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### **GUEST LECTURER, 4TH ANNUAL VHCS/JCC WINTER LECTURE SERIES**

The VHCS/JCC fourth winter/spring season of lectures and films will be opened by a special visit by Leopold and Mila (Pfefferberg) Page of Los Angeles. The Pages are survivors of Schindler's List. Mr. Page, the man most responsible for convincing Thomas Keneally to write this best selling book about Schindler's remarkable story, will address the community Monday evening, 8:00 p.m., February 7, 1994, in the Wosk Auditorium of the Jewish Community Centre. Mr. Page, a consultant to Stephen Spielberg, is travelling next to Paris, Krakow and Jerusalem with his wife to open the film in those locations. The Page's stay in Vancouver is sponsored jointly by the VHCS and the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland. Consul General Krzysztof W. Kasprzyk, a personal friend of the Pages, arranged for the film to be shot on location in Poland.

Festival seating - first come, first seated. Doors will open at 7:45pm. Donations at the door would be appreciated. For further information on upcoming lectures, please call the VHCS at 734-5325.

## **Yom Ha'Shoa**

**April 8, 1994      27 Nissan, 5754**

The fourth VHCS memorial inscription unveiling will take place at noon, on Yom Ha'Shaoh, Friday, April 8, 1994, at the Holocaust Memorial at Schara Tzedek Cemetery, 2346 Marine in New Westminster. Memorial candles will be lit by survivors and their families.

In addition to remembering the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust, this service will be dedicated to remembering the Jews of Hungary, Carpathia and Transylvania in the 50th year since their deportation.

Following Hitler's rise to power in 1933, Hungary sought to form an alliance with Nazi Germany. This alliance was strengthened in 1944 with a change of government. The Nazis' plan for total deportation of Hungarian Jewry was put into effect in that year and began in Transcarpathian Ukraine. The Hungarian Jewish community lost 564,500 lives during the war, including 63,000 before the Nazi occupation.

To submit names for unveiling or for further details, please call the VHCS office (734-5325) before February 14.



## UPDATE

**SECOND GENERATION EVENING:** February 2, 1994, 7:30 p.m., Schara Tzedek Synagogue, 3476 Oak Street at 19th. (Enter through the middle doors, and go upstairs.) The program is a panel discussion on Hidden Children of the Holocaust. Participants Ruth Sigal, Lillian Nemetz and Serge Vanry will share their memories as Hidden Children and answer your questions.

**SURVIVOR OUTREACH PROGRAM:** Co Chairs: Rita Akselrod, Sharon Harowitz.

*Visits:* Vancouver Art Gallery - Louise Sorensen, Collingwood Secondary - Robbie Waisman, Ideal Mini School - Lillian Nemetz, Corpus Christie - Lillian Nemetz, Vancouver Tech. - David Ehrlich, Vancouver Art Gallery - Bronia Sonnenschein, Beth Tikvah - Lillian Nemetz, Hatzic Secondary - Bill Gluck, Centennial Secondary - Robbie Waisman, McGee Secondary - Bronia Sonnenschein, Yale Secondary - Bill Gluck, Sechelt - Peter Parker, Carousel Theatre - Louise Sorensen, Mary Jane Shannon - Peter Parker, Southlands Elementary - Marion Cassirer.

*A teacher's response to David Erlich's visit to her class:* "Dear Mr. Erlich: I send you letters from the students in my three grade 10 classes. I don't know if you will find them helpful, as such, but they are heart felt. Every student was deeply moved by your story. As you saw, almost all asked the question, "How is it possible?". Your presence shows, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that it is possible. I was telling a colleague your story about the school in Salmon Arm shutting out the Aryan Nation and this person said, "You see...it is who gets to the kids first." Before you came, and as we started the unit, there were some who, in ignorance, were saying jokingly, "Oh, Hitler, he's great! Let me draw the swastikas." The third Reich has its attraction for young people - the sense of power, the smart color coordination - you name it! But since you were here, those same students have turned their passions against Hitler. Their eyes have been opened. You were able to bring so much home to them, to make the whole unit of study come together and be real. I thank you, both for myself, my students and for the other staff members who all came to tell me how wonderful it was to hear you speak. (No one has seen that auditorium full of attentive for a long time!) Please, Mr. Ehrlich, be the one to keep on getting to our students first! I wish you a happy Hanukah and G-D bless you." Iona Whishaw, Teacher, Vancouver Technical School.

The VHCS is now regularly loaning books, videos, posters and teachers manuals to schools around the province.

Survivors Robert Krell, Else Dunner, Bernard Goldberg, Esther Kaufman, Leo Lowy and Bronia Sonnenschein have all worked closely with local and national radio, T.V., and print media since the opening of the film, *Schindler's List*. They were joined in interviews by Kit Krieger, VHCS Education Committee co-chair, and Professor William Nicholls. Dunner, Goldberg and Kaufman have the distinction of being *Schindlerjuden*, Schindler's Jews. All survived Plazow, Auschwitz and Brinnlitz, where they were liberated by the Russians.

**SECOND GENERATION CONFERENCE:** October 1, 1993 saw 150 people turn out to hear Second Generation performance artist Lisa Lipkin of New York.. Lisa followed her powerful and evocative performance with a workshop for 70 Second Generation members from around B.C. Second Generation meets bi-monthly. For information call co-chairs Max Pinsky (327-0974) and Alina Wydra (732-6631).

**JCC ANNUAL BOOOFKFAIR:** The VHCS co-sponsored a packed opening for Professor William Nicholl's important new publication, *Christian Anti-Semitism: A History of Hate*, available at Duthie Books and La Page D'Or. Another large group attended the Child Survivor Panel on Andre Stein's new book, *Hidden Children: Forgotten Survivors of the Holocaust*. Participants in the very moving discussion were Ruth Sigal, Andre Blitz, Lillian Nemetz, Marion Cassirer and Louise Sorensen. For information on the monthly Child Survivor Group meetings, contact chairperson Lillian Nemetz (738-8260).

**4TH ANNUAL FALL FILM AND LECTURE SERIES:** co-sponsored with the JCC, showed two films on pre-war German culture. Professor Stephen Taubeneck of UBC addressed the topic of German social and cultural history using the video, *Memories of Berlin: Weimar Culture*, while Ruth Hess Dolgin spoke about Jewish displacement from the perspective of her family's experience against the video, *Now...After All These Years*.

**WANTED:** Ivan Srebot, a survivor of the Allah Labour Camp near Dachau, would like to get in touch with other survivors of the Allah camps. He can be reached at 437-1955.



## GIFTS AND DONATIONS

*Your generous contributions help the Society fulfill its mandate of Holocaust documentation, education and remembrance.*

### DONATIONS

Jean Lawrence in honour of her granddaughter, Nancy Jane; Chaim & Aliza Kornfeld, in memory of Chaim's parents, brothers and sisters (of blessed memory) of Satorajauhely, Zemplen province, Hungary, who perished in the Holocaust in 1944.

Welcome to **new founders** of the Holocaust Education Centre: Gilles & Aida Bild, Jack & Goldie Gardner, Abraham Bialoglowsky, Frieda Ullman.

Welcome to **new donors** to the Holocaust Education Centre: Arthur & Arlene Hayes, Bea Goldberg, Harry Goldberg, Margaret McKean, William & Hilary Nicholls, Dr. Clifford Ames, Lyle & Rosaleen Pullan, Andrew Saxton.

<b>Thanks to:</b>	John & Rose Gordon	Rev. Fred Metzger	Howard & Sunni Stein
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### RECENT GIFTS

*To donate artifacts or books, call collections chairman Rubin Piusky, 873-9842*

Jane & Steve Shadley, Evelyn & Albert Amar, in honour of Jack Rozen's special birthday - *Hidden Children*, by Andre Stein; Maurice Trojanowski - photo, Vichy Concentration Camp; Fritz Bowers - Testimony of aunt with photos; Roza & Josef Brandt - Yad Vashem pin, etc.; Sarah Mandelbaum - 7 concentration camp photos; Robert Sculnick - anti-semitic publication from Moscow; Mina Rosner - newspaper articles; Larry & Esther Brandt - liberation photos; Shirley Cohn - originals & translation of testimony; Irvine Wolak - German/English, Polish/English dictionaries; Hilda Everall - pre-war German Atlas; Boris & Marie Wydra - books; Mary Doody-Jones - 1940's world atlas; Ronnie Tessler - books; Dan Propp - photo collage, testimonies; Phil Moses - testimony; Lola Apfelbaum - microfiche reader, dedicated in memory of her husband, Max Apfelbaum; Celia Brauer - photos, negatives, interviews; Clifford Margolis - framed print; Stan Winfield - commemorative pamphlets; Jeff Narver - copy of Master's thesis; Odie Kaplan - book, tapes; Grete Blum - art journals; Margaret Burlzycka - slide set & guide; Corey Aalhuizen - Dutch newspapers; Stan Winfield - commemorative book, Wannsee Memorial and Education Center opening.

### TRIBUTE CARDS

*The VHCS gratefully acknowledges contributions through Tribute cards. To order a card for any occasion, please call Grace Ehrlich (327-8064), Regina Feldman (327-3358), or the office (734-5325).*

### **Mazel Tov**

Art Szajman on his special birthday - Joe & Rose Lewin, David & Regina Feldman, Leo & Jocy Lowy; Harry Nortman on his special birthday - Maurice & Miriam Trojanowski; Karen & Allan Nutkiewicz on their new baby - David & Regina Feldman; Henry & Pola Nutkiewicz on their new grandson - David & Regina Feldman; Bill Moscovitz on his special birthday - Grace & David Ehrlich; Gerry Berman on his special birthday - Lil & David Shafran; Blanka Kaufman on her birthday - VHCS; Bernard Goldberg on his birthday - VHCS; Sarah Mandelbaum on her birthday - VHCS; Anna Terrana on becoming an MP - VHCS; Gil & David Shafran, 40th Anniversary - Irving & Sharon Kates, Abe & Goldie Miedzygarski & family, Ronnie & Barry Tessler; Gilda Israels, in honour of her 80th birthday - Joe & Esther Blumes & family; Irving Kates, 60th birthday - Lil & David Shafran; Isaac Gokkes, 80th birthday - Saul & Ruth Wyne; Fay & Morley Shafran, birth of granddaughter - VHCS; Clarice Raytor, special birthday - Lil & David Shafran; Robert Engel, on his awards - VHCS; Joel Mackoff on his 45th birthday - Leo & Jocy Lowy; Hy & Jennie Belzberg, 45th anniversary - Hector & Molly Ross; Izzy Fraeme, birthday - Leo & Jocy Lowy, Art & Terry Szajman.



### Speedy Recovery

Emil Glouber - Lisa Kaufka; Izzy Fraeme - David & Regina Feldman, Art & Terry Szajman, Susie & Chaim Micner, Don & Rachel Levine; Mrs. B. Wosk - Leo & Jocy Lowy; Ida Kaplan - Agi & Tibor Bergida, David & Regina Feldman, Henry & Pola Nutkiewicz, Norm & Sheila Archack, Lois & Bob Raphael, VHCS, Ben & Rita Akselrod, Art & Terry Szajman; Helen Berger - Agi & Tibor Bergida; Mrs. H. Davis - Agi & Tibor Bergida; Jack Fraeme - Art & Terry Szajman, David & Regina Feldman, Susie & Chaim Micner, Don & Rachel Levine; Eugene Schwartz - Izzy & Bertha Fraem; Chaim Zbar - Lil & David Shafran; David Shafran - VHCS; Murray Kenig - VHCS; Leonidis E. Hill - VHCS; Lisa Weinstein - Lil & David Shafran.

### Special

Harold D. Ford, thinking of you - Leo & Jocy Lowy; Irma Zack, with thanks - VHCS; Eugene & Selma Albersheim, Happy New Year - Susan, Steve Albersheim/Barer & Family.

### Sympathies

Mr. & Mrs. S. Young, on loss of brother, Jack - Leo & Jocy Lowy; Shirley Morris, on loss of her daughter - Leo & Jocy Lowy, Susan Bluman, Esther Kaufman; Moriah Dales & Harvey Dales, on loss of their husband and father - Jack, Naomi & Myles Wolfe; M. Rosenthal, in memory of husband - David & Regina Feldman; Harvey Dales, in memory of his father - Gail & Elan Heller, Kenneth, Roberta & Mitchell Freedman; Zvi Mammon, in memory of his mother - Izak & Lili Folk, Ben & Rose Folk, Joe & Rose Lewin; Paul & Anita Silber, in memory of his father - Jodie & Harvey Dales; Jean Oberlander, in memory of her mother - Leo & Jocy Lowy; Esther Brandt, in memory of her brother - Leo & Jocy Lowy, Art & Terry Szajman, David & Regina Feldman; Marie Doduck, in memory of her brother - Art & Tony Szajman, David & Regina Feldman, Debbie Rozenberg; Helen Jacobs & family, in memory of Holocaust educator Willie Jacobs - VHCS; Ruth Hess Dolgin, on loss of her father - VHCS, Tammy Genesove, Myrna & Barry Rabinowitz; Barb Silber, on loss of her brother - Larry & Lyliane Thal, Esther Kaufman; Tom Franck, in memory of his mother, Ilse - Dr. & Mrs. Earl Ellison, Dan & Rita Propp, Abe & Lou Gercik; Yvette Porte, in memory of her mother - Sharon Horowitz & Bob Willmot, VHCS, Ronnie & Barry Tessler; Silber Family, in memory of Fred Silber - VHCS; Herb Silber, in memory of father - Esther Kaufman, Larry & Lyliane Thal & family; Arnold Silber, in memory of father - Larry & Lyliane Thal & family; Pam Jonashaitus, in memory of her husband - Larry & Lyliane Thal & family; Celia Lerner, in memory of her mother - Esther Kaufman, Larry & Lyliane Thal & family; Helene Rosen, in memory of her father - Debbie Rozenberg; David & Monique Jacobs, in memory of Helen Jacobs - VHCS; Sarah Sair, in memory of David - Esther Kaufman, Lil & David Shafran; Dana Sair, in memory of her father - VHCS; John & Moira Gort, in memory of their son, Michael - VHCS; Mrs. A. Wilander, in memory of her husband - Leo & Jocy Lowy; Sarah Sair & family, in memory of David - Grace & David Ehrlich, Hector & Molly Ross; M. Goldman & family, in memory of their husband, father, son - Izak & Lili Folk.

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*Remember, for there is, there must be, hope in remembering - Elie Wiesel*