

Lecture by esteemed scholar Michael Marrus to launch Holocaust Education Month

Author of *Lessons of the Holocaust* to speak on anniversary of Kristallnacht

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Holocaust Education Month in Ottawa will be officially launched by the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES) at Carleton University's Zelikovitz Centre on November 9, the 78th anniversary of *Kristallnacht* (Night of Broken Glass), with a lecture by distinguished historian Michael Marrus based on his 2015 book, *Lessons of the Holocaust*.

The lecture will take place at Kehillat Beth Israel, 1400 Coldrey Avenue.

Marrus is senior fellow of Massey College and the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor Emeritus of Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto. He has been researching, teaching and lecturing about the Holocaust for many decades and has advised, among others, the Auschwitz Birkenau Memorial Museum about the challenges it has faced in its portrayal of the Holocaust since the fall of the Berlin Wall. He is the author of eight books, including *Vichy France and*

the Jews and *The Holocaust in History*, which has become a classic in Holocaust historiography.

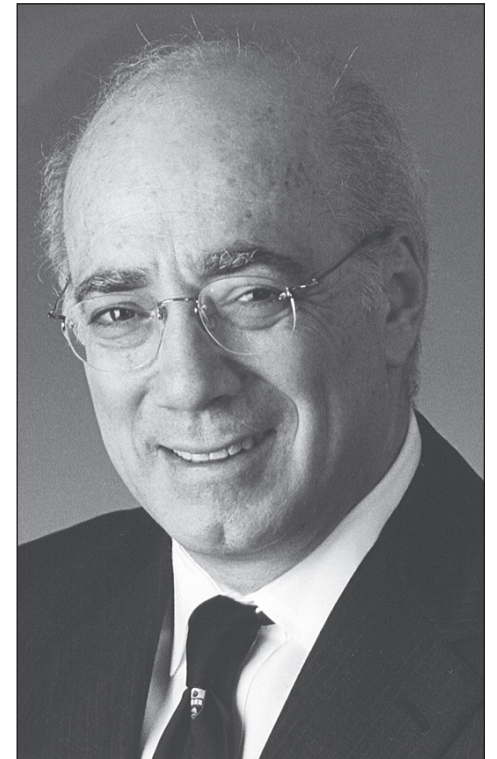
Lessons of the Holocaust is partly memoir, partly analysis and partly a critique of the idea that lessons – as they are commonly understood – can be derived from the Holocaust.

“Overwhelmingly,” Marrus contends, “people seem to believe that there are lessons of the Holocaust that can be reduced to explicit propositions, and that Holocaust scholars, of all people, should not shrink from proclaiming them.”

In his lecture, as in his book, Professor Marrus will attempt to disabuse us of this widely held belief.

CHES was launched last year to develop Holocaust education programs year-round, with a special focus on Holocaust Education Month. CHES believes Ottawa is ready for an endowed annual *Kristallnacht* lecture as part of Holocaust Education Month. Any suggestions or expressions of interest will be keenly received at chesatcarleton@gmail.com.

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



Historian Michael Marrus, author of eight books about the Holocaust, will give the keynote address launching Holocaust Education Month in Ottawa, November 9, 7 pm, at Kehillat Beth Israel.

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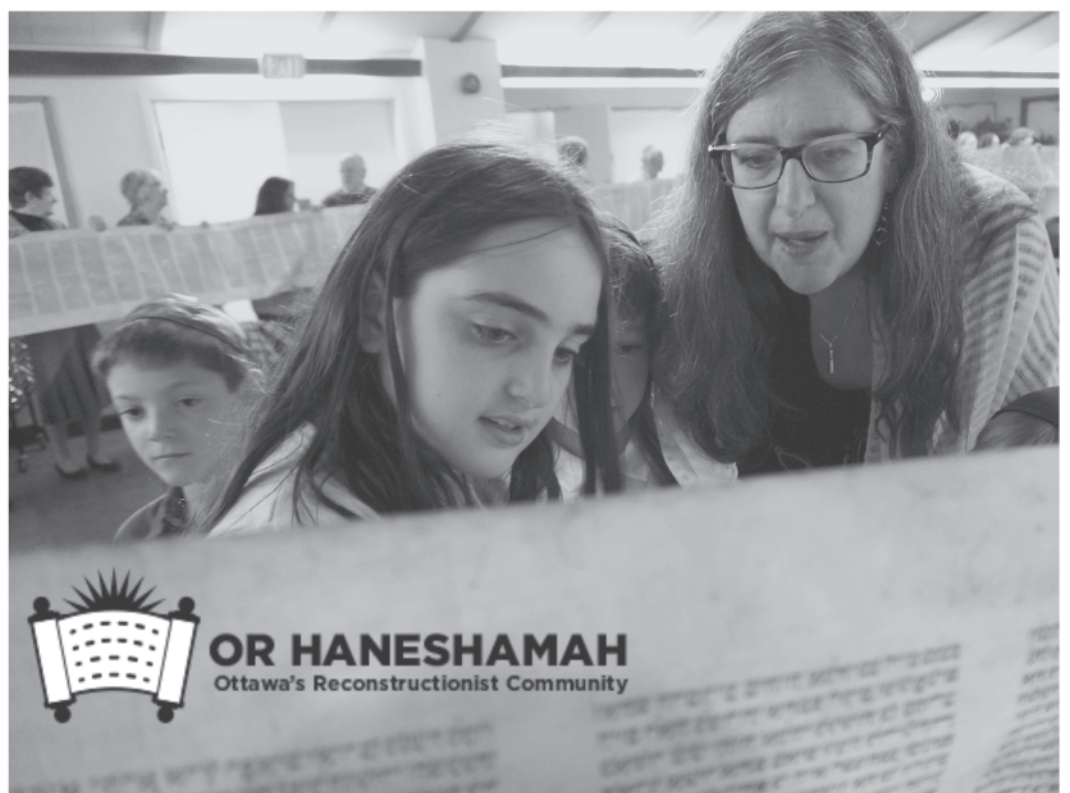
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