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For Education and Remembrance

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VHCS UPDATE

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HELEN EPSTEIN TO LEAD SECOND GENERATION CONFERENCE

November 15, the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance is sponsoring the first ever second generation conference in the Pacific Northwest. Helen Epstein of Cambridge, MA will be the featured speaker and facilitator. Participants will be coming from as close as Seattle and as far as New York.

Ms. Epstein, author of the well-remembered *Children of the Holocaust: Conversations with Sons and Daughters of Survivors*, is currently a Visiting Scholar at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University. The Czech-born daughter of Holocaust survivors, Epstein will address the issues facing children of survivors from several perspectives, gleaned from her fifteen years of follow-up observations of the subjects in this seminal book. The keynote address is open to the community.

Acting as facilitators in the small group discussions sessions will be Shayndel Feuerstein, Irvine Epstein Q.C., Dr. Robert Krell and Rabbi Itzhak Marmorstein. They will be dealing with the educational, parental, social, psychological and spiritual aspects and responsibilities of the survivor legacy. Ms. Epstein will lead a further sessions as well. The conference committee stresses that, "You won't want to miss this opportunity to interact with your peers in a day that will take you, thematically, from understanding to doing." Conference sessions are open exclusively to second generation, their spouses and partners, who are encouraged to register.

Registration will be taken until November 6 by phone, (604) 734-5325, fax, (604) 734-1182 or by mail, 950 West 41st Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 2N7. The full day session including lunch is \$36 per person, \$18 for students, or by special arrangement. Keynote address is by donation. The conference will take place in the auditorium of the Beth Israel Synagogue, 4350 Oak Street, from 10AM until 3PM. Registration opens at 9:30 AM.

Ms. Epstein has requested that participants read her book, available for \$12.00 through the Society office in the Schara Tzedeck Synagogue, 3476 Oak Street, open Monday to Friday from 9AM - 5PM.

Conference committee: co-chairs - Randy Tischler, Alina Wydra; committee - Sylvianne Feder, Rome Fox, Ruth Grunau, Ethel Kofsky, Max Pinsky, Dan Sonnenschein.

VHCS UPDATE

August 4/5: The VHCS sponsored casino raised a substantial amount for the work of the Collections Committee, which has now acquired a computer, printer and archival storage materials to care for the collection.

August 30: A Founders Brunch hosted by Lil and David Shafran in their home feted ninety of the survivor founders of the VHCS Holocaust Education Centre project. A delicious brunch was catered by Founder Ida Kaplan. The model of the new Holocaust Education Centre was displayed and the founders congratulated for their foresight and efforts.

September 9: Angela Grossmann's artist talk and reception at the Diane Farris gallery was a well attended fascinating evening of slides and discussion. Grossmann, the daughter of survivors, is from Amsterdam. Thanks to: Diane Farris and her staff; Carol Slater for suggesting this event; Rina and Andy Vizer for the invitation design; Edith Vizer for the exceptional pastries.

September/October: Survivor Outreach recent bookings have included: Vancouver Art Gallery Facing History and Ourselves Program - Bronia Sonnenschein, David Ehrlich; Douglas College psychiatric nursing students - Bronia Sonnenschein; ORT opening meeting, VGH Short Term Psychiatric Assessment Unit in-service day - Robert Krell.

October 4: Annual Yom Tovim memorial service at the monument in Schara Tzedeck cemetery conducted by Rabbi Solomon of Beth Israel Synagogue and organized chairman Leo Lowy.

Special Thanks: to our volunteers this quarter - Grace Ehrlich, Bronia Sonnenschein for phoning; Shoshana Dayan and Melody Yue for arranging the clipping file; Art Pouchet, Marty and David Tessler for moving the office; Bronia Sonnenschein, Susan Bluman, Elizabeth Stern and Rubin Pinsky for help with the newsletter; Brent Ehrlich, Randy Tischler, Max Pinsky, Larry Moser, Tammy Genesove, Ron Ritch, Kevin Rennie, Jeremy Rudin, Dan Sonnenschein, Jennie and Rubin Pinsky for assisting at the casino.

CONTINUING PROGRAMS

Child Survivor Group: Meets monthly in private homes. For information call Lillian J. Nemetz at 738-8260 or Ruth Sigal at 261-5233.

Audio Visual Projects: Tappings of survivor and other eyewitness testimonies. Educators' A/V kit project. For information call 734-5325.

Outreach Program: To arrange for a survivor to speak to your class or group, call Rita Akselrod at 327-1657 or the office at 734-5325.

Collections Committee: Under chairman Rubin Pinsky, the committee continues to seek artifacts, documents, photographs and books from the Holocaust period in Europe, Asia and Mediterranean areas. For an appointment call Rubin Pinsky at 873-9842.

WE HAVE MOVED!

In mid September the VHCS moved into temporary offices for the duration of the Holocaust Education Centre construction project. We are now located on the second floor of the Schara Tzedek Synagogue, 3476 Oak Street. Synagogue open hours are Monday to Friday 9 - 5. Our mailing address remains the same. Our new phone number is 734-5325. The campaign line and fax remains 734-1182.

WISH LIST AND SPECIAL REQUESTS

Office Equipment: desk or table 4 - 5 feet long for the new computer. Photocopy machine.

Please consider these educational materials when you are thinking of honouring friends or family with a tribute.

Books: The MacMillan Atlas of the Holocaust by Martin Gilbert (\$20); Out of the Whirlwind: A Reader of Holocaust Literature edited by A.H. Friedlander (\$25); The Warsaw Ghetto in Photographs by Ulrich Keller (\$25); Final Letters - From Victims of the Holocaust, Ruven Dafni and Yehudit Kleiman (\$25).

Videos: The Camera of my Family: Four Generations in Germany 1845 - 1945 (VHS \$40); The Holocaust (2 part series \$130); Through Our Eyes: Children Witness the Holocaust (\$60, study guide \$15).

Readers wanted: The VHCS maintains clipping files, organized by students Shoshana Dayan and Melody Yue, and used by students. These files contain current events and references to the Holocaust, anti-Semitism, book reviews, etc. Regular readers of the Sun, Province, neighbourhood papers, the JWB, Canadian Jewish News, Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem Report willing to peruse these issues for relevant articles would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer please call the office, 735-5325.

VHCS UPCOMING

October 28: Talking Stones: Photographs of Jewish Cemeteries in Poland by Tadeusz Nazar. Zack Gallery, JCC. Nazar, a recent Polish emigre, will be introduced at the KORCZAK benefit film. Co-sponsored by the VHCS and the JCC Cultural Arts Department.

BENEFIT FILM

KORCZAK: November 1 at 2:00 PM at the Varsity Theatre. Directed by Angieszka Holland, whose movie Europa Europa was screened last year as a benefit, this film portrays the very moving story of Jewish writer Janusz Korczak who cared for 200 orphans in the Warsaw Ghetto. Offered the option of freedom, Korczak chose to accompany his children to death in Auschwitz. The film will be introduced by child survivor Lillian Nemetz. Nemetz who escaped the Warsaw Ghetto at age, six has written about Korczak. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for students and seniors. The proceeds of this event will be shared by the VHCS and the JCC Cultural Arts Department.

YESTERDAY AND TODAY: THE CHILD'S EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLOCAUST

A film, discussion and performance series

*co-sponsored for the third year by the VHCS and the JCC. The series will run on
Thursday evenings in the Zack Gallery of the JCC at 8:00 PM.*

*Admission is \$5 at the door for Part One, "Yesterday",
admission to Part Two, "Today" is free.*

Yesterday

October 29: Our Time in the Garden – a brief documentary from prewar Berlin with footage from a young woman's home movies in her family's garden and Tzvi Nussbaum: A Boy from Warsaw, followed by conversation with Warsaw survivors. Nussbaum, a physician in New York, is the child in the famous photograph of a boy wearing the yellow patch standing with raised arms in the Umschlagplatz in Warsaw. As a boy, he survived Bergen Belsen.

November 12: David, an award winning German-made feature film about a Jewish child who escapes the Holocaust to Palestine with the aid of two humane Germans. Hosted by the Child Survivor Group. This is the first film on the Holocaust made in Germany by a Jew.

November 19: As If It Were Yesterday, introduced by Belgian child survivor Inge Manes, documents the courageous rescue of 4,000 Jewish children in Belgium. Both the rescuers and the saved, speaking in a modest understated way, recall those years.

Today

November 26: 1992 MARCH OF THE LIVING SPECIAL PRESENTATION. The 1992 March of the Living participants, directed by Robin Ross, has prepared a multimedia evening for their family, friends and the community at large. This event will take place in the Wosk Auditorium and is free of charge.

ELSEWHERE

November 9: Kristallnacht address by eminent Holocaust historian Raul Hilberg at the Beth Israel Synagogue, 4359 Oak Street. Co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific Region and the B.I. Adult Education Committee.

April 13: Warsaw Ghetto Uprising 50th year will be commemorated by Canadian Jewish Congress with a mission to Poland and Israel. Forms are available through the VHCS office or the CJC office located in the JCC.

Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Service: Contact any branch of the Canadian Red Cross. Locally speak to Katie Coles, Tracing and Reunion Co-ordinator for B.C./Yukon Division. Canadian Red Cross, 400 - 4710 Kingsway, Burnaby, V5H 4M2, telephone (604)431-4200, fax (604)431-4275.

Commemorative Medals: Memorializing the 500th year of the expulsion from Spain and the concentration and death camps. Available in gold, silver or bronze from Israel Government Coins and Medals, 5 Rehov Ahad Ha'am, Jerusalem 91022, Israel, telephone 972-2-618105, fax 972-2-633167. A brochure is available in the VHCS office.

American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors: is preparing the final version of the National Registry of Holocaust Survivors. If you are a survivor and have not received the forms, please call the office at 734-5325.

Children – Prisoners of Concentration Camps: The International Association of "Children - Prisoners of Nazism" is planning to build a multi-million dollar complex near Z'fat in Israel which will include a health-recreation, research and treatment complex, gymnasiums, pool, synagogue, conference room, administration block and residential cottages. The projected cost of 25-30 million dollars is to be raised through sponsorships, donations and loans. For information contact Efim Joffe, chairman, Leading Council of the Association of Former Children Prisoners of Fascism 1939-1945, POB 866, K. Motzkin - 26108, Israel, telephone 04-709184.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

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

NEW 'FOUNDERS OF THE LEGACY'

Tibor & Agi Bergida
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Gita Silver: in memory of her parents Freda & Gerry Silver

Larry Rotenberg: in memory of his parents & brother

Suzanne Hirschmann: in memory of her father Emil Hirschmann

RECENT GIFTS

Gerri, Mark, David, Dana, Bess & Joan London: video purchase in honour of Dora & Charles Davis' 50th anniversary
Joe Leibl, Winnipeg: prewar German marks, Luftwaffe insignia

Oscar Cantin, Winnipeg: video, Shoah

Doris & Harry Pinsky, Winnipeg: video, Our Town Zetel

Maya & Vulf Sternin: books, photographs of Polish Holocaust memorials

Goldie Miedzygorski: 2 family photos

Daniel Wollner: postcard written from Birkenau, ceramic

electrical conductor from Birkenau

Morris Lank: photographs from Bergen Belsen

Erika Fleischer: Wallenberg Schutzpasse

Anonymous: ghetto money from Theresienstadt

Jewish Historical Society: contemporary anti-Semitic pamphlet

Ronnie Tessler: books

Jack Gardner, Victoria: Ba'midbar, pinkus book published in Yiddish at Camp Fohrenwald in 1947.

TRIBUTE CARDS

The VHSC gratefully acknowledges contributions through tribute cards. For order please call Grace Ehrlich at 327-8064, Regina Fildman at 327-3358 or the office at 734-5325.

ANNIVERSARY

Zoe & Natie Gropper: to Sylvia & Manny Bricker on their 50th

Lyliane & Larry Thal: to Dora & Charles Davis on their 50th

Sharon Horowitz & Bob Willmot: to Dora & Charles Davis on their 50th

Regina & David Feldman: to Mr. & Mrs. Sam Goldberg on their 45th

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Speedy recovery to Tillie Kositsky from Regina & David Feldman

Speedy recovery to Esther Pelman from Regina & David Feldman

Happy 45th to Mitch & Helen Singer from Regina & David Feldman

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