

A black and white photograph of a museum interior. The scene is dominated by glass display cases and shelves. In the foreground, a large glass case contains several historical documents, including a newspaper clipping with the headline "SAVING THE 12 MEN" and "DESIGNS". To the right, a sign reads "Religion and Faith". In the background, more display cases and a large window are visible. The overall atmosphere is somber and educational.

VANCOUVER
HOLOCAUST
EDUCATION
CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

VANCOUVER HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTRE

MISSION

Through education and remembrance, the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre engages students, educators and the broader public in British Columbia and beyond with the history of the Holocaust — the Shoah — and its ongoing relevance. As a teaching museum that stewards programs and collections initiated by Holocaust survivors, we honour and support those who survived and remember those who perished.

VISION

A world free of antisemitism, discrimination and genocide, with social justice and human rights for all.

The Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance was founded in 1983 by survivors of the Holocaust. The founders' goal, realized in 1994, was to leave a permanent legacy in the form of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre devoted to Holocaust-based anti-racism education.

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre: A Teaching Museum

Reaching more than 25,000 students each year, the VHEC is Western Canada's leading Holocaust teaching museum. We promote human rights, social justice and genocide awareness through education and remembrance of the Holocaust. The VHEC has presented more than 50 thematic exhibitions, many featuring local or Canadian themes, each accompanied by educational programs and resources.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This has been a year of significant growth for the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre. Following the launch of our renewed space, designed to enhance accessibility and engagement, the VHEC saw a notable increase in the number of requests for our programs — delivered both at the Centre and in schools across the province. With antisemitic and discriminatory incidents increasingly in the news, more teachers than ever before are turning to the VHEC for resources and support. This growing interest in our programming and services underscores the importance and relevance of Holocaust-based anti-racism education today.

The VHEC opened its doors for Sunday programs that supported interaction with our exhibitions and speakers for those who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to visit the Centre. Hundreds of guests attended programming that included docent-led tours of the exhibitions, films and guest speakers including educators, Holocaust survivors and their descendants.

In keeping with our focus on outreach and accessibility, the VHEC launched a renewed website. Grounded in state-of-the-art technology and fully responsive to mobile platforms, this website makes the VHEC's online exhibitions, teaching resources and tour-booking functions more accessible to educators. The website features an events page to provide our community with an easy overview of all upcoming VHEC events and other significant highlights.

What follows in this Annual Report is but a brief overview of the many programs the VHEC offers each year. We encourage you to visit our website at www.vhec.org to learn more about the breadth and impact of our activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the professional staff, Board of Directors and volunteers of the VHEC — as well as to all of you, our members and supporters, who share our vision of a world free of antisemitism, discrimination and genocide, with social justice and human rights for all — for your steadfast commitment to Holocaust education and remembrance.

And our profound gratitude to the Holocaust survivors in our community, who continue to serve as the inspiration for our work.



Philip Levinson
BOARD PRESIDENT



Nina Krieger
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rome Fox
2018 ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EDUCATION



The VHEC'S educational programs and resources foster an increased understanding of the Holocaust and its present-day relevance, and promote intercultural sensitivity and engaged citizenship.



EVERY YEAR, THROUGH OUR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION PROGRAMS WE REACH BRITISH COLUMBIA CLASSROOMS, TEACHERS AND MORE THAN 25,000 STUDENTS TO:

EDUCATE THE NEXT GENERATION

We challenge youth to become committed and responsible global citizens, alert to discrimination, racism and genocide in today's world.

CREATE MORE WITNESSES

When students meet and hear survivors of the Holocaust, they become witnesses to the eyewitnesses. More students in more school districts than ever before are engaging with the VHEC.

ENGAGE EDUCATORS

We strengthen the abilities of educators to teach this complicated history in age-appropriate ways.

WORK TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE

Holocaust education and remembrance are foundations for envisioning a world free of antisemitism, racism and all forms of discrimination. The VHEC introduces generations of students to the lessons of history and inspires them to value social justice and human rights.

SCHOOL PROGRAM 2018–2019 HIGHLIGHTS

16,200 Students and teachers engaged with VHEC Holocaust Survivor Speakers.

3,300 Students learned about the Holocaust through exhibition tours.

1,500 Members of the public visited the VHEC exhibitions and Sunday programs.

500 Teachers engaged with professional development initiatives offered by the VHEC.

19 Volunteer docents supported the VHEC in Holocaust based anti-racism education by facilitating tours and workshops.

15 District-wide Symposia and one Annual Symposium on the Holocaust gave students an opportunity to hear a VHEC Survivor Speaker and an historian.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

EXHIBITION TOUR & WORKSHOP

The VHEC offered a comprehensive on-site school program based on the exhibitions *In Focus: The Holocaust through the VHEC Collection* and *Faces of Survival — Photographs by Marissa Roth*.

Through a docent-led interactive tour and workshop, students and teachers learned about highlights of the VHEC collection, including rare artefacts, photographs, documents, and

Holocaust eyewitness testimonies. The program comprised of hands-on learning activities with primary sources and discussion promoting critical thinking.

By engaging with portraits of local survivors of the Shoah and their impactful messages to the public, students gained insight into the challenges that survivors face, as well as their resilience and strength.





CLASSROOM WORKSHOP

As not all teachers are able to visit the Centre with their students. The VHEC offered classroom-based workshops facilitated by a volunteer docent.

The workshop consists of a short film, *Pigeon*, that focuses on decision-making and rescue in France during the Holocaust. Questions from the workshop facilitator following the film foster critical thinking and social responsibility, two core competencies of the new BC curriculum.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE — STUDENT DOCENT PROGRAM

One way to fulfil our mission is to directly engage secondary school students in Holocaust education and to let them take leadership in the delivery and presentation of Holocaust-related content to their peers. Over the course of four training sessions, four volunteer students from King David High School and Eric Hamber Secondary School trained to become docents for the classroom-based workshop, *Pigeon*. These students then share their knowledge with their peers by facilitating workshops at their school.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKERS IN THE CLASSROOM OR VIA SKYPE

The VHEC Holocaust survivor speakers share eyewitness accounts with thousands more students in classrooms and at the VHEC. Thanks to Skype sessions with remote schools, students and teachers from places like Williams Lake, Kelowna and Kamloops had the opportunity to hear from a survivor speaker.





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It was truly touching and forced me to think about life and history and everything in this world a little differently – with more love and gratitude. I am incredibly grateful for this experience and it reminds me to never take anything for granted.

GRADE 12 STUDENT, VANCOUVER

SYMPOSIA ON THE HOLOCAUST

More than 7,000 students and teachers attended the 15 school district-wide symposia on the Holocaust taking place across the Lower Mainland. At these highly impactful half-day symposia — often described by students as life-changing — participants interact with historians and survivors of the Holocaust.

The 44th Annual Symposium on the Holocaust engaged 700 students from more than 30 schools with historians and survivors of the Holocaust.



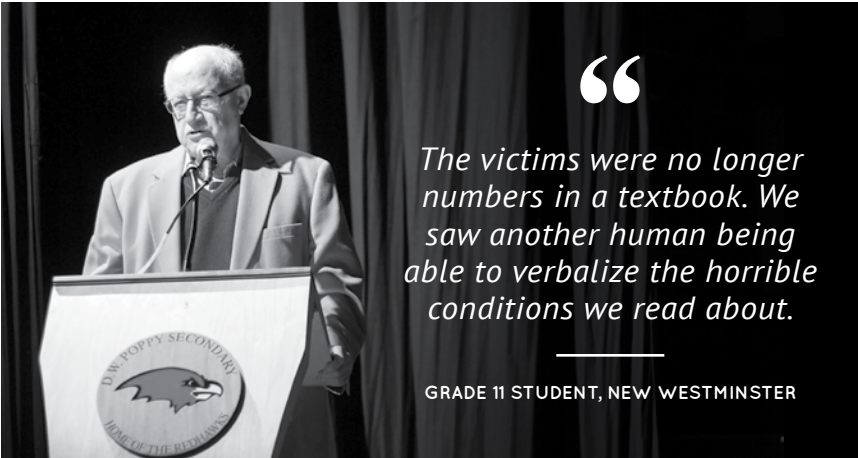
THE IMPACT OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKERS

Students continually tell us that learning about the Holocaust through the eyewitness accounts of survivors is a memorable and transformative learning opportunity.

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I was honoured to be in the presence of Holocaust survivors. This has been a significant and phenomenal educational experience for me.”

GRADE 12 STUDENT, LANGLEY



2018 MEYER AND GITA KRON AND RUTH KRON SIGAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Each year, the VHEC presents the Meyer and Gita Kron and Ruth Kron Sigal Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education to a BC elementary or secondary teacher who has shown a remarkable commitment to teaching the Holocaust and its important lessons. The 2018 Kron Sigal Award includes a prize of \$500. It was presented to Sharon Doyle, a teacher at South Delta Secondary School, Delta, BC and Julie Mason, a teacher at David Oppenheimer Elementary School, Vancouver, BC.



FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES SUMMER SEMINAR

In partnership with the organization Facing History and Ourselves, the VHEC hosted a three-day summer seminar for teachers, *Foundations for Genocide Studies: Holocaust and Human Behaviour*. Teachers focused on the history of the Holocaust and on new research on human behavior, group dynamics and bias. They also engaged with a Holocaust survivor.



11TH BIENNIAL SHAFRAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

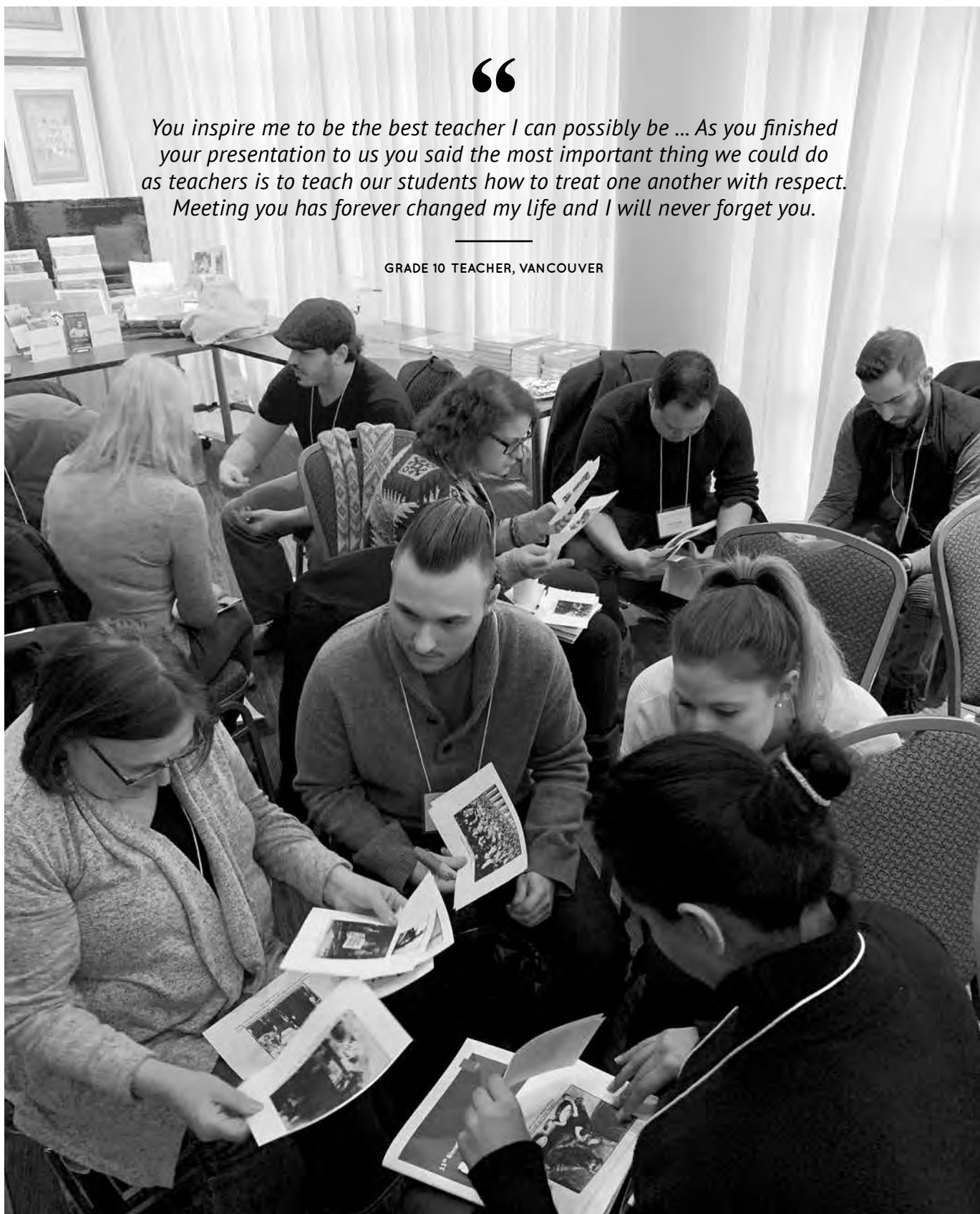
More than 80 teachers and educators attended the 11th Biennial Shafraan Teachers' Conference held on February 15, 2019. Titled *Holocaust Education: Current Challenges — New Strategies*, the conference focused on antisemitism, social media and "fake news," as well as how to teach the Holocaust within the new BC Genocide Studies curriculum. Keynote speakers were Graeme Stacey (Kelowna Secondary School), Jason Hudson (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), Jodi Derkson (Fighting Antisemitism Together [FAST]) and Dr. Andrea Webb (Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy, UBC).



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You inspire me to be the best teacher I can possibly be ... As you finished your presentation to us you said the most important thing we could do as teachers is to teach our students how to treat one another with respect. Meeting you has forever changed my life and I will never forget you.

GRADE 10 TEACHER, VANCOUVER



FACES OF SURVIVAL

PHOTOGRAPHS BY
MARISSA ROTH

The Faces of Survival project has been an honour to work on and a welcomed opportunity to engage creatively for the Vancouver Holocaust and Education Center, which is a unique blend of the Holocaust, Memory and Time and the bookends for teaching about the Holocaust and Second World War history, and for bridging learning, taking it from the past into the future while inspiring multi-generational understanding for the present and the future.

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Exhibition opening: 2017
Exhibition closing: 2017
Exhibition location: Vancouver Holocaust and Education Center
Exhibition curator: [Name]



EXHIBITIONS

To coincide with the opening of our renewed space, the VHEC launched two original exhibitions as part of the 2018 Annual General Meeting, with more than 200 people in attendance.

FACES OF SURVIVAL — PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARISSA ROTH

Faces of Survival — Photographs by Marissa Roth is a portrait series by Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Marissa Roth. Roth powerfully captured VHEC volunteer board members and Holocaust survivor speakers, past and present. The portraits spoke to the survivors' pain, loss, and suffering, but also to their hope, resilience, and the victory of the human spirit. Survivors' quotes accompanying the portraits conveyed meaningful messages to students and the general public.

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre was honoured to have *Faces of Survival* chosen as an official participant in the 2019 Capture Photography Festival.

IN FOCUS: THE HOLOCAUST THROUGH THE VHEC COLLECTION

In Focus: The Holocaust through the VHEC Collection brought to the forefront more than 80 artefacts and archival records from the Centre's collection. Most of these artefacts were donated by local Holocaust survivors, eyewitnesses and their families, and attest to their deep connections to Canada and the local community. Each artefact tells a unique and intimate story — be it of individual loss, resistance, survival or hope — and simultaneously speaks to universal themes of Holocaust study.



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After hearing the survivors' stories, you understand the emotion lying behind their statements in the Faces of Survival exhibition, like the one about telling your family that you love them. That speaks to a lot of people.

GRADE 12 TEACHER, COQUITLAM



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*My eyes were opened to the human reality of the Holocaust.
There is a person behind every number.”*

VHEC MEMBER, VANCOUVER

COMMEMORATION

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre presents numerous commemorative programs throughout the year, engaging the community in remembrance and reflection.



HIGH HOLIDAYS CEMETERY SERVICES

Held annually at the Holocaust Memorial at the Schara Tzedek Cemetery on the Sunday between the High Holidays, this program features a guest speaker and affords participants the opportunity to mourn those who perished during the Holocaust at this symbolic gravesite. The 2018 commemoration featured a keynote address from Claire Sicherman third generation and author of *Imprint: A Memoir of Trauma in the Third Generation*.

KRISTALLNACHT

On November 8, 2018, more than 400 community members gathered at Congregation Beth Israel to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht as part of the VHEC's annual program. The event included words of welcome on behalf of The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, then Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, as well as a proclamation by the City of Vancouver delivered by Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung. Chris Friedrichs, Professor Emeritus (UBC) and long-time VHEC volunteer educator, delivered an impactful keynote lecture.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

On January 24, 2019 the VHEC partnered with Hillel BC to host International Holocaust Remembrance Day at UBC. The program featured a keynote address by Buchenwald survivor Robert Waisman and introductory remarks by Dr. Uma Kumar of UBC Department of Central, Eastern & Northern European Studies. The event also included a question and answer period and a candle-lighting tribute with Holocaust survivors.

YOM HASHOAH

Yom HaShoah commemorations began with an evening program at the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver. Lillian Boraks-Nemetz, spoke, followed by a candle-lighting tribute by local Holocaust survivors, remarks by Second Generation member Carla van Messel and a musical program produced by Wendy Bross Stuart and Ron Stuart. Local Holocaust survivors and community members also attended a Yom HaShoah commemorative program at the BC Legislature in Victoria.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

The VHEC presents a variety of public and cultural programs that engage audiences in reflecting about the ongoing significance of the Holocaust.



SUNDAY PROGRAMS

The VHEC was open to the public for seven Sunday afternoons over the past year. Programs included Holocaust survivors sharing their personal eyewitness testimonies and their artefacts in the exhibition, *In Focus: The Holocaust through the VHEC Collection*. Volunteer docents led tours for the public.

Dr. Helga Thorson, Chair of Germanic and Slavic Studies at the University of Victoria, and student Julianna Nielson presented on the special Holocaust Studies program *I-Witness: Holocaust Field School Project 2018*.

Second Generation member Richard Lowy presented the film *Leo's Journey*, about his father, Leo Lowy, who survived Auschwitz and Dr. Mengele's experiments.

VANCOUVER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The VHEC presented *The Last Suit*, a film about a Polish-born Holocaust survivor's journey from Buenos Aires to Łódź to fulfill a promise he made nearly 70 years earlier.

To mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the VHEC and the Vancouver Jewish Film Centre co-hosted a screening of the film *Who Will Write our History*, which tells the story of Emmanuel Ringelblum and the Oyneg Shabbos Archive, the secret archives he created in the Warsaw Ghetto.

CHERIE SMITH JCC JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

The VHEC presented a reading from *Driving to Treblinka: A Long Search for a Lost Father* with author Diana Wichtel. Wichtel's prize winning memoir is an eloquent narrative that highlights moments of hope, humanity and nobility.

RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS CEREMONY

The VHEC was honoured to be part of a local Righteous Among the Nations medal ceremony, where Reverend Dirk Pieter Kalkman and his wife, Klaasje Kalkman (née Kuipers), were posthumously awarded the title of Righteous Among the Nations.

IMPACTS OF COLONIZATION OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS – RESPONSES TO HISTORICAL TRAUMA

In this interactive multi-media workshop facilitated by Brad Marsden of the Gitskan Nation, BC, participants learned about the long-lasting, intergenerational effects of Indian Residential Schools in Canada.

IN SEARCH OF LIGHT

The VHEC partnered with the Azrieli Foundation to launch Martha Salcudean's memoir, *In Search of Light* at the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre at UBC. More than 180 people attended the event where Dr. Salcudean's contributions to the community were honoured, including her work as a volunteer Holocaust survivor speaker with the VHEC.



COLLECTIONS

The VHEC stewards Western Canada's largest collection of Holocaust-related artefacts, Holocaust testimonies and archival documents, as well as a library of books, films, educational resources, and rare books and special collections.

This past year, the archives received two notable donations from Hungarian Holocaust survivors. George Szasz donated materials belonging to Holocaust survivor Frank Orban; these include a letter of discharge from a Hungarian labour camp, immigration documents and postcards dated from 1944 that he received from his parents, who lost their lives in April, 1945, in Gostling an-der-Ybbs, Austria.

Hungarian survivor Ilona Mermelstein, whose grandparents were deported to Auschwitz and killed and whose father escaped from a Hungarian labour camp, donated correspondence, identity, school and birth records, and photographs, notably one of her as a child with a doll, which she kept with her while in hiding. Ilona Mermelstein's grandmother was on one of the last trains to depart from Kistarcsa, a transit camp, to Auschwitz.

Gina Dimant donated two glass and silver thimbles from the Warsaw Ghetto, many pre- and post-war photographs, 17 letters written by a survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto to her husband, Alexander, and textual records relating to her and her husband's lives in the USSR, Poland, Italy and Canada.

The library added 246 books to the collection between June 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019, including many significant items ordered off of the VHEC's wish list. Seven finding aids were added to the database; 14 were added to the MemoryBC archival portal. The VHEC entered into an agreement with the European Holocaust Research Institute web portal to display its finding aids in the system.

The collections database sees an average of 400-500 visitors per month to the site, primarily from Canada and the US, but also from countries as far away as Germany, Israel, Australia, Czechia and Hungary.

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Many Holocaust survivors and their families have Holocaust-related artefacts, even the smallest of which can tell an important story. Artefacts can support research and education, and reach a broad audience through the VHEC collections website and the Centre's exhibitions and programs.

The VHEC collects materials related to:

- the Holocaust and the experience of Holocaust survivors;
- the experience of antisemitism and efforts to leave Europe as the result of the rise of Nazism and increased persecution;
- the experience of liberation, and the immediate post-war period including the experience of refugees in Displaced Persons camps;
- post-war immigration of Holocaust survivors to Canada;
- the experience of Jewish refugees interned in Canada;
- Nazi-produced propaganda and other documentary evidence of antisemitism;
- Anti-Nazi propaganda produced during the prewar, wartime, and immediate post-war period;
- pre-war Jewish life in Europe;
- post-war work in reconciliation and anti-racism education.

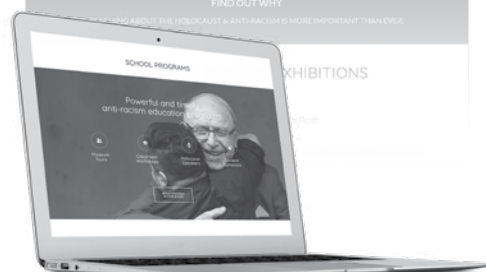
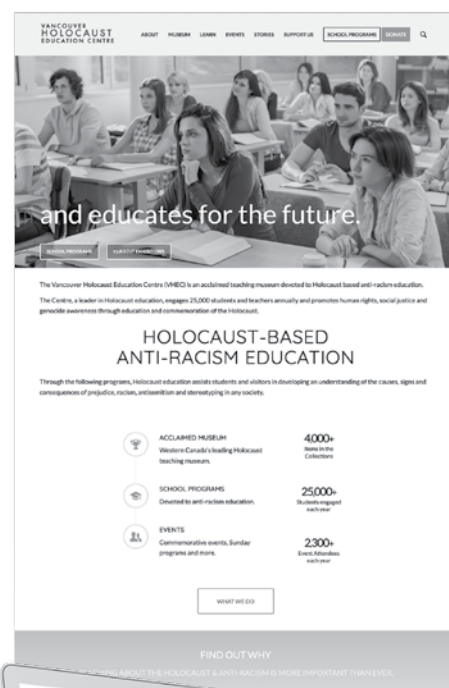
Types of materials in the VHEC's collections include albums, diaries and scrapbooks; correspondence and stamps; education and research materials; identity documents; travel documents; propaganda; photographs; publications including rare books; ephemera; religious belongings; and audio-video recordings.

For more information about donating to the archives and collections, please contact: 604.264.0499 | collections@vhc.org collections.vhec.org

NEW WEBSITE

In early 2019, the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre proudly announced the launch of a renewed website: www.vhec.org. The website provides access to online exhibitions, teaching resources, past issues of the Centre's newsletter and Annual Report, and documentation of past programs.

While highlighting the important work of the VHEC, this new website also streamlines the processing of online donations and school program bookings.



SURVIVOR SERVICES

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, with generous support from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, offers a range of services to benefit local Holocaust survivors.

CHILD SURVIVOR GROUP

Child Survivors and Hidden Children meet monthly to discuss their shared experiences. They produce the "No Longer Alone" page in the *Zachor* and hold special events throughout the year.

SURVIVOR GROUP — RUSSIAN OUTREACH

Group meetings offer an opportunity for survivors to meet with other survivors, over refreshments, to discuss a variety of topics of common interest such as aging, health issues, relationships, reparations, family and Judaism.

SECOND GENERATION GROUP

The experiences of children of Holocaust survivors are shared among peers in the Second Generation Group.

HOLOCAUST RESTITUTION INFORMATION

The VHEC provides current information on a variety of restitution and compensation funds. Survivors can receive assistance filling out restitution and compensation claim forms. These forms may be used to apply for compensation including pensions, one-time payments and social welfare services.



Claims Conference ועידת התביעות
The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany

ENDOWMENTS

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre is fortunate to have committed members who, in addition to giving annual gifts, have shown their commitment by establishing an endowment fund. The following funds provide much needed support for our educational programs, commemorative events, exhibits and collection, as well as the publishing activities of the Centre.

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HIGH HOLIDAYS CEMETERY SERVICE

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IN SEARCH OF THE LIGHT BY MARTHA SALCUDEAN BOOK LAUNCH

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of VANCOUVER HOLOCAUST CENTRE SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION AND REMEMBRANCE that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

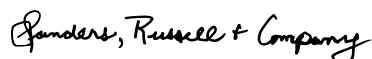
Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of VANCOUVER HOLOCAUST CENTRE SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION AND REMEMBRANCE as at December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Sanders, Russell & Company

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

RICHMOND, B.C. | MAY 30, 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

The financial position of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance (the "Society") continued to show stability despite challenging market conditions and increasing costs. The Society's net assets decreased by \$61,618 (2017 — increase of \$247,580) primarily due to unrealized losses in its investment portfolio, partly offset by additional endowment contributions. The investment portfolio incurred a small loss of 2.18% (2017 — positive return of 7.50%) net of fees during the fiscal year, which included unrealized gains and losses on marketable securities.

Operating revenues increased by \$15,472 during the year. The Society received \$282,915 in general donations from its members and supporters, over and above membership dues of \$34,873. The Society almost doubled receipts from fundraising activities, with a total of \$145,678 generated in 2018 (2017 – \$74,191). General operating expenditures increased by \$85,111 in the year, however, salaries decreased by \$53,915.

The Society generated a deficit of \$180,087 during 2018 (2017 — surplus of \$217,115). The deficit includes unrealized losses on investments of \$212,400 (2017 – unrealized gain of \$113,616), and realized gains of \$104,251 (2017 — \$69,598). The deficit, before taking into account investment income, realized and unrealized gains and other items, was \$163,636 (2017 — \$93,997). The Society is dependent on portfolio returns, funded by endowments, to supplement its shortfall from general operations. The Society's portfolio is professionally managed, and must adhere to an investment policy that has been approved by the Board of Directors.



Marcus Brandt
TREASURER

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Assets		
Current Assets – Unrestricted	\$ 391,407	\$ 684,991
Current Assets – Restricted	10,050	10,028
Property and Equipment	466,336	400,903
Holocaust Education Centre	1,120,113	1,095,971
Investments	3,479,536	3,858,407
	<u>\$ 5,467,442</u>	<u>\$ 6,050,300</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities	\$ 26,128	\$ 563,050
Deferred Special Projects Contributions	165,329	107,884
Deferred Contributions, Permanent Exhibit – Renewal Project	724,922	766,685
Net Assets	4,551,063	4,612,681
	<u>\$ 5,467,442</u>	<u>\$ 6,050,300</u>

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

	2018	2017
Revenues		
Donations and Tribute Cards	\$ 282,915	\$ 307,667
General Grants – Specific Projects	90,363	195,390
General Grants – Renewal Project	99,763	28,982
Fundraisers	145,678	74,191
Memberships	34,873	31,762
B.C. Gaming Grant	24,500	24,500
B.C. Multiculturalism Grant	2,500	2,500
Federation Grant	26,667	26,000
Claims – Socialization Grants	18,239	17,131
Annual Program Revenues	11,750	12,819
On-going Program Revenues	9,717	10,000
Young Canada Works Government Grant	6,297	7,580
Exhibit Revenues	5,645	5,188
Book Income and Other	544	269
	\$ 759,451	\$ 743,979
Expenses		
On-going Program Expenses	\$ \$35,553	\$ \$31,240
Annual Program Expenses	30,043	25,274
Administrative	808,311	737,726
Exhibit Costs	48,718	9,875
Fundraisers	462	33,861
	\$ 923,087	\$ 837,976
OPERATING DEFICIT BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	\$ (163,636)	\$ (93,997)
Other Expenses (Income)		
Interest and Other Investment Income from Investments Measured at Cost	(18,881)	(22,792)
Interest and Other Investment Income from Investments Measured at Fair Value	\$ (89,009)	\$ (124,412)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments Measured at Market Value	221,400	(113,616)
Realized Gains on Sale of Investments	(104,251)	(69,598)
Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss	7,192	19,306
	\$ 16,451	\$ (311,112)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ (180,087)	\$ 217,115

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,612,681	\$ 4,365,101
Transfer of Funds from Deferred Revenue to Named Endowments	\$ 50,000	\$ —
Named Endowment Contributions	68,469	30,465
Surplus (deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(180,087)	217,115
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,551,063</u>	<u>\$ 4,612,681</u>

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Cash Provided for (Used by) Operating Activities	<u>\$ (626,561)</u>	<u>\$ 513,246</u>
Cash Used for Investing Activities		
Purchase of Investment Portfolio Securities	\$ (185,551)	\$ (1,423,475)
Purchase of Israel Bonds (\$55,000 USDs)	(71,053)	(31,440)
Investment in Capital Assets	(254,007)	(827,603)
Proceeds on Sale of Investments	463,706	1,372,897
Redemption of Israel Bonds (\$55,000 USDs)	71,053	31,440
Return of Capital	8,113	6,360
	<u>\$ 32,261</u>	<u>\$ (871,821)</u>
Cash Provided by Financing Activities		
Deferred Contributions, Permanent Exhibit – Renewal Project	\$ 108,000	\$ 275,581
Deferred Contributions – Specific Projects	147,808	118,993
Named Endowment Fund Contributions	68,469	30,465
	<u>\$ 324,277</u>	<u>\$ 425,039</u>
INCREASE IN CASH	<u>\$ (270,023)</u>	<u>\$ 66,464</u>
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>659,480</u>	<u>593,016</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 389,457</u>	<u>\$ 659,480</u>

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In recognition of those who have made special contributions to Holocaust education and remembrance.

Rita Akselrod	Lili Folk ^{z'l}	Jannushka Jakoubovitch	Inge Manes	David Shafran ^{z'l}
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It was truly touching and forced me to think about life and history and everything in this world a little differently – with more love and gratitude. I am incredibly grateful for this experience and it reminds me to never take anything for granted.

GRADE 11 STUDENT, BURNABY



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