

CHES to hold symposium for second and third generation descendants

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Learning from the Past for the Future,” an innovative symposium featuring experts on resilience, trauma, and the impact of the Holocaust on second and third generation descendants, will be a highlight of Holocaust Education Month 2019, an annual initiative of the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES).

The symposium will take place on Sunday, November 17, 10 am to 3 pm, at Kehillat Beth Israel. Its purpose is to encourage the continuity of Holocaust education through the active involvement of survivors and their descendants. As survivors age, passing the torch of remembrance becomes ever more imperative.

“Children of Holocaust survivors share a unique bond and similar backgrounds and interests,” says CHES director Mina Cohn. “The symposium, which has been designed based on feedback to CHES, will feature the latest research into survivors’ lives before the Holocaust, coping during the Holocaust, rebuilding lives post-Holocaust, and recovering from the trauma that is a dominant feature of each period.”



Second generation descendants of Holocaust survivors gather at a CHES luncheon held September 27, 2018 at Kehillat Beth Israel.

As Daniel Brooks, founder and vice-president of 3GNY (Third Generation New York) and a symposium speaker asks, “80 years after the start of the Second World War, how do we keep truth alive and effectively demonstrate the importance and relevance of the Holocaust in the 21st century?”

Participation in the symposium is limited to the second and third generation of Holocaust survivors. Attendance is free although donations will be accepted and registration is required: <https://carleton.ca/ches/zgs>.

The morning session will feature four speakers followed by a ques-

tion-and-answer session moderated by Artur Wilczynski, the son of survivors, Canada’s former ambassador to Norway and IHRA, and now director-general of the Communications Security Establishment.

Lunch will be followed by breakout sessions with the speakers.

SPEAKERS

Natalia Aleksium is professor of modern Jewish history at Touro College, Graduate School of Jewish Studies, New York, specializes in the social, political, and cultural history of modern East European Jewry. Her presentation is “Prewar Life Shaping Wartime Experiences.”

Eva Fogelman is a psychologist, author, and filmmaker, and a pioneer in the treatment of the psychological effects of the Holocaust on survivors and their descendants. She is the writer and co-producer of the award-winning documentary “Breaking the Silence: The Generation After the Holocaust.” Her presentation is “Devel-

oping Resilience to Historical Trauma.”

Zelda Abramson recently retired from the Sociology Department of Acadia University. Her areas of research include methodology, health, and family. She grew up in Montreal as a child of Holocaust survivors. Her presentation is “The Montreal Shtetl: Making Home After the Holocaust.”

Daniel Brooks is founder and vice-president of 3GNY, an educational non-profit organization for grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. He is a grandson of four Holocaust survivors. Daniel’s presentation is “The Urgency of Holocaust Education in the 21st Century.”

INFORMAL Q&A

with Rami Sherman

What lessons can be learned from Operation Yonatan, that took place 43 years ago? Join us for an informal Q&A evening over cake and coffee meeting with Rami Sherman, who was part of the historic mission to rescue the Jewish hostages from the Entebbe airport in Uganda in 1976. Rami, who is an extremely humble man, does not consider himself a hero and says that he was simply lucky to have been part of that unit – the famed Israeli Special Forces Unit known as the “Sayeret Matkal”.

Thursday, November 7 - 7:00 pm
Admission: \$10 — coffee and refreshments will be served
Advanced RSVP Only. Please contact Ella Dagan (613) 798-9818 ext. 243, edagan@jccottawa.com by November 1

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