



Director's Message

As a scholar of Jewish studies, the fact that the beginning of the academic year coincides with the Jewish New Year has always seemed fitting to me. In both the academic world and the Jewish world we begin anew, building on what has come before. In the Jewish world, Rosh Hashonah encourages us to look at our experiences of the previous year and then to move into the new year to begin again challenging ourselves to make a difference, to contribute, and to stretch our boundaries.

Likewise the start of a new academic year demands that we build on what we have learned, and look to the New Year to help us add new ways of thinking and new ways of applying what we are learning.

This academic year is significant in that it marks the tenth anniversary of the Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre (ZC) for Jewish Studies at Carleton University. Designed to nurture research and to educate scholars and community members alike, the ZC is continually building - looking at past accomplishments as it moves forward into new areas of research and education in Jewish Studies.

When I interviewed for my position here in 2006, then Dean of FASS, John Osborne, spoke to me about the incredible gift that had been made by Max and

Tessie Zelikovitz to establish a centre for Jewish studies at Carleton and the expectation that, if I was hired, I would step into the new role of Associate Director to work with Director Aviva Freedman. The challenge was irresistible to a freshly minted Ph.D; to help build a centre for Jewish studies that would nurture scholarship and learning on campus and in the community. Ten years later, so much of my career at Carleton has been marked by this extraordinary opportunity.

September is always a tremendously active and exciting time for us, as we look ahead to our calendar of events in the coming year, from guest speakers to educational programs, and to continuing

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to strengthen our community partnerships. At this time, we also celebrate our past achievements together, from our flourishing Developing Future Leaders (DFL) Program to our Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES), which celebrates its first anniversary this fall.

In the short year since its inception, CHES has accomplished great things under the expert leadership of Mina Cohn. A highlight in its first year has been the successful funding and implementation of the Ottawa Holocaust Survivors Testimony Project, which records and preserves survivor testimonies on video for future generations of scholars and researchers. Indeed, continuing the

ZC’s broader mandate of bringing the University and the community together, CHES has brought academics, educators, survivors, students, and community partners into fruitful engagement aimed at promoting understanding of the history and legacy of the Holocaust. I look forward to continuing to work with Mina Cohn and her team to help CHES continue to move from success to success.

As we read in the Babylonian Talmud, tractate Ta’anit 7b, “Much have I learned from my teachers, more from my colleagues, but most from my students.” In this spirit we will continue to highlight upcoming events such as Limmud on November 20, where faculty and students alike learn from each other, and teach fellow educators and the community at large.

Perhaps this quotation seems particularly meaningful, as a few days ago, I was able to eavesdrop on the first professional leadership workshop for the 2016

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Developing Future Leaders Program. Led by dynamic community leader and small business owner Carolyn Bickerton, the workshop had the students laughing, hearing cautionary tales from the business world, thinking seriously about what makes a leader a leader, reflecting on their own leadership style, and beginning to work together on their group project. Our amazing new DFL Director Cindi Resnick has been hard at work making the matches between students and interns, and it has resulted in an impressive cohort of talented and engaged students.

L'hitraot not goodbye.

Deep thanks to outgoing employees and students, including Erin Drawson, who has graduated and continues to volunteer for the ZC and Limmud Ottawa, administrator Lauren Tansley Slade

who is pursuing graduate studies in psychology, and Avra Kates, who is now focusing on the completion of her M.A. We also say goodbye to our accounting specialist Tobin Kaiman who has also graduated and has moved on to his career in accounting. We extend sincere thanks to Dr. Andrea D. Lobel, who recently completed a very productive and successful year as Assistant Director, Academic, and is kindly staying on as Director, Financial for the ZC.

Welcome to our new team

With so many farewells, there are also opportunities for new colleagues and new partnerships. I feel particularly fortunate to welcome accomplished Jewish Studies scholar Dr. Susan Landau-Chark as Associate Director, Academic. It is hard to imagine but Susan was my very talented Teaching Assistant many

years ago at Concordia University. She brings substance, thought and care to this role and it is a pleasure to work with her again. Together we look forward to working with our new student staff including Esther Guillen, winner of a FASS undergraduate research internship, who will be continuing her research as coursework this year, and working with the ZC, as well as Phil Angel (Ottawa U, B.Sc Biology) and Esther Vininsky Oakes (Carleton, BA English)

Best wishes to the ZC team, as well as our affiliated faculty, researchers, and readers, for a successful semester to come, and a happy and sweet new year. L'shana Tova.

Professor Deidre Butler,
Director

Welcome to the ZC team



The ZC is pleased to welcome our new Associate Director, Dr. Susan Landau-Chark to its leadership team. Susan Landau-Chark received her PhD in Religion from Concordia University in Montreal. For the past several years, her research focus has been early Jewish settlement in Canada. Her latest publication is "Traversing the 49th Parallel: Seeking Accommodation, Resisting Dislocation: The Canadian Jewish Experience Prior to 1867," *Neither in Dark Speeches nor in Similitudes: Reflections and Refractions Between Canadian and American Jews*. Barry Stiefel and Hernan Tesler-Mabe, eds. Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2016. Her present research seeks to answer the question of whether or not there was a Jewish presence at Confederation (1867).

In addition to her scholarship, Dr. Landau Chark brings a long history of community leadership and service to the role. Since arriving in Ottawa in 2008, she has volunteered at the Ottawa Jewish Archive, and has also served on the Ottawa Coalition for Violence Against Women Education committee. At present she is President of Congregation Adath Shalom, is part of the Shalom Group, the coordinating committee (representing Kehillat Beth Israel, Or Haneshama, and Adath Shalom) that is working to bring a Syrian Refugee Family to Canada, and is a volunteer at Hillel Lodge.

Recipient of Summer Research Internship is ZC's new Senior Administrative Assistant

Esther Guillen, a fourth year religion major at Carleton University, was selected as one of the recipients of the inaugural FASS/OVPRI Undergraduate Summer Research Internships. It was a very competitive process, as FASS/OVPRI received almost 100 applications for only 10 Internships.

Esther spent this past summer working with ZC researchers professors Deidre Butler (Religion) and Betina Kuzmarov (Law) on a new interview based project focusing on Jewish divorce in the Canadian context.

Esther is now working as the Senior Administrative Assistant for the ZC as part of a work-study position. She will also continue as Research Assistant for this very important project on the Aguna.

Esther has been extremely involved in the Religion program at Carleton over the past three years, and is very excited to further enhance her knowledge of the Jewish community in Ottawa through her work with the ZC.



Phil Angel is ZC's Communications Coordinator. Phil, in his 4th year of a BSC in Biology at the University of Ottawa, is also a participant in the DFL program. He will be responsible for social media and updating our web site.



Esther Vininsky-Oakes, also a DFL intern, is the ZC's Junior Administrative Assistant. Esther is in her second year at Carleton studying English and History.



Dr. Andrea Lobel will continue with the ZC, now assisting us as Assistant Director, Financial.



Erin Drawson (picture attached), alumna of the MA in Religion and Public Life (2016) and our DFL program, will continue to assist with Limmud as well as volunteering with the ZC on major projects.



Max and Tessie Zelikovitz

On the ZC and its beginnings

The Zelikovitz Centre and all the work we do through CHES and DFL would not have been possible without the initial gift to create the ZC centre and the University's willingness to match those funds to create a sustainable centre for Jewish Studies at Carleton.

In 2006 Max Zelikovitz pledged \$500,000 to establish the Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies, named in loving memory of his late wife. In supporting two themes that were of central importance in his life, education and research into Jewish culture, Max Zelikovitz's donation has had an impact on the education of future generations at Carleton.

The ZC is most appreciative of the ongoing support and friendship of Margo and David Kardish and family. From Margo and David Kardish, on behalf of Max and Tessie's children and grandchildren,

"Congratulations to the Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Center on your 10th year anniversary. How pleased we are at the successes and good work the Zelikovitz Center has achieved for the University in particular, and the Ottawa Jewish Community at large.

Your work on Holocaust Studies, Development of future community leaders, Limmud, are just a few of the examples of what community is all about.

Our parents and ourselves are so proud to have our name associated with such a fine institution. "

Upcoming Events — Fall 2016

Unless otherwise indicated events take place on the Carleton University Campus

Event	Date/ Location	Event Description
Dr. Diane F. Afoumado , Chief Research and Reference Branch, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Tracing Services.	November 3 – 4:30 – 8:30 pm Library and Archives Canada 395 Wellington St. Second Floor	Dr. Diane Afoumado , Keynote Speaker, Second Generation Symposium Dr. Paula Draper , Early Years of Adaptation of Survivors to Life in Canada. Dr. Paula David , 2nd Generation Trauma. Cathy Clark , The Impact of Her Parents' Experience on Her Life and Her Work. Registration Required
Dr. Diane F. Afoumado , Guest Speaker Breakfast and Learn	November 4 – 9:00- 11:00 am Department of History, Paterson Hall, Room 433	Dr. Afoumado will speak on the St. Louis and its voyage. http://njjewishnews.com/article/4037/spreading-the-blame-for-st.-louis-tragedy?source=njinrelated#:V-VCIYgrLIU The public is welcome to attend. RSVP: jewish_studies@carleton.ca
Rabbi Rob Morais , Temple Israel	November 7 – 11:35 – 12:55 pm Southam Hall 515	Rabbi Morais will speak to students in RELI 2110 on “Reform Judaism and Ethical Obligations”. The public is welcome to attend.
Prof. Dariusz Stola , Director of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews	November 8 – 7:00 pm The Embassy of Poland 443 Daly Ave	Prof. Stola will speak about the unexpected mass interest in Jewish history in Poland and how the museum responds to and strengthens this interest. The public is welcome to attend. RSVP: info@msz.gov.pl
Rabbi Idan Sher , Machzikei Hadas Synagogue.	November 9 – 11:35 – 12:55 pm Southam Hall 515	Rabbi Idan Sher will speak to students in RELI 2110 on “Orthodox Judaism & God and the World”. The public is welcome to attend.
Dr. Michael Marrus , Keynote Speaker Launch of Holocaust Education Month	November 9 – 7:00 pm Kehillat Beth Israel 1400 Coldrey Avenue, Ottawa	Join us for Holocaust Education Month Launch Event 78th Anniversary of Kristallnacht Dr. Marrus will speak on “Lessons of the Holocaust: A Historian’s Reflections” The public is welcome to attend.
Actor, Mr. Shingo Misawa presents Decision: Visa of Life (Sempo Sugihara Story)	November 13 4:00 – 6:00 pm Kailash Mital Theatre, Southam Hall	This play tells the true story of Chiune “Sempo” Sugihara (1900-1986). Sugihara was a Japanese diplomat, serving as Vice-Consul of Japan in Kaunas, Lithuania at the outbreak of World War II. Caught between the Nazis and the Soviets, Jewish refugees from Poland and Jewish Lithuanians were desperately seeking ways to leave the country. They came to Sugihara looking for help. Risking his career and his own safety, Sugihara made the decision to issue transit visas which saved over 6,000 lives. In 1985, Israel named him among ‘The Righteous Among the Nations’ for his actions. The public is welcome to attend.
LIMMUD Ottawa 2016	November 20 – Full Day Event at the Solway Jewish Community Centre	See p. 8,9 on the ZC @ LIMMUD Avoid line-ups and register in advance http://limmudottawa.ca/register
Teachers’ Workshop	November 24 4:30 – 8:30 pm Temple Israel 1301 Prince of Wales Drive	Irwin Cotler , Keynote Speaker “The Nuremberg of Hate and the Nuremberg of Justice”. What have we learned? What can we do? Registration Required
Rabbi Eytan Kenter , Kehilat Beth Israel	December 5 - 11:35 - 12:55 pm Southam Hall 515	Rabbi Eytan Kenter will speak to students in RELI 2110 on “Orthodox Judaism & God and the World”. The public is welcome to attend.
ZC Open House	Dec 14 2:00 - 4:00 pm River Building 1st floor 1401R -C	
HOLD THIS DATE	MARCH 30, 2017	Prof. Ruth Gavison Professor Emerita of Human Rights A founding member of the Israeli Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) since 1974, she served for many years as its Chairperson, and was its President in the years 1996-1999. She is currently a member of the International Commission of Jurists.



Join the ZC mailing list to receive updates and invitations to our future events. Please send an email to: jewish_studies@carleton.ca

Welcome! Cindi Resnick — Director, Developing Future Leader's Program



Welcome! Cindi Resnick, ZC's recently appointed Director of the Developing Future Leaders program.

The core of the DFL program is pairing university and college students in Ottawa with partner agencies in the community for paid work placements. Cindi reports, "Matching and pairing students with agencies is both satisfying and challenging."

She brings to the position a background in social services and adminis-

tration, as well as extensive experience in advocacy in both the volunteer (the Jewish and broader communities) and government sectors.

DFL's seventh cohort of student interns has just been placed. As in previous year, this year's cohort will be exposed to opportunities to refine and develop their presentation, problem-solving and net-working skills through exposure to real-world situations that may arise in their placements.

This year's DFL interns are: Phil Angel, Elise Bigley, Alexandra Brenner, Alexander Chuchin, Megan Hollinger, Brenna MacKay, Nehara Mor, Zach Morris, Eyal Podolsky, Cassandra Powell, Ariel Shapiro, Tamara Spitzer, and Esther Vininsky-Oakes.

Agencies participating in the 2016-2017 placements are the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), Ottawa Modern Jewish School (OMJS), Ottawa's Jewish Home for the Aged (Hillel Lodge), the Rohr Chabad Student Network of Ottawa, the Centre for

Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES), and the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies. A new and exciting development is that this year, for the first time, a student has been placed on Parliament Hill.

Building on the interest expressed by DFL students in political life and political advocacy, Cindi approached various members of Parliament about this win-win opportunity for the Parliamentarians and the interns. Cindi is delighted to report that a DFL intern will be placed in the Office of Anthony Housefather, who represents the riding of Mount Royal (Montreal). Cindi comments that "hopefully in the coming years, we will be able to expand the DFL presence on Parliament Hill, giving more students the opportunity to intern with Parliamentarians, and in turn providing assistance and support to Parliamentarians."

Welcome Cindi to the ZC team: We look forward to seeing the DFL program growing and thriving under your leadership.

Welcome! Carolyn Bickerton — DFL Seminar Facilitator

Carolyn Bickerton is DFL's Seminar leader for its 2016-2017 Professional Leadership Training Program.

One of the key elements of Roger Greenberg's vision of DFL planting the seeds for the next generation of Jewish professionals, philanthropist, and volunteer leaders has always been the training component that allows students to develop skills, learn from each other as a cohort, and reflect on the work they are doing for partner agencies. We are pleased to welcome Carolyn Bickerton as Seminar Leader for the 2016-2017.

Carolyn is a successful Ottawa business leader who brings to DFL essential practical experience in professional leadership. Together, with her husband Alex Lithwick, they have grown Purewater, a small seasonal business initially headquartered in an unheated barn to a substantial home leisure and

recreation business. Carolyn's strength is with people. Her focus in their business is customer service, inventory, and staff. Responsible for a staff of 30 mostly young people, she has a gift for mentoring young people into strong team members and leaders.

As a lay community leader, she has volunteered within the Jewish community and in her professional association in both contributing and leadership roles. She comments, "Learning to follow is an excellent starting point for any future leader." She reflects about volunteerism:

"Central to my commitment to volunteerism is the belief that you have to do

what it takes to get the job done. ...I have found that my volunteer life has given back to me tenfold over the years, not

just in networking and business contacts, but in solid satisfaction that you can really make a difference."

Carolyn describes the first workshop (September 25) where the students learned about each other, and how to navigate a new workplace and the Jewish community at large. In preparation, students were asked to consider several questions, and to bring their detailed answers to share in the seminar.

Students were energized by coming together as a cohort where they could develop and hone their leadership skills.



Faculty Members' Corner

IRA WAGMAN



Ira Wagman is an Associate Professor of Communication Studies in the School of Journalism and Communication at Carleton, where he holds a cross-appointment at the Institute for Comparative Studies in Literature, Art and Culture.

Ira is also a Faculty Research Associate at the Zelikovitz Centre. His particular interest in understanding the ways ideas of communication became embedded into different media forms, particularly television, in the immediate post-war era, has recently turned towards exploring these questions through the lens of Jewish history, ethics, and philosophy. Over the past year he has had the opportunity to speak on a few of his emerging research projects. He spoke at ZC's Winter Faculty colloquium, "From the Exodus and Black Literature to the Digital Age, where he presented a paper entitled "Thinking about Digital Memory with Hannah Arendt". Issues about the future of memory in an age of seemingly permanent storage, due to the proliferation of media technologies and the dominance of online platforms, such as Google and Facebook challenge our notions of memory. In his work he argues that current legislation in the European Union around the right to be forgotten represents an important legal step towards understanding the impact of memory in an environment characterized by powerful technology companies. At the same time, however, he also wonders whether ideas about forgetting may also need to be complemented by new ways of forgiving and notes that ideas from Arendt's *The Human Condition* offers some important insights for making sense of these present-day concerns.

Ira also participated in last year's Limmud festival, leading a session entitled "Is there a Jewish way to communicate?". Drawing on some recent work in Communication Studies he focused on how notions of conversation, humour, and an appreciation for law and administration serve as Jewish modes of address that encourage interpretation, debate and of course disagreement.

In addition to these projects, Ira plans to further develop early work on the role of the Jewish Theological Seminary in the history of research on communication during the late 1940s and 1950s.

CATHERINE KHORDOC

With Carleton's French Department since 2003, Catherine Khordoc's current research interests are contemporary Québécois literature with an emphasis on "écriture migrante", transnational writing, and the works of Monique Bosco. In 2004, Catherine, Sarah Casteel (English), and Ming Tiampo (Art History) founded the Centre for Transnational Cultural Analysis (CTCA). The Centre seeks to create a network of scholars who share common interests and to stimulate research and debate on transnational objects of study.

Catherine is also a Faculty Research Associate with the Zelikovitz Centre. After spending last year serving as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Catherine is on sabbatical this year and living in Paris, to work on a book on the author Monique Bosco. Bosco (1927-2007) lived most of her life in Montreal, but was born in Vienna, and at the age of 4, with her family, she moved to Paris. Her formative years were spent in France, and she spent the war years in the south of France, living in hiding. She wrote a large number of books: more than 30 novels, essays, short story and poetry collections. She was also a professor at the Université de Montreal, (where she also studied - BA, MA, PhD) teaching creative writing and French literature.

While there has been some critical attention to her works, Monique Bosco is not that well-known. Nonetheless, Catherine is hopeful that her book will bring this novelist and her writings to a larger appreciative audience. She is exploring the concept of lamentation that runs throughout Bosco's works in one form or another. The book will be in French and the plan is to publish with a Montreal publisher. Catherine plans to return to Carleton next summer with her completed manuscript.



Spotlight on our External Research Affiliates

Since its inception in 2006 the Zelikovitz Centre (ZC) for Jewish Studies has recognized the need to develop opportunities for scholarly collaboration. We have invited emerging scholars, graduate students, and fellow faculty at other universities, as well as independent scholars to partner with the ZC and our researchers.

In return the ZC provides for scholars to share their work-in-progress thus encouraging cross-fertilization of ideas and approaches, and where possible, offers support, for such research inviting scholars from off campus to present to the public and participate in Carleton courses.

Our network of research affiliates continues to grow (38 affiliates as of July 2016). If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming an active member of the Jewish Studies research community at the Zelikovitz Centre please encourage them to contact us.

Below we are highlighting 2 of our recent Research affiliates:

SHARON GUBBAY HELFER, PHD

Sharon Gubbay Helfer researches in the area of “difficult dialogues,” where groups or individuals find themselves on opposite sides of polarized, politicized divides. She began with English-speaking Jews and French-speaking Catholics around the time of the 1995 referendum in Quebec and then went on to explore different Israeli/Palestinian dialogues. Her second research area is contemporary Montreal Jewry. With the support of the Concordia Institute of Canadian Jewish Studies she is currently carrying out a series of life-story interviews with Rabbi Adam Scheier of Montreal’s Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. The intention is to turn this pilot into a larger research and outreach project, “A Mosaic of Montreal Rabbis” involving video interviews with Montreal rabbis, English- and French-speaking across the spectrum of denominations. Sharon’s latest engagement with difficult dialogues follows a recent trip to Israel and the West Bank with the Compassionate Listening Project (CLP). Expanding her academic interest to include hands-on capabilities, Sharon will soon be certified as a trainer and facilitator in the CLP peace-building skillset. With a renewed focus on the challenges of dialogue in different Montreal contexts, she has begun offering trainings through Concordia’s Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling. Sharon is also a popular presenter on Jewish topics at interfaith colloquia organized by different Catholic communities in Montreal.



DR. JEREMY MARON, PHD



Dr. Jeremy Maron, PhD is a Researcher-Curator at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. He oversees content development in three galleries that include material on the Holocaust, genocide and crimes against humanity, as well as the growth of international human rights and social movements since the Second World War. He frequently speaks about this content to both internal audiences, such as tour guides and gallery hosts, as well as external audiences such as academic conferences, visiting university classes, or public talks.

Jeremy completed his PhD (2011) in Cultural Mediations from Carleton University, where he wrote his dissertation on the treatment of the Holocaust in Canadian Cinema. He has co-edited – with Dr. Andre Loiselle - the full-length collection *Stages of Reality: Theatricality in Cinema* (University of Toronto Press, 2012), to which he contributed a chapter on Roberto Benigni’s film *Life is Beautiful*.

Jeremy has published in *Shofar*, in *Holocaust Studies*, and in the Canadian film journals *CineAction* and *Offscreen*. Most recently (2015) he presented at the Western Jewish Studies Association Conference. His paper, called “Searching for a War Criminal (and Himself): Pursuing justice and historical reconciliation in *Two Men*” was based on the 1988 CBC drama titles *Two Men* about a Holocaust survivor in Toronto who recognized the man who turned his family in to the Nazis.

Some of Jeremy’s current research projects at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights are focused on the Armenian Genocide, the commoditization of religious objects and cultural aspects of genocide, and the link between human rights and photography.



Students Bliss Tracey; Jacob Des Rochers; Sophie Crump; Avra Kates; Yevgenya Kramchenkova; Sarah Cook; Esther Guillen; Skye Oldham; Erin Dawson.



Co-chairs Erin Dawson and Avra Kates

Winter 2016 Annual Zelikovitz Centre Graduate Student Colloquium

“Religion, Politics, and Culture,” the theme of the 2016 Annual Zelikovitz Centre Student Colloquium, took place at the end of April. Co-Chairs Erin Dawson (M.A. Religion and Public Life) and Avra Kates (M.A. Religion and Public Life) are to be thanked for their work in organizing this event.

Generously sponsored by the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies,

the Religion Program in the College of the Humanities and the Graduate Student Association, the colloquium considered Contemporary Questions in Religion and Public Life, Religion and Politics in the Ancient World, Religious, Political, and Cultural Identity, and the Intersections of Religion, Politics and Culture in Canada. Presentations ranged from discussion of the “black

sheep” effect to an overview of the current state of Christian Zionism to politics in the Roman Empire to civil religion in Canada to the Canadian resettlement experiences of Baha’i refugees.

The ZC is now looking for the Co-Chairs to organize and convene the 2017 student colloquium.

Sound and Story: The Zelikovitz Centre at Limmud Ottawa

Join us, November 20, to celebrate Jewish learning, thought, teaching, and culture at Jewish Ottawa’s annual Limmud festival. With sessions of interest to scholars, students and the community at large, Limmud Ottawa celebrates Jewish life and learning in all of its diversity.

ZC is delighted to again partner with Limmud Ottawa through the generous support of David and Margo Kardish and family.

This year’s presentations highlight the scope of the Zelikovitz Centre’s research and programming with an emphasis on the contemporary: Music by a renowned Israeli composer, as well as new research on Christian Zionists, young adult Jewish Canadians, and Jewish divorce in Canada.



Kiki Keren-Huss www.kikikeren-huss.com/ is a composer and sound artist, who lives in Jerusalem.

Kiki Keren-Huss is the head of the advanced studies program in experimental music & sound art in the Musrara School of art in Jerusalem where she also teaches composition and collaborative projects in the department of New Music.

Her compositions and sound installations were performed and presented in Israel and abroad. She has a long-standing interest in music-theater, and opera, working with electronic and electroacoustic music using sound as a way to draw and create an inner environment out of everyday sounds, voices, and texts working often in collaboration with visual artists and dancers. Here are several samples of her work: <https://soundcloud.com/kiki-keren-huss>, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZp_Nat5-ks, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6m5OlQ8Wo4> . Kiki is currently staying and working at Charlottesville VA, at the UVA, as a visiting scholar/ artist, and we are delighted that she is able to join us at LIMMUD.

Erin Drawson is a recent graduate of the Masters in Religion and Public Life Program at Carleton University. She was first introduced to Limmud Ottawa as an intern for the Developing Future Leader’s (DFL) program. Erin continues to contribute and volunteer at Limmud Ottawa, and with the Zelikovitz Centre. Erin will be speaking about her research in Christian Zionism and telling the story of how digital communications are used to advance their cause.



Betina Kuzmarov, Associate Dean (Student Success) and Assistant Professor in the Department of Law and Legal Studies at Carleton University, and Deidre Butler, Assistant Professor, Religion at Carleton U and the Director of the ZC, are undertaking the first comprehensive interview based study of religious divorce in Canada. Their aim is to capture what is actually happening on the ground by interviewing *Agunot*, rabbis, *poskim*, as well as activists, women who did receive their get, husbands, and adult children of divorce. These stories of Jewish divorce are touching and powerful and need to be heard. Their session is entitled “The frummiest common denominator: hearing stories of Jewish divorce in Ottawa.”

Rev Tom Sherwood will be sharing stories from *Listening to Jew-ish Echoes*. Tom Sherwood presents material from his new book in which young adult Jewish Canadians talk about being “SBNR” – Spiritual But Not Religious. The presentation and the book are based on a national study of 722 Canadians born in the 1980s and early 90s. Young adults are often called “Millennials.” They are also the “Echo Generation” – children of Baby Boomers, the Echo from the Boom. But they do not always echo their parents’ opinions or values. In this presentation, Sherwood lets the Jewish participants in the study speak for themselves so that everybody can “listen to The Echo.”

A United Church minister and Carleton University adjunct professor, Tom Sherwood was recognized in 2009 by the JFO for his “dedication towards building a strong and vibrant Jewish community in Ottawa”.



Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship

CHES Marks One Year since its Inception



November 9th will mark one year since CHES established itself as a vital force in the Ottawa community. From January through to the Spring, CHES participated in three events in partnership with The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), as well as the Polish and the Swedish embassies. During the spring CHES was invited by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem

in Toronto to participate and to help recruit local students for the “Ambassadors of Change” program. With the help of a successful fundraising campaign through Carleton’s online FutureFunder we were able to achieve our goal to record Ottawa Holocaust testimonies. CHES was gratified by the support the project received. Through the generosity of our donors the summer months kept us busy preparing the survivors and working with the recording director, Koa Padolsky, and the wonderful staff at the Carleton Media Centre. We completed the recording of ten Ottawa Holocaust survivors’ testimonies which will become a powerful educational tool available on our website. CHES is now working with the Carleton University Archives to find the best way to preserve the recordings for future generations. CHES is planning to launch its new website and a new informa-

tion Brochure this fall. Thanks to the hard work and creativity of our committee, exciting educational programs are planned for Holocaust Education Month in November 2016. Additionally, CHES is looking forward to working with Elise Bigley, an MA student at Carleton University, and a CHES committee member. Elise was assigned to us for the coming academic year as a participant in the Developing Future Leaders Program (DFL) at the Zelikovitz Center for Jewish Studies at Carleton University. CHES has great ideas for the future and is looking forward to the support of the community as well as its participation at our events in November.

Mina Cohn, Director, Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship

Remembering the Shoa

Remembering the Shoah, May 5th, 2016, Canadian War Museum, Ottawa www.yadvashem.ca/pages/commemoration/national_ceremony/2016/.

Yad Vashem Toronto invited CHES to bring 50 Ottawa grade 11 students to participate in the “Ambassadors of Change” program, as part of the 2016 National Holocaust Remembrance Day Event.

This was the first time Ottawa students have participated in this event. Students of varied faiths and cultures from several secondary schools in Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa met with Holocaust survivors to hear their stories about their experiences, and to participate in group discussions about the relevance of the Holocaust in today’s world. This year, more Ottawa sur-

vivors participated in the program. CHES was pleased to assist Yad Vashem in this interactive “Ambassadors of Change” program. CHES had forwarded invitations to 39 educators in both the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) and the Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB). CHES also encouraged the March of the Living organizers to send representatives.

On account of their actions and activities in Holocaust Education and Scholarship, CHES was asked to become a member of the ZACHOR COALITION. As part of the day’s ceremonies, Mina Cohn, Director of CHES, was invited, together with other Zachor Coalition members, to light one of the six candles during the National memorial ceremony.



Dr. Agnes Klein



Mina, Koa, and Media Centre Crew



Katie Morrison with Koa

Future Funders Program FUNDS The Survivors' Testimony Project

With Appreciation to all those who donated to the Future Funder Program:

Your support enabled the Memoirs of Holocaust Survivors to be recorded at Carleton

This past July, the Survivors' Testimony Project began its filming.

Members of the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES) recognized the urgent need to record and preserve the accounts of Ottawa Holocaust survivors both for future generations and for educational and research purposes before it is too late. The goal is to document and preserve the testimonies of Holocaust survivors. These testimonies will be primary oral historical resource that will allow future generations of students, researchers, teachers, and others to hear, and to see the individuals who experienced and witnessed firsthand the genocidal policies and crimes of the Nazis and their collaborators.

The recordings and associated educational materials will form the basis of an Ottawa based Holocaust Memorial project. The survivor recordings will also become a public resource

freely accessible on the CHES website (Carleton University). Their recorded testimonies will serve as a powerful pedagogical tool to be used in any educational institution or setting. It will allow professors and students to explore online the unique power of survivors' memoirs. The unedited recordings and videotapes will be available as resources for scholars, students, educators, and the public. These accounts will provide

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glimpses into the lives of individuals who lived during the Holocaust that cannot be obtained from documents or written records. Such testimonies will also serve as an excellent resource for the development of educational materials pertaining to anti-bullying and anti-racism.

Carleton's FutureFunder raised the financial resources required for this

project to be realized. Documentary director Koa Padolsky, and the incredible staff at the Carleton's Media Centre Studio completed the recording of the survivors' testimony project on schedule.

Staff at the Media Centre was outstanding: highly professional, skilled and easy to work with. Koa who had arrived from London, England earlier that week, blended in beautifully and did a superb job interviewing the survivors. The recording process, though complex, progressed smoothly. Most importantly, the survivors were pleased.

Each and every donor to FutureFunder has helped us achieve this very important goal: to preserve the stories of Holocaust survivors currently residing in Ottawa. CHES is planning a "screening launch" once all the interviews are finalized. Many thanks again to Marion, Kathy, Annette, Les and Batia for their teamwork and for the time and effort you put into this important project. This project could not have been completed without the vision and drive of Mina Cohn, Director of CHES. Mina continues to work tirelessly on behalf of CHES in order to fulfill its mission.

Upcoming CHES EVENTS — Fall 2016

Event	Date/ Location	Event Description
Dr. Diane F. Afoumado , Chief Research and Reference Branch, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Tracing Services.	November 3 4:30 – 8:30 pm Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington St. Second Floor	Dr. Diane Afoumado , Keynote Speaker, Second Generation Symposium Dr. Paula Draper , Early Years of Adaptation of Survivors to Life in Canada. Dr. Paula David , 2nd Generation Trauma. Cathy Clark , The Impact of Her Parents' Experience on Her Life and Her Work. Registration Required
Dr. Diane F. Afoumado , Guest Speaker Breakfast and Learn	November 4 9:00 - 11:00 am Department of History, Paterson Hall, Room 433, Carleton University	Dr. Afoumado will speak on the St. Louis and its voyage. http://njewishnews.com/article/4037/spreading-the-blame-for-st-louis-tragedy?source=njinrelated#V-VGiygrLIU The public is welcome to attend. RSVP: jewish_studies@carleton.ca
Prof. Dariusz Stola , Director of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews	November 8 7:00 pm The Embassy of Poland, 443 Daly Ave	Prof. Stola , will speak about the unexpected mass interest in Jewish history in Poland and how the museum responds to and strengthens this interest. The public is welcome to attend. RSVP: info@msz.gov.pl
Dr. Michael Marrus , Keynote Speaker Launch of Holocaust Education Month	November 9 7:00 pm Kehillat Beth Israel 1400 Coldrey Avenue, Ottawa	Join us for Holocaust Education Month Launch Event on the 78th Anniversary of Kristallnacht Dr. Marrus will speak on Lessons of the Holocaust: A Historian's Reflections. The public is welcome to attend.
Actor, Mr. Shingo Misawa presents Decision: Visa of Life (Sempo Sugihara Story)	November 13 4:00 - 6:00 pm Kailash Mital Theatre, Southam Hall	This play tells the true story of Chiune "Sempo" Sugihara (1900-1986). Sugihara was a Japanese diplomat, serving as Vice-Consul of Japan in Kaunas, Lithuania at the outbreak of World War II. Caught between the Nazis and the Soviets, Jewish refugees from Poland and Jewish Lithuanians were desperately seeking ways to leave the country. They came to Sugihara looking for help. Risking his career and his own safety, Sugihara made the decision to issue transit visas which saved over 6,000 lives. In 1985, Israel named him among 'The Righteous Among the Nations' for his actions. The public is welcome to attend.
Teachers' Workshop	November 24 4:30 - 8:30 pm Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive	Following on Dr. Irwin Cotler's presentation, educators will participate in 3 workshops that address the following topics: the Nuremberg Hate Laws, the Nuremberg Trials, and The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Registration required: www.carleton.ca/ches/events

For more detailed information about these events and the speakers, please visit:

<http://carleton.ca/ches/wp-content/uploads/zc-ches-event-details-oct-2016.pdf>

Behind the scenes at CHES

Behind the scenes at CHES: CHES is working to develop a bibliography of publications either written by survivors or children of survivors who have made Ottawa their home. The bibliographical list will also include publications by local Holocaust scholars. These memoirs and scholarly works will complement the "Survivor Project" interviews and together will be a useful educational resource in the fight against anti-Semitism and racism. The desire is that these materials will be used by teachers in their classrooms, and by teachers in professional development, as well as in public memorial and/or commemoration events. The long-term development of these materials as an

education resource is of vital importance to honour the remaining survivors and to give them a voice in our community.

We had fantastic support for our Holocaust Testimony Project. Further contributions will help us to develop additional educational programs as noted above.

As you read in ZC's 2015 Winter newsletter, Holocaust survivors, and the children of Holocaust survivors visited students of History and World Religions class at the Cairine Wilson Secondary School in Orleans, joined them for a kosher lunch "researched and meticulously prepared by the students" during which small groups of students were seated with each speaker, who described either their own or their parents'

experience during the Holocaust, as well as aspects of Judaism of interest to them. The CHES advisory committee made a donation to CHES to thank the school for the beautiful event. Following this visit, the teacher of that class, Elaine Bryans, wrote to CHES saying, "Thank you for your kind words and for honouring our school in this way. Today, the students were very excited to talk about the experience of sharing lunch with you. The format of the luncheon allowed them to practise skills (social skills, etiquette, etc.) that are often ignored in today's curriculum. They really enjoyed having an opportunity to get to really know the guests and to participate in a different type of educational experience. Thank you once again for promoting the learning of our students."

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In the MEMO line on the cheque please indicate: Ottawa Holocaust Survivors' Testimony project.

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