a directory of archives; listings of remembrance and education activities. Its excellent website for teachers and scholars includes Guidelines for Teaching.

BENTE'S STORY

BY BENTE NATHAN THOMSEN



I was born in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1935 and remember the day the Germans invaded on April 9, 1940. It was just a few days before Pesach, when I heard a droning noise and ran to the window to see big black birds overhead. I called to my mother, who started to cry. She told me that these were airplanes, not birds and that it was not good.

For a while, life went on as much as usual with outings, Shabbat dinners, shul and best of all, visits to Tivoli. However, no one ever explained why at times we had to get up in the middle of the night when the sirens sounded, take a small suitcase and go to the basement. Out of protectiveness, my parents never explained the presence of German soldiers on the streets with guns slung over their shoulders. My friend and I would imitate them by walking

behind them, stiff-legged, with sticks over our shoulders. When it seemed that the soldier might turn around, we would run for our lives and have a good laugh. When I finally learned that we were at war and that the Nazis were deporting Jews to camps, I then realized why my father held so many meetings at home behind closed doors with other men.

In September 1943, about a week before Rosh Hashanah my father came home suddenly in the middle of the day to tell us to pack our suitcases because we were going on a trip. We met up with the rest of the family at the train station and traveled for an hour to a very small cottage in Humlebaek, a fishing town where we met up with other people. I remember the outhouse which we could only use after dark. I was told, "don't ask - just do."

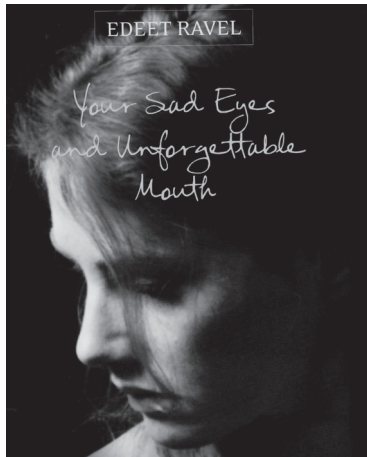
On October 1st, there was a knock on the door followed by much whispering. We were told to be quiet and to follow along to the harbour. On route, we were told to crawl into a ditch and make ourselves as small as we could. Finally we made our way to the harbour where we found a fishing boat waiting for us. Before going on board all the children were given a sleeping pill but I didn't swallow mine. The women and children were ushered into a hole where the fish were usually kept. The men put on overalls, pretending to be fishermen. The boat left the harbour and set its course towards Sweden. When my mom realized that I hadn't taken the pill, she finally explained what was happening, but it all just seemed like an adventure to me.

Suddenly, a bright light shone on our little boat. A loud voice asked what our boat was doing out at this time of night. The skipper shouted back that he was trying to get a good spot to fish for herring in the morning. Everyone was frightened, but after a few exchanges back and forth the German boat retreated. Then, the skipper asked everyone for more money. My father was so angry that he hit the skipper until he knocked him out cold. Fortunately, the skipper soon came to and took us to Veen, a very small island off the Swedish coast. A few days later, we sailed to the mainland, and from there went by train to the town of Åby, out side the city of Norrköping. There we stayed, in a beautiful hotel, until the war was over. Throughout all of this, I never felt that I was any different than any other Danish girl.

Image: Bente, Grandpa Nathan and Alice, 1942

LIVING WITH THE TRAUMA OF 'THERE'

BY ADRIANNE FITCH



When speaking of the Holocaust, survivors often refer to what happened 'there' instead of 'then,' as if the horrors were an ongoing reality. Indeed, the trauma persists for many families, each in their own way.

This is the theme, the enduring suffering of survivors and their children, behind Edeet Ravel's fourth novel, "Your Sad Eyes and Unforgettable Mouth." The story is the childhood memoir of Maya Levitzky, a lesbian woman who teaches art history and lives alone, unable to sustain a relationship. Growing up in Montreal's Côte de Neiges district in the early 70s, Maya lives with her mother Fanya and paternal grandmother Bubby Miriam, both Holocaust survivors. Her father, also a survivor, died on the voyage to Canada. A visit with her childhood friend Patrick, in town to bury his mother, awakens memories of a dark, troubling secret they share with a third friend, Rosie. Maya decides to write her story, drawing on a 23 page childhood diary to guide her 'phantom-laden voyage.' In her tale of tall, red-haired, freckled

Maya, Ravel offers a diverse spectrum of survivor and second-generation characters. Some of the parents smother their children with love and over-protection, while others are emotionally distant, neglectful and even physically abusive. Some families keep Jewish traditions and send their kids to Jewish day school; others shun even the slightest trace of Jewish heritage. Maya is pampered and waited on by Fanya and Bubby, while her friend Sheila is a 'slave' at home. Maya jumps at any opportunity to get away, while her best friend Rosie turns down social invitations, refusing to leave her parents. Seen through Maya's eyes, Fanya is a flat character, highly emotional and paranoid. Wearing her pain in full view, she falls apart at the drop of a hat with "wails and weeping, railing and ranting." She recounts past atrocities, her ramblings a series of disjointed snippets. Maya copes through denial and distance. "As for the relentless unveiling of shreds and scraps from there, I'd stopped listening when I was six years old," she says. "Body parts, kapos, electric fences, attack dogs - what could it all mean?" She deflects any mention of the Holocaust with an abrupt, "Oh, who cares?"

In a vivid, heartbreaking scene, Maya witnesses Mr. Michaeli, survivor, music teacher and best friend's father, under attack by his class. He stands frozen behind a desk, grimacing and shielding himself, as the shouting children throw spitballs, chalk and paper airplanes. The experience traumatizes Maya with nightmares and a mental breakdown. When her friend Sheila visits, Maya is shocked to discover that Mrs. Adler, another teacher she admires, has turned out normal and happy, despite having also been 'there'. The novel effectively shows the various ways in which survivors handle, and pass on, their trauma. But its most troubling aspect is Maya's contempt and cruelty toward Fanya, making it difficult to like or care about her character. Noticing the same cruelty in Patrick, Maya tells him, "You should be nicer to your mother. Though who am I to talk?"

Maya's story is retrospective, a child's impressions filtered through the wisdom and understanding of an adult. She reflects on her sense of 'otherness,' her assumption that normal people, untainted by 'there', respond to trauma with mourning, forgiveness and recovery instead of shame and deception. In writing her memoir, Maya realizes she was wrong. "No one is immune," she says. "What I assumed other people had - a simple life - no one has." And in facing her demons, Maya can finally begin her journey toward healing.

Adrienne Fitch is a freelance writer, editor and desktop publisher. Daughter of Holocaust survivors, she is also a member of Vancouver's Second Generation Group, which has been meeting monthly for the past 14 years.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VHEC LIBRARY

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FEATURED ACQUISITIONS AND DONATIONS

The VHEC Library acquired several teaching resources from Yad Vashem, including: *Three Dolls* (2007) by Irit Abramski, *The Daughter We Had Always Wanted: The Story of Marta* (2007) by Naomi Morgenstern, *Circles: Dialogue With the Past* (2004) by Shlomit Dunkelblum-Steiner and Yael Richler-Friedman, *Through Our Eyes: Children Witness the Holocaust* (2004) by Itzhak B. Tatelbaum, *I Wanted to Fly Like a Butterfly: A Child's Recollections of the Holocaust* (1998) and teacher's guide (2000) by Naomi Morgenstern, *The Image of Polish Jewry Between the Two World Wars, 1919-1939* (1995) by Ephraim Kaye, and *Everyday Life in the Warsaw*

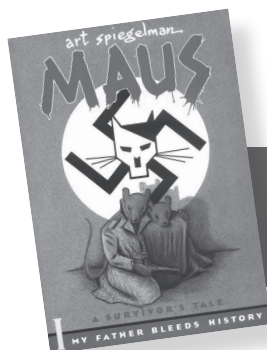
Ghetto, 1941: a Study Unit for Junior High and High School Students (1993) by Avraham Milgram et al. A donation to the VHEC Library made in honour of Stan Taviss becoming a Life Fellow of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society (2008) has allowed the Library to purchase material related to the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, including *By Leaps and Bounds* (2005) by Margaret Bergmann Lambert and *The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936* (2000) by Susan D. Bachrach.

Other donations and acquisitions can be found on the VHEC Library's web page at: <http://www.vhec.org/library.html>. You will also find some of our new items on display when you visit the Library. Teachers and VHEC members may borrow items from the VHEC Library for two weeks (or longer periods by special request).

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VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT DIVERSITY UNIT

BY PHILLIPPA ADAMS



Law enforcement officers are exposed to a variety of difficult emotional, physical, and environmental situations throughout their careers. Understanding the background of a person, place, or community can be extremely valuable in determining the most appropriate way to bring a situation to a successful conclusion. Community leaders, stakeholders, and partners in Vancouver's Jewish community play a key role in assisting police with crime prevention, public safety, education, and awareness.

In an effort to highlight the importance of the history and contributions of Vancouver's Jewish community, Diverse City Consulting launched its second diversity course with the Vancouver Police Department. Course participants are law enforcement officers of varying ranks. Forty hours in duration, this comprehensive course includes a one-day Hate Crime conference comprised of a historical overview of the Holocaust, present day scenarios involving Hate Crimes, and, sharing of investigative techniques.

One early June morning my class and I arrived at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre (VHEC) for a site visit. Literature, film, and television provided participants with valuable background information about the Holocaust. Class participants had varying levels of knowledge, and were very interested in visiting the VHEC to meet a survivor. We were greeted by Education Director Nina Krieger, and invited to look around the exhibition space as well as the library. A few minutes later we were taken to an exhibit *In Defiance: Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust* that featured stories of resistance by individuals who were in some way connected to Vancouver's Jewish community.

Nina began our session with a brief history of the VHEC and its mandate. While she was speaking I observed a box on a trolley and wondered what was in it. We would soon find out. Nina removed a child's shoe from a box and the room became instantly quiet. Nina asked the group questions about the shoe's origins, its owner, and its significance. We learned that the shoe was from a concentration camp and the whereabouts of the owner was unknown. The emotional and historical impact of the little child's shoe on the group was telling.

Nina left us for a moment and returned with our guest speaker, Mr. Alex Buckman. Alex advised us that we were the first audience of law enforcement officers that he had spoken to and that he was a little apprehensive. I didn't quite understand why until Alex explained the role of the German police during the Holocaust. On a separate occasion, we had the privilege of meeting Ms. Mariette Dodek. Mariette spoke of her connection with street entrenched youth that she shares her experiences with because of her ability to speak the same language.

Most of us in today's society have the freedom to come and go as we please and not think twice about it. To be taken away from one's family at three and four years old, lose one's parents, be made to suffer unimaginable horrors...Alex and Mariette's childhood experiences brought tears to the eyes of some of us in the room, and, served as a reminder that the freedom we enjoy on a daily basis is something that may sometimes be taken for granted by those of us who have never been deprived of it. These experiences also illustrated to me the generational impact of law enforcement authority when used as a tool of oppression, inhumanity, and genocide.

Diverse City Consulting has offered *Policing: An Operational Approach to Diversity* through VPD Training since June 2008. The integration of a site visit to the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre is essential because it provides participants a practical



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historical experience regarding genocide with a specific focus on the Holocaust. For some participants it was their first visit to the VHEC. For all, it was an experience that will be long remembered. The opportunities to visit the Jewish Community Center, be invited to the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, and meet Alex Buckman and Marie Doduck were considered by participants to be among the best components of the course. The strength, courage, and willingness of these child survivors to share so much of themselves with us is a privilege for which participants were extremely grateful.

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