

News & Views from the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship

Holocaust Education Month Programs



THE WORLD AROUND US SEEMS TO BE CONSTANTLY CHANGING. In Canada, we are not immune to the rise of far-right extremist groups, fake news or misleading information shared like wildfire on social media. Nor are we immune to an increase in antisemitism, in large part online.

A strong antidote to online hate is coming together in real time to learn and reflect. Building a society free from racism requires an ongoing commitment to education. It's especially critical for young people to have a better understanding of the past, to build a brighter future.

Each November, CHES brings world-class speakers to Ottawa with programs that offer the latest in Holocaust research. We feel it's important to open our doors and offer specialized programming on the history and legacy of the Holocaust.

2019 MARKS 80 YEARS SINCE THE START OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. HAVE WE LEARNED LESSONS FROM THE PAST? Explore these thought-provoking (and free!) events. We're certain you'll find something of interest.

For more information, including RSVPs and registration where required, please visit:
<https://carleton.ca/ches/events/2019-events/>



HEM Launch: Deborah Lipstadt presents "Antisemitism: Old Wine in New Bottles"

NOVEMBER 10, 7:00 PM AT KEHILLAT BETH ISRAEL, 1400 COLDREY AVENUE.

CHES is honoured to welcome renowned historian **Deborah Lipstadt** to Ottawa. Lipstadt will offer a keynote address on antisemitism in the modern day. Her newest book is *Antisemitism Here and Now*. Other works include *The Eichmann Trial* and *Denial: Holocaust History on Trial*, which became a feature film detailing her groundbreaking legal battle against Holocaust denier David Irving. Lipstadt is currently the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University.



Last Folio: Memories of Jewish Life in Slovakia

NOVEMBER 3, 7:00 PM AT KEHILLAT BETH ISRAEL, 1400 COLDREY AVENUE.

The multidisciplinary project *Last Folio* is born from a journey through Eastern Slovakia by **Yuri Dojc**, renowned art photographer. In his ancestral village, Dojc discovered an abandoned Jewish schoolhouse untouched since 1942, when local Jews, including its students, were deported to concentration camps. *Last Folio* has been widely viewed to great acclaim. This event includes a documentary film screening by Katya Krausova, as well as a lecture and slide show by Yuri Dojc.

Annual Teachers' Workshop: Antisemitism Then and Now

NOVEMBER 14, 4:30 PM AT TEMPLE ISRAEL, 1301 PRINCE OF WALES DRIVE.

Since 2011, we have been proud to offer a workshop for teachers that attracts a wide range of educators from across Ottawa. This year's facilitators are **Bernie Farber** and **Len Rudner**.

The workshop will help teachers understand the history of antisemitism as well as the current reality of hate, and offer tools to bring those messages to students in an engaging way.

Open to all grade 7-12 teachers.

Symposium for Descendants of Holocaust Survivors: Learning from the Past for the Future

NOVEMBER 17, 10:00 AM AT KEHILLAT BETH ISRAEL, 1400 COLDREY AVENUE.

CHES is the only organization in Ottawa to offer tailored programming for descendants of the Holocaust. This unique symposium features a panel discussion and break-out sessions, relevant to those whose family members survived the Holocaust. The symposium's focus was born from a need expressed by subsequent generations to understand how trauma has been passed down. Panellists include **Dr. Zeld Abramson**, **Dr. Natalia Aleksiu**, **Dr. Eva Fogelman** and **Daniel Brooks** with Artur Wilczynski moderating.

On October 27, Dr. Tammy Bottner joined us at Temple Israel for a well-attended bagel breakfast to discuss her award-winning book, *Among the Reeds: The True Story of How a Family Survived the Holocaust*, which recounts the moving story of her family's life in war-torn Europe.