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How do we deal with our past? Symposium to be held for second generation Holocaust survivors

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My parents were Polish Holocaust survivors who lost everyone and everything. I remember growing up with other survivors' children and that we spoke very little about our parents' experiences – or our own at home. There was really no one to share the pain. Each of us coped in our own way. I am still trying to find out more details of my murdered relatives and the families who were destroyed. With the help of the International Tracing Service (www.its-arolsen.org), I am slowly fleshing out more details, but there is still so much more I need to know.

Without living through the events of the Holocaust, second generation Holocaust survivors were affected by their parents' experiences. Many of us are searching for information our parents did not share.

With the support of the Canadian Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Descendants, the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES), in co-operation with the Zelikovitz Centre at Carleton University, the Lowy Foundation, the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, and the French Embassy, is offering a symposium for children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors as part of its Holocaust Education Month programming.

The Second Generation Symposium will be held Thursday, November 3, 4:30 to 8:30 pm, at Library and Archives Canada, Pellan



Diane Afoumado of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will be among the speakers at the symposium for second generation Holocaust survivors, November 3, at Library and Archives Canada. She will also speak about the voyage of M.S. St. Louis on November 4 at Carleton University.

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PRESENTING **PRINCESS SHAW**

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY IDO HAAR

Kutiman is an Israeli composer who scours the Internet for clips of amateur musicians, creating collage-like symphonies from the found footage. He discovered a New Orleans native named Samantha Montgomery — stage name "Princess Shaw" — who posts her own singer-songwriter compositions on YouTube, pining for someone to recognize her talents and rescue her from obscurity.

Thursday, October 13
7:00 pm
Soloway JCC, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private
Admission: \$6 M • \$8 NM at the door
Contact: Ella Dagan (613) 798-9818 ext. 243



Room, 395 Wellington Street. Registration is required as seating is limited. To register, contact CHES at chesatcarleton@gmail.com.

The speakers and topics will include Diane Afoumado, chief of the Research and Reference Branch, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, on "Searching for Individuals in the International Tracing Service Collection at the USHMM"; Paula Draper, a Holocaust historian specializing in memory history, on "Surviving

Survival – Holocaust survivors and their integration into Canadian communities; Paula David, who teaches Gerontology and clinical practice at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto and the Chang School of Continuing Education at Ryerson University, on "Trauma and the Second Generation; and children's author Kathy Clark on "Discussing the Holocaust with Children – timeless lessons for today's generation."

On Friday, November 4, 9 to 11 am, Diane Afoumado, an expert on the voyage of the M.S. St. Louis, will offer an interactive Breakfast and Learn on this topic at Carleton University, Room 400, Paterson Hall. The M.S. St. Louis and 907 Jewish passengers were denied entry to numerous countries – including Canada – in 1939. The ship was forced to return its passengers to their destinies in Europe.

Visit <http://carleton.ca/ches/events/> for more information about CHES' Holocaust Education Month programs.

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