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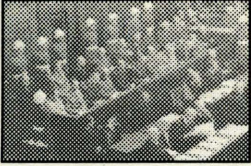


## JUDGEMENT *on* NUREMBERG

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## ANTI-JEWISH LEGISLATION BEFORE THE NUREMBERG LAWS

The first stages of the Nazi solutions to the "Jewish Problem" were carefully devised in the following legal steps:

**28 February 1933:** *Emergency Decree for the "Protection of People and State"*

With this law, the police could arrest anyone they considered anti-Nazi or a political threat to the state.

**23 March 1933:** *The Enabling Act, "Law for the Relieving of the Distress of People and Reich"*

Parliament voted that Hitler and his cabinet had the right to make laws on their own. Hitler gained the legal right to rule by decree (direct order) and could remove basic civil rights from those Germans deemed dangerous to the Reich.

**April 1933:** *"Law for the Restoration of Professional Civil Service"*

This was the first anti-Jewish law. It removed "non-Aryans" (Jews) from the German civil service, including: postal, fire and police departments; the courts; railroad conductors; public teachers; etc.

**April 1933:** *"Law Regarding the Admission to Bar"*

Persons of "non-Aryan descent" (Jews) and/or pro-Communists could not practice law.

**April 1933:** *"Law Against the Overcrowding of German Schools and Institutions of Higher Learning"*

The number of "non-Aryan" (Jewish) students was reduced in public and private schools.

**14 July 1933:**

The Nazi Party was officially declared the only legitimate party in Germany.

## THE NUREMBERG LAWS

**September 1935:** "Reich Citizenship Law" and the "Law for the Protection of German Blood and Honour" (commonly known as the Nuremberg Laws)

According to the Nuremberg Laws, people were of the Jewish "race" if one grandparent was considered Jewish or if they considered themselves members of the Jewish "race." A grandparent was considered Jewish if he or she had belonged to a Jewish religious institution.

**The first of these laws** reclassified Jews as "subjects rather than citizens" and, thereby, removed their basic civil rights.

**The second of these laws** was directed at governing private life:

1. It prohibited intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews.
2. Sexual intercourse was forbidden between Jews and non-Jews.
3. Jews could not employ non-Jewish women under age 45 as domestic helpers.

*Note: The Nuremberg Laws made it possible to begin to carry out policies of discrimination and exclusion by removing civil rights. The legal definition of a "race" was now dependent upon membership in a religious group.*



# THE LEGACY OF NUREMBERG: 1946 TO 1996



## Stanley H. Winfield

*"The privilege of opening the first trial in history for crimes against the peace of the world imposes a grave responsibility. The wrongs which we seek to condemn and punish have been so calculated, so malignant and so devastating, that civilization cannot tolerate their being ignored, because it cannot survive their being repeated. That four great nations, flushed with victory and stung with injury, stay the hands of vengeance and voluntarily submit their captive enemies to the judgement of the law, is one of the most significant tributes that power has ever paid to reason."*—Associate Justice Robert Jackson, U.S. Supreme Court (Chief Prosecutor United States) Palace of Justice, Nuremberg, 21 November 1945.

On 8 May 1945 the twelve year old "1000 year Reich" had ceased to exist. Adolph Hitler was dead and Germany lay in ruins. Those Nazi leaders who, unlike Hitler and Himmler, had not committed suicide, were sitting in prison in Nuremberg, the city that cradled National Socialism, awaiting a trial where they would be given the protection of the law—something they had denied their victims. Justice, at long last, had caught up with them. No need to dignify those twenty-two drab looking men whose pictures we have seen dozens of times, staring at us from the prisoner's dock, by reciting their names. On 1 October 1946, twelve of them were sentenced to death, seven given prison sentences and three were released.

As early as 1942, nations other than those countries occupied by the Germans knew that atrocities on an enormous scale were being perpetrated against Jews, prisoners of war, and civilian populations. Indeed, by October 1941, the Allies had declared their intention of bringing to account those men who had occupied high government positions during the Nazi regime, and who were primarily responsible for starting the war.

The Nuremberg Trial of German Major War Criminals, also known as the International Military Tribunal, opened after months of discussion and preparation on 20 November 1945, in the courtroom of the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg. Although bombs had destroyed large areas of the city, the mediaeval palace and the large prison still stood among the rubble. Of course, practical aspects determined the choice of Nuremberg, but no one could be oblivious to the symbolism. During the heady days of the Third Reich, Nuremberg had witnessed

the spectacle of the Nazi Party rallies. It was there in 1935 that Hitler had promulgated the infamous Nuremberg Laws which deprived the Jews of German citizenship, confining them to the inferior status of "subjects." Over the next five years there were 'supplements' to those undemocratic decrees, eventually outlawing Jews completely, confining them to ghettos and preventing them from earning a livelihood.

Nearly three tons of captured documents, records, papers and film were reviewed for evidence to be presented at the trial. The forty-two volumes of the Nuremberg trial record have carefully catalogued the systematic, diabolical cruelties of the Nazi regime, evidence which today continues to outrage all but the revisionists and Holocaust deniers, who are surely devoid of moral or humane sensibilities. The Nuremberg trial record, and the many books and documentaries that contain summaries of this evidence of genocide, preserves for all time the incontrovertible proof of Nazi aggression and atrocities. In 1941, Winston Churchill declared that "retribution for these crimes must henceforward take its place among the major purposes of this war." What he had in mind was to take all the war criminals on trial out some morning and shoot them. However, the United States' view prevailed, i.e., that such a violent solution, while satisfying a desire for

vengeance, would not reassert the rule of law in a world so brutalized by Germany's "debasing legal order." Such summary executions would surely have created Nazi martyrs, and today make it easier for revisionists and deniers to claim that the Holocaust was a Jewish hoax.

The crimes judged by the tribunal fell into four counts. The defendants were each charged on one or more. The first, the Common Plan or Conspiracy was defined in the opening "Statement of Offense": *"All the defendants, with diverse other persons, during a period of years preceding 8th May 1945, participated as leaders, organizers, instigators or accomplices in the formulation or execution of a common plan or conspiracy to commit, or which involved the commission of, Crimes against Peace, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity... and are individually responsible for their own acts and for all acts committed by any persons in the execution of such plan or conspiracy."*

*Crimes against Peace* included the preparation, direction and initiation of a war of aggression, *War Crimes* included assassinations, persecutions or deportation of forced labour, and shooting of POWs. *Crimes against Humanity* included extermination and enslavement of civilian populations and the attempted genocide of Jews and Gypsies.

Nuremberg established the principle of individual responsibility for state crimes, and that it is not enough to say "I was just obeying orders." Personal responsibility was affirmed and judicial protection for human rights was asserted. It is now fifty years after the event, and this year, 1996, saw Dusko Tadic become the first person since Nuremberg to stand trial in an international court on charges of Crimes against Humanity. Tadic is charged with systematic brutality against Muslim civilians, including murder, rape and torture. He is among more than fifty individuals indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia at The Hague. Others charged include Bosnian Croats and Muslims, as well as Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader and General Ratko Mladic, his military commander, who are indicted on 16 counts, including genocide.

Certainly, the International Military Tribunal was one of the most momentous



Alfred Rosenberg, leading Nazi theoretician

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# "Nuremberg, the Holocaust & Human Rights"

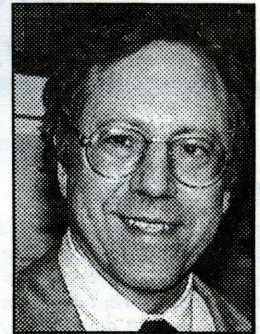
## PUBLIC LECTURE

7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 19, 1996

Norman Rothstein Theatre — 950 West 41st Ave., Vancouver

Reception follows at 8:30 p.m. in the Holocaust Education Centre

Holocaust Education Centre (604) 264-0499 — Tickets: \$10/students \$6



A profound silence marks the fifty years since the trial of major war criminals before the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, Germany. The intent of Nuremberg was to try Nazi leaders for "crimes against peace and humanity." The trial was meant to demonstrate that individuals could be held responsible for their actions during war by the international community.

Dr. Irwin Cotler, Professor of Law at McGill University, will examine the legacy of Nuremberg and its role in the advancement of international law and human rights. His lecture opens the Centre's symposium, *Judgement on Nuremberg*, which continues on Sunday, October 20, Simon Fraser University, at Harbour Centre.

Dr. Cotler is internationally recognized for his work on human rights and has been a regular visiting Professor of Law at Harvard University. "A pioneer in the area of international human rights law and advocacy. Professor Cotler's legal briefs have emerged as models for the new 'genre' of advocacy... his initiatives have broken new ground in this area and he has achieved international renown for his defense of political prisoners."

Dr. Cotler's talk and the symposium are organized in partnership with the Centre for Education, Law and Society, Faculty of Education, Simon Fraser University, and is generously supported by The Law Foundation of British Columbia; Epstein, Wood, Logie, Wexler & Maerov; Rush, Crane, Gunther & Adams; Mandell, Pinder; Donald J. Rosenbloom; Alexander, Holburn, Beaudin & Lang; Koffman, Birnie & Kalef.

events in modern world history. Lord Shawcross, Britain's chief prosecutor at Nuremberg, hailed the trials as a "milestone in the history of civilization." Fifty years later, it still remains the most important international legal offensive ever launched against aggression and atrocities. As a purely legal phenomenon, the Nuremberg Trials have long been a matter of serious controversy for legal scholars, particularly where the question of *ex post facto* (after the fact) law is concerned. The attempts of scholars to deal with this problem is one of the most interesting and troubling aspects of any debate on Nuremberg. Some argue that since Germany was a sovereign state, exercising its sovereign prerogatives, the acts for which the Nazi leaders were tried, no matter how awful, were legal in Germany, and that the accused were therefore punished by retroactive legislation. The ongoing argument is whether an *ex post facto* law can be pleaded, let alone recognized, in the Anglo-American system of Justice. What is beyond debate, however, is the evidence, so painstakingly gathered and judiciously presented, that reveals the Nazi depravity, the ghastly reality of the gas chambers, the concentration camps and the inhuman suffering inflicted on over six million defenseless and innocent victims.

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*Nuremberg.* Documentary. 76 minutes. Study Guide and Photo Series (very graphic).

*Nuremberg War Crime Trial.* 2 hrs. 17 min. Court TV, 1996. Includes original footage, interviews.

*Judgment at Nuremberg.* 3 hrs. 6 min. Feature film, 1961. Nominated for 11 Oscars.

#### Poster Sets:

Crimes Against Humanity: Nazis on Trial. Wiesenthal Centre.



# JUDGEMENT ON NUREMBERG: A SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER 19 - 20, 1996

## SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

### Saturday Evening, October 19, 1996

Norman Rothstein Theatre  
950 West 41st Avenue, Vancouver

6:00 pm Symposium Registration

7:00 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Dr. John Stubbs**, President,  
Simon Fraser University

#### Introduction

**Dr. Robert Krell**, President,  
Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society

7:00 pm Keynote Address

### **Nuremberg, the Holocaust and Human Rights: The Moral - Juridical Legacy Fifty Years Later**

**Dr. Irwin Cotler**  
Professor of Law, McGill University

*Professor Cotler has litigated constitutional and comparative law, served on numerous international commissions and fought tirelessly as an international human rights lawyer. His recent publications include "International Human Rights: Law and Practice" (1992) and "Nuremberg, Forty-Five Years Later: The Struggle Against Injustice in Our Time" (1995).*

8:30 pm Reception, Holocaust Education Centre, 50 - 950 West 41st Avenue, Vancouver

### Sunday, October 20

Labatt Theatre, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre, 515 W. Hastings St., Vancouver

8:30 am Symposium Registration

9:00 am Introduction: **Barbara Bluman**,  
Lawyer, Arbitrator/Mediator

### **The Nuremberg Trial: Assessment and Reassessment**

**Michael Marrus**, Professor of History,  
University of Toronto

### **The Anatomy of the Nuremberg Trial**

**Robert Conot**, author of *Justice at Nuremberg* (1983)

11:00 am Introduction:

Senator **Jerry Grafstein**, QC,  
Senate of Canada

### **In the Shadow of Nuremberg: The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia at The Hague**

**Dana Urban**, Prosecutor, formerly  
of The International Criminal Tribunal  
for the Former Yugoslavia

**William Fenrick**, Senior Legal Advisor,  
Office of the Prosecutor, The  
International Criminal Tribunal for the  
Former Yugoslavia

12:30 pm Lunch Provided

1:30 pm Introduction:

**Nancy Morrison**, QC, Lawyer

### **Hate Speech as Precursor to Nuremberg**

**David Matas**  
Civil Liberties Lawyer, Winnipeg

2:45 pm Introduction:

**Lynn Smith**, Dean of Law,  
University of British Columbia

### **Judgements of the Future: Future Models of Justice**

**Madame Justice Rosalie Abella**,  
Justice, Ontario Court of Appeal

3:45 pm Closing Remarks:

**The Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh**,  
Attorney General of British Columbia

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## JUDGEMENT ON NUREMBERG OCTOBER 19 - 20, 1996 — SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

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### SYMPOSIUM FEES

**Full registration**  
(includes ticket to Saturday evening Keynote & Sunday Lunch) .....\$60.00

**Full time students** (please indicate affiliation): .....\$25.00

**Keynote address only:** .....\$10.00 /students \$6.00

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## CALL FOR DOCENTS

*Docents are needed for the upcoming school program at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre*

### JUDGEMENT on NUREMBERG

*A Student Mock Trial of Julius Streicher*

**October 7 - December 13, 1996**

This fall we have planned a program of student mock trials to coincide with the fifty year anniversary of the conclusion of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.

The mock trial charges Julius Streicher, owner and publisher of the anti-Semitic newspaper *Der Stürmer*, with "Crimes Against Humanity." Students will select their roles of judge, jury, prosecutors, defense lawyers and witnesses before coming to the Holocaust Centre.

**Your role** as a docent will be to lead a class through the fully scripted trial and then conduct a follow-up discussion, using prepared questions. I piloted this with a group of students from University Hill Secondary School and the response was just terrific. Students took their responsibilities very seriously and left the Centre still discussing the issues among themselves. The issues they dealt with included freedom of the press, Canadian anti-hate legislation, and the current trials at The Hague.

Part of your training will include a run-through of the mock-trial. I think you will find this as exciting a learning experience as I did. I hope you can join us.

Training dates are Monday & Tuesday, September 16 & 17, 1996 from 7 to 9 each night. Please call the Centre at 264-0499 if you would like to participate.

*Frieda*  
**Frieda Miller**  
Education Coordinator



*Filing and sorting Nuremberg trial records, 1945*

### Judgement on Nuremberg

## A STUDENT MOCK TRIAL OF JULIUS STREICHER

**A** program for high school students has been planned to mark the 50-year anniversary of the conclusion of the Nuremberg Trials. Mock trials of Julius Streicher, the owner and publisher of the anti-Semitic newspaper *Der Stürmer*, will be conducted at the Holocaust Education Centre from October 7 to December 13.

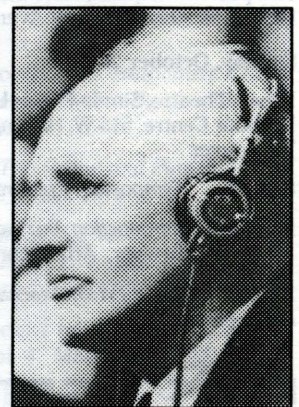
Students will be introduced to the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg and its precedent-setting role in extending the reach of international law. Students will learn and apply some of the legal principles of Nuremberg; understand and discuss the role of hate propaganda in inciting groups to action both during the Holocaust and today; understand and discuss the legal and political impact of Nuremberg today, including the investigation and trial of suspected Bosnian war criminals at the International Tribunal at The Hague; and discuss contemporary issues of hate speech and freedom of expression.

**For more information on this challenging and exciting program of student mock trials call (604) 264-0499 or fax (604) 264-0497. Teachers booking a class visit, will receive a copy of the teacher's guide.**

The mock trial and the accompanying teacher's guide was developed by **Frieda Miller**, Education Coordinator and **Evelyn Neaman**, **Raymond Schachter** and **Mark Wexler**.

The Holocaust Education Centre would like to recognize the outstanding contributions made by Evelyn, Ray and Mark, who brought a unique blend of talent, hard work and passion to this project.

Special thanks are also owing to **Linda Clode** and her Social Studies students who piloted the mock trial with much energy and seriousness of purpose. Thanks also to **Cathy Moss** for help with editing and consistency; **Catherine Mori** for sharing her mock trial experience with the committee; and to **Dr. Philip Alderman** for his ongoing and invaluable help with desktop publishing.



*Julius Streicher*

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## RONNIE TESSLER ENDS TENURE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VHCS

**O**n June 30, 1996 Ronnie Tessler ended her tenure as Executive Director of the VHCS after more than five years of exemplary service to the Society. Ronnie saw the Centre through its critical period of growth, the time of development, construction and the opening of its first exhibits and programmes. Ronnie worked with many committees: building and design, educational policy development, and long range program planning as the new Centre began to take shape, first as an idea and then as a reality in physical terms. Ronnie stayed long enough to see it up and running—a quality education centre with an archive, library, education resource centre, survivors lounge and exhibit area.

Over time her responsibilities grew substantially. As they grew so did her skills and abilities. Trained as a documentary photographer, Ronnie continued to develop and enlarge her knowledge-base by attending professional seminars and conferences and by taking courses in the Cultural Resource Program at the University of Victoria. She admirably managed a complex and successful growing organization. How Ronnie came to this position and her reflections on five years of service are described below in her own words:

*"It was all Barry Dunner's fault. I knew he was thinking of leaving his position as Executive Director of the Society back in the winter of 1990. I was wondering what he would do next when I ran into him at the Café Mercatz in the JCC. He was sitting at a table hatching something. It turned out to be his formal resignation, which he presented to the Board that night. He said to me, 'So, I'm resigning at the meeting tonight and I'm proposing you as Director.' Since we are in the habit of teasing each other, I responded with, 'Ho, ho, ho, Barry' and walked on. Some instinct, however, turned me around full circle. I walked back and said, 'Well, why not?'" Split second decisions are something I believe in. Intuition has always led me to the most exciting challenges, and this was a big one.*

*This adventure with the VHCS began with a snap decision and ended with a reward bigger and better than I think any of us envisioned at the beginning. The idea of being part of a group creating something of lasting value to society struck me like a little jolt of electricity when Barry made his joke. Following that hunch turned out to be one of the most fortuitous experiences of my working life. Like*



Photograph by Dina Goldstein

*all major events in life, it had its fears and challenges and uncomfortable moments, but the pluses are almost too many to enumerate. On the Board's part, it took a lot of chutzpah to hire me, someone who did not have an immediate experience of the Holocaust and whose career hadn't included anything that was needed to lead the group in realizing their goal: to build a Holocaust education centre. For my part, I wonder what made me think I could do it? But we did do it. We created something together that our community is proud of, that fulfilled the survivors' dream of leaving a legacy, that the public have been attending in ever greater numbers and that teachers and students are turning to over and over again. One thing that always struck me was the unanimity of the Board's purpose and the integrity with which it was carried out. No false steps were made that lowered either our dignity or that of our message. The complexities of planning the Centre and programming it did not just happen without struggles, but they were always honourable and the goals were always at the forefront. I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to play a role in the development of the Holocaust Education Centre.*

*I would like to thank everyone for their trust and confidence and for all that I learned from your courage, convictions, and special abilities. My family was unwavering in their support and especially generous and understanding about the amount of time I put in and the meals I didn't cook, for we all believed in what we were doing. I am proud to have been on the team that put together this project and to have been with it long*

*enough to see its importance to the community, most particularly to the students and teachers who are visiting us in such great numbers. Best wishes for the continued growth and success of the Holocaust Education Centre."*

**Ronnie Tessler, July, 1996**

### THE BOARD AND STAFF PAY TRIBUTE...

"When Ronnie began her work, it was from an office the size of a closet at the back of the Jewish Community Centre. There was no privacy in which to work, conduct meetings or make use of volunteer assistance. There was no heat in the office during the winter, the equipment was below office standards. From these conditions and a space about 2 X 2 the office moved upstairs at Schara Tzedeck, under Rabbinical supervision."

"Ronnie is a very artistically creative person and her touch is evident not only in the architecture but, as importantly, in the creativity evident in so many programs offered in the first two years since the opening."

**Dr. Robert Krell**  
VHCS President

"Ronnie never asked anyone to do anything she would not do herself. She always led by example. There is something about her basic integrity and passion for what she does that inspires others to live up to her very high expectations. I know that the Centre has become the success that it has in large part due to Ronnie, the calibre of people that she has managed to attract to the organization and her vision of an open, inclusive mandate."

**Frieda Miller**  
Education Coordinator

"Ronnie, the dream became a reality beyond our expectation! We have been fortunate in attracting people like you. We have grown and you, Ronnie, have grown with us. You have given us more than words can express. The love and esteem we have for you is shown by our presence here tonight. You are part of the Holocaust family. We respect your wish to move on and I know that you will always remain part of us. Everyone on the Board joins me in wishing you well in all your future endeavors."

**Robbie Waisman**  
VHCS Vice President





# "NO LONGER ALONE"

## The Last One

by Marion I. Cassirer

Not the first, or thirty-third,  
Nor the five thousand three hundred thirty-  
seventh,  
Not even the one-and-a-half millionth  
The Last One slips unexpectedly into my mind  
at the most inappropriate moments

Cooking a soup, washing my hands,  
Driving along a quiet street or  
Simply listening to a tape  
The question pops up again and again

Who was she? Who was he?

Was she black of eye and golden haired  
Rivkah, Malkah, Piri, Rena  
A tiny infant, a toddler of three or  
Already a vivacious seven?

Was he Gypsy dark with emerald eyes  
Miros, Tomic, Arik, Janos  
Just turned five or six, or even eleven?

Did the death trains bring her directly  
To the gas chambers? Was he caught  
while running away during his family's round-up?

Was her young life snuffed out while  
Gasping for air which would not come,  
Was his ended with a rifle bullet  
Into his freedom-loving brain?

Will we ever know the answer?  
Who knows when the Last child died  
Not at liberation, that's for sure  
For the Last child continues to die  
As long as young life is considered  
dispensable

Who is She? Who is He?

They are us, forever inside the survivors  
A reminder of our past  
A sign-post to our Future

23-29 May 1996



Rie Beelen, age 11 (L); Marion Irene Kaufmann Cassirer — "Renie", age 8 (R)  
July, 1945

## "RENIE"

*This is a story about Marion Cassirer, who was hidden in the Netherlands by the family Beelen, who lived on an isolated farm named the "Stokhorst". About twenty years ago the daughter, Mrs. M. van de Burgt-Beelen, wrote down her memories about the little Jewish girl they had sheltered.*

**I**t was early May, 1943, on the first day of Pentecost that Miss Veldhuizen, teacher at the school for girls in Malden, knocked at our door and wanted to speak to our parents. Father and mother looked at each other with surprise, wondering what she might want.

They soon found out.

It was about a 6 year old Jewish girl who was temporarily placed with H. de Kleyn-Wintjes, who at that time resided in Malden. A Dutch Nazi had moved into the house across the street, with the result that it became too dangerous for them to keep the little girl. They did not know where to take her, therefore they wondered whether we dared to risk taking such a girl into our home. For a moment my father thought about it: it had been only a few days ago that we had taken my brother Gerrit, age 16, to the cemetery. He had died suddenly of

meningitis. "Well," said father, "our Gerrit is in heaven and he will see to it that nothing will harm us. We will take her in, but I do not want to receive any money or food ration coupons for her, we want to do this strictly as a charitable deed, this way it will work out."

Within a few days she was brought to us. She was typically Jewish, with black curls, a sweet child. Terribly frightened, she barely dared to go outside by herself, and she rushed into the house as fast as she could whenever she was outside and a plane flew overhead. She clearly had been leading a life of fear ever since she was a baby.

They came from Germany, and one day, after her mother brought her home from school, their neighbours warned them to flee because her father had been arrested and the Nazis were looking for them too. They fled without taking anything along except for some money, and after roaming for a month, they reached Maastricht in The Netherlands. Henri Knap, head of the Jewish Council, was in hiding there. He took Marion and her mother to Dr. Boy Edgar, asking him to arrange for accommodation for mother and daughter. Consequently he took them to Amsterdam and found shelter



for them. But it did not take long until they were driven out again, and at that point they were separated. Her mother stayed in Amsterdam and Marion went with Dr. Edgar to Malden. But because her hair was quite dark, it had to be dyed red and to achieve that she had to go back to Amsterdam. There she was nabbed by the persecutors of the Jews and placed in a camp.

She stayed there several weeks until Dr. Edgar smuggled her out again illegally. Thereafter she came to Malden and then to us. This explains why she was so scared, because she knew what persecution was like. She had gone through a lot in the camp and she was afraid all the time. Whenever someone came, she would hide somewhere, and she reappeared when that person had left. Thus it happened, it was summer, when suddenly a couple of Germans stood at the door. I have forgotten just what they wanted, but after they had left we could not find Marion. We searched everywhere. As we went to look outside and called out "Renie" (that was her assumed name), she appeared with her little black curls above the golden wheat plumes, asking with a frightened expression: "Have they gone?"

One day someone came to our door and said, "You sure have nice curls." He added, looking at mother, "She is safe here." Whereupon Renie said, cleverly, "But I belong to Pete" because he also had dark, curly hair.

When she reached school age, she went along with the others to school in Malden. The nuns knew that she was a Jewish girl and they offered to cooperate. Once it happened that the Germans entered the school. The Sister took Renie out of the classroom and hid her in a rabbit cage until the Germans had gone. All went well until two Jewish children were arrested in Mook. We received a note from the nuns to say that it was no longer justified to send her to school, and to not even keep her. Dr. Edgar had to flee because the Germans discovered that he had found hiding places for Jewish children. But again father came up with a solution. He had mother take Renie to school in order to say goodbye to the other children because she so-called was going back to Amsterdam. She acted her role so well that everybody believed her, and the children called out to her: "So long, and will we see you again some time?" When they got some distance away from the school she said, "It is lucky that it is not true."

As of that day she no longer went to school, and she was hardly allowed to go outside any more because, after all, nobody was allowed to find out that she was still staying with us until the liberation finally came on September 17, 1944. From then on

she was free. Her mother was liberated too and after a long search she finally found her own child. She had not heard anything all that time and she did not know whether she was still alive. Seeing her again made Renie happy and actually also a little sad because after all her mother had returned, but she would have to leave her foster parents who she had come to love. No, that was not possible so suddenly, and therefore Renie and her mother stayed with us for another 7 months.

Thereafter mother and daughter left for Amsterdam and they often came to Overasselt. They were present at the funeral of my father.

Before their departure for America mother and daughter came to say goodbye. In that country Marion continued her education.

Later she married a good man and she has two cute children.

We had not seen her for 26 years. Thanks to the (radio station) AVRO we had the opportunity to see her again. It was moving when she stretched her arms out for my mother and called out to her, "Mama, here is your youngest daughter back again."

**M. van de Burgt-Beelen**

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**The Child Survivor page "No Longer Alone" welcomes submissions addressed to Louise Stein-Sorensen, Editor, 50 - 950 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver, BC V5Z 2N7**

**OCTOBER 11 - 14, 1996**

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## Updates/Reports/Reviews

### OUTREACH SPEAKERS REPORT: 1995-96

#### **Rita Akselrod, Chair**

In the past year, the VHCS Outreach Program has responded to 63 requests for speakers and educated over 6,000 students. Our heartfelt appreciation to the following for traveling near and far, reaching out to young people with their stories: Louise Stein-Sorensen, Judith Levison, Karl Levison, Mariette Doduck, Agi Bergida, Robbie Waisman, Peter Parker, Bronia Sonnenschein, David Ehrlich, Bill Gluck, Serge Vanry, Marion Cassirer, Rubin Pinsky, Bente Thomsen, Else Dunner, Inge Manes, Alex Buckman, Bertha Fraeme, Paulina Kirman, Susan Bluman and Stan Winfield. Thanks to your dedication, this program continues to be in great demand! This program would not work as well as it does without the assistance of Perry Cloete, Linda Kelly, Dan Sonnenschein and Fay Davis.

**Symposium speakers:** The Symposium at UBC and the mini symposia at the Holocaust Education Centre reached a further 1200 students. The speakers were: keynoters - Lillian Nemetz, Ken McVay; witnesses - Susan Quastel, Paul Meyer, Robbie Waisman, David Ehrlich, Bronia Sonnenschein, Klara Forrai, Ernie Forrai, Else Dunner, Mariette Doduck, Judith & Karl Levison, Louise Stein-Sorensen, Michel Mielnicki, Robert Krell, Celina Lieberman, Chaim Kornfeld, Serge Haber, Ruth Sigal, Peter Parker, Rubin Pinsky, Paulina Kirman, Lola Apfelbaum, Anne Derek, Peter Suedfeld, Alex Buckman, Bertha Fraeme, Serge Vanry, Marion Cassirer, Bente Thomsen, and Børge Strømgen.

**In-House Programs:** We offer our sincere thanks to all of the above, who, while speaking at schools around the Lower Mainland, Sechelt and Kelowna, also spoke to students this year at the following exhibits and events: We Were Children Then...; Visas for Life, the Mini-Symposia, and Warsaw Ghetto: A Pictorial Remembrance.



# Take "note" of this...

## UPCOMING

As Part of Jewish Book Week

**Sunday November 3rd, 1996  
at the Holocaust Education Centre**

**2:00 PM GENERATIONS...**

**Mother & daughter Poetry Reading**

**By Eva & Debórah Miller**

Eva Mendel Miller grew up in Berlin where she experienced first hand, the birth and rise of Hitler's regime. Many of her closest friends perished in the Holocaust. Her novel, *The Last Expressionist*, explores one family's passage through those turbulent times. Eva Miller will be reading with her daughter, Debórah. Debórah will read from her recently published book of poetry, *I Will Burn Candles*.

**5:00 PM BURNING CANDLES...  
Poetry Reading**

**by Suzanne Heinz and Debórah Miller**

Suzanne Heinz was born in Russelsheim, Germany in 1960, immigrating to Canada in 1967. She was granted a Master of Arts Degree in Creative Writing in 1996 from the University of Calgary. The granddaughter of a Nazi officer, her poems reflect the anguish of what she calls her "tainted heritage." Suzanne will recite some recent poems that deal with her conflicted feelings about her German heritage. These will be paired with selected works by Debórah Miller.

## Triptych

by Suzanne Heinz

I

Mum and I are shopping.  
Her hand holds mine, tight  
so I won't get lost.  
The rhythm of bodies  
pulls at me, and I look  
at mum's face to be sure  
she's still there.

All around me, a press  
of coats, scarves, legs.



Debórah Miller and Suzanne Heinz

Smell of winter wet  
wool, snowy leather,  
the sticky pine of sweat,  
too-warm indoors, and mum  
says these are hundreds of people.

II

Home from school,  
I salute my mother my arm  
pointing, palm flat-faced down,  
thinking it's funny  
because the kids laughed  
so I laughed too and laugh now  
until my mother's palm  
hits my face, hard  
and I see her angry eyes  
are wet because she is crying  
and I don't know what to do,  
so I cry too until she stops.

And tells me about gas  
and ovens and doctors and places  
where blonde-haired, blue-eyed  
boys and girls like me were sent  
to be taught, and to make babies,  
only blond-haired, blue-eyed ones.  
My mother cries more, she  
says it's not my fault  
no matter what the kids say,  
and that she was a little girl  
who couldn't have stopped them either.

III

An intruder,  
I sit and watch the candle  
being lit in benediction.  
I'm anxious to break

bread correctly, and nervous  
laugh at my faulty sight  
singing, guessing at phonetic Hebrew.  
I want to do well tonight  
and share this gentle privacy.  
Instead I twist in braided wax  
along a guilt-woven wick.  
We are bound in blood, spilled  
by my family, and live  
divided by our common wound.

## Granny

by Debórah Miller

Soft rubber lips  
brandy-scented and sweet  
Prussian-throated laughter  
she didn't bake bread  
and she didn't knit booties.  
She did steal things sometimes.

"Terminally sixteen,"  
said Doctor Binswanger from Kreutlingen  
who treated Zelda Fitzgerald  
so he should know.

With charm and her two daughters  
she escaped Austria by train.  
"Yes, we're the Nazi general's family.  
Won't you join us  
for tea in the dining car?"

She recited Heine to me  
but I never learned German.  
She never recognized my voice  
but I sang Lehar arias for her.  
She never forgot my birthday.

Rheumatic bones scraped  
against each other every minute  
of everyday pain.  
Father killed.  
Mother killed.  
Sister killed.

Christian Brothers  
Brandy owes her a debt of gratitude.  
She downed a bottle of their forgiveness  
every day of her life.

I wish I could-  
forgiveness  
is so hard to swallow.



# Take "note" of this...

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

**To the Community of Survivors, Relatives and Friends:** The Annual High Holidays Memorial Service for our loved ones will take place on Sunday, September 22, 1996 Erev Yom Kippur. Place: Schara Tzedek Cemetery, 2346 Marine Drive, New Westminster.

For transportation and for the time of the service please call **Leo Lowy at 272-0068** or the Holocaust Education Centre at 264-0499

## Holocaust Books Win Awards

**Two Holocaust books received first place awards** from the Association of Jewish Libraries recently. Chosen for the Sydney Taylor Award in the category of best books for children published during 1995 were: *Star of Fear, Star of Hope*, and *Dancing in the Bridge of Avignon*. *Star of Fear, Star of Hope* was written by Jo Hoestlandt and illustrated by Johanna Kang (translated from the French by Mark Polizzotti; published by Walker & Co. (\$15.95 US). The book tells the story of Helen, age 9, whose Jewish friend disappears one night during the Jewish Occupation of Paris. The second book, for a slightly older audience is *Dancing in the Bridge of Avignon* by Ida Vos (translated from the Dutch by Terese Edelstein and Inez Smidt; published by Houghton Mifflin Co. (\$14.95 US). This story is set in Holland in 1942 and portrays the fearfulness and uncertainty faced by Jewish children at this time. The Holocaust Education Centre library has one copy of *Star of Fear, Star of Hope* and would very much like to have *Dancing in the Bridge of Avignon* donated.

## Restitution Issues

### The Mauerbach Auction

An auction of confiscated art works held for over forty years by the Austrian government will take place this fall. Christies, an international auction house, has agreed to conduct the sale on a non-profit basis. Acting on behalf of the Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities, more than 1000 art works will be put before public auction in Vienna on October 29 & 30. The work was confiscated from Jewish homes between 1938 and 1945. Proceeds of the auction, expected to be more than 3.5 million, will be distributed to Austrian victims of the Holocaust and their

## ANNUAL KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION

8:00 p.m. Sunday

10 November 1996

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## "Auschwitz, Past, Present and Future"

a joint address by two  
outstanding scholars:  
**Professors Deborah Dwork**  
and  
**Robert Jan van Pelt**

Deborah Dwork is Rose Professor of Holocaust Studies and Modern Jewish History at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. She is the author of *Children with a Star: Jewish Youth in Nazi Europe* (1991) and numerous other works on the history of the Holocaust. Robert Jan van Pelt is Professor of Cultural History in the School of Architecture at the University of Waterloo. He has published numerous books and articles on the history of architecture and on the planning and construction of the Auschwitz site. They are co-authors of the soon to be published: *Auschwitz, 1270 to the Present*. This Kristallnacht address will be illustrated by slides of the Auschwitz site and the speakers' ideas of how it may develop in the future.

families. After the war, Allied Forces recovered much of the confiscated material and turned it over to the Austrian government with the provision that efforts be made to find the rightful owners. Over 10,000 were identified and returned to original owners or descendants. The remaining material has been stored in a medieval monastery in Mauerbach, a town near Vienna for the past 40 years. The auction will take place at Vienna's MAK Museum, the Austrian Museum of Applied Art. The material will be

on display starting October 22. A catalogue will be available sometime in September. For information you can call the following toll free number: **1-800-395-6300**.

## Polish Property Claims

**There is not yet any formal legislation** in place in Poland that provides for restitution of Jewish property to the legal owners or heirs, nor for the payment of compensation for lost property, however there have been cases argued successfully in Polish courts. To this end, The World Jewish Congress has announced that the United Restitution Organization will work to assist former Polish citizens who previously owned real estate in Poland to file claims. If you know the exact location of confiscated property and wish more information contact: United Restitution Organization, 570 Seventh Avenue, Room 1106, New York, NY. 10018 phone (212)-921-3860 or fax (212) 575-1918.

## We Need Your Help For An Upcoming Exhibit

**The Original Costume Museum Society** is producing an exhibition illustrating Jewish contributions to the textile and fashion industries in Germany and Austria prior to the Nazi persecutions. The exhibition will be opening in January of 1998 at the Holocaust Education Centre.

The curators are searching for additional material from this era, and from designers who re-located to other cities, including Vancouver and Hollywood. Items of interest are: clothing, shoes, accessories, textiles, fashion illustrations, posters and magazines from Austrian and German Jewish designers and manufacturers.

To loan or donate items to the exhibit, please call Ivan Sayers at 872-1230 or the Holocaust Education Centre at 264-0499.

## Notice Of Meeting: 7:30 PM, Wed. August 14

Next Board Meeting of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, August 14th.



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# Cards & Donations

## Donations

Donations to Lövi Memorial Scholarship Fund, Established by John Maté in memory of his grandparents, Anna (Abrahamsohn) Lövi and Dr. Joseph Lövi and his aunt Dr. Marta Lövi on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday. Anna (Abrahamsohn) Lövi and Dr. Joseph Lövi perished in Auschwitz on June 4, 1944. Dr. Marta Lövi survived Auschwitz and other concentration camps. She died in 1987 in Vancouver. The scholarship to be awarded to a student writing the winning essay on the theme of the lessons of the Holocaust in today's world. It will be presented annually at the Holocaust Symposium for High School students at UBC.

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Ruth Brody, Mazel Tov, from David & Grace Ehrlich

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The Vanished World: Jewish Cities

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or Never More! Reproductions of the Pictures of Janiny Tollik: Four Years in Auschwitz by Janiny Tollik

Feldafing by Simon Schochet

Tovarna na Smrt by Ota Kraus & Erich Kulka Terezin

Doctors of Mercy, Camp for Women: Ravensbruck, and The Naked Puppets: Auschwitz by Christian Bernadac

Doctors of Death (Vol. 1-4) by Philippe Aziz

Flowers of Auschwitz By Zinowij Tolkaczew & Kwiaty Oswiecimia

A Yid fun Klementow d'Arzilem

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From the Kingdom of Memory: Reminiscences by Elie Wiesel

Twilight by Elie Wiesel

Last Waltz in Vienna: The Rise and Destruction of a Family, 1842-1942 by George Clare

They Fought Back: The Story of the Jewish Resistance in Nazi Europe

From That Place and Time: A Memoir, 1938-1947 by Lucy Dawidowicz

Escape from Sobibor by Richard L. Rashke

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The Survivor by Jack Eisner

Escape Into Darkness: The True Story of a Young Woman's Extraordinary Survival During World War II by Sonia Games

Infiltration: How Heinrich Himmler Schemed to Build an SS Industrial Empire by Albert Speer

Herzl, King of the Jews: A Psychoanalytic Biography of Theodor Herzl by Avner Falk

Jews in the Japanese Mind: The History and Uses of a Cultural Stereotype by David G. Goodman & Masanori Miyazawa

Arch of Fire: A Child in Nazi Germany by Siegfried Streufert

Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans & the Holocaust by Daniel Jonah Goldhagen

Alice Lok Cahana: Remembering Not to Forget

Vi Azoi Eich Ha'Av Eibergalabat di Deutchen or How I Survived the Germans by Ber Reitswol

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Heil Hitler: Confessions of Hitler Youth

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Nuremberg Trials

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*The Bones of Berdichev: the life and fate of Vasily Grossman* by John and Carol Garrard

*Am I A Murderer* by Frank Fox

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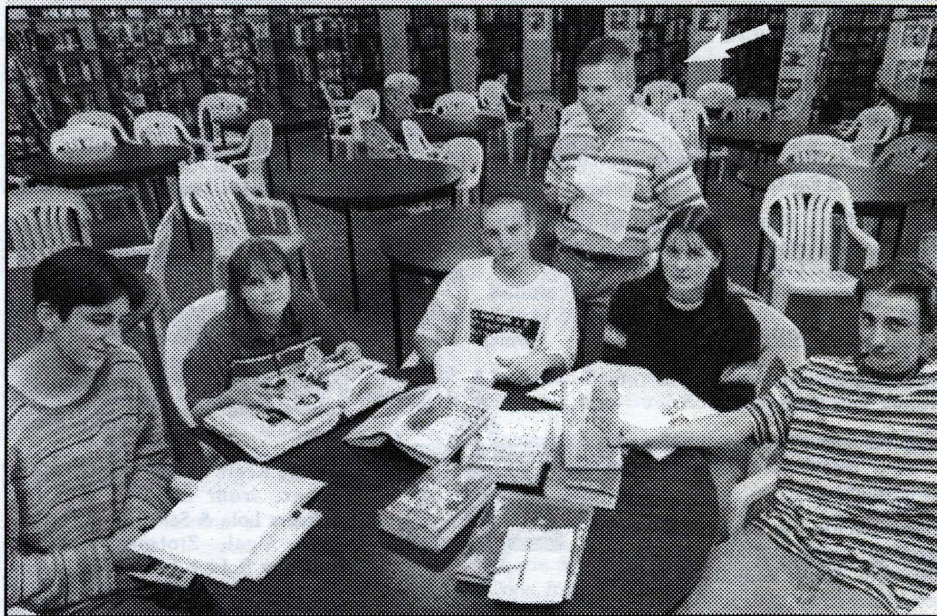
*Fugitive Pieces* by Anne Michaels

*Clara's Story* by Clara Isaacman, as told to Joan Grossman

**The work of the staff would be made much easier if the Centre had the following**

- A high speed, plain paper fax machine
- A spiral binder
- Scanner
- Metal storage shelving

## The Meyer And Gita Kron Award For Excellence In Holocaust Education



Fred Lemna (rear, arrow) & Students

(Photo by Lyle Stafford, courtesy of The Progress, Chilliwack, BC)

The Meyer and Gita Kron Award was won this year by **Mr. Fred Lemna** of Chilliwack Senior Secondary School. The award was presented during the 21st Annual Symposium on the Holocaust held at UBC in May. Through the years Lemna has invited 17 Holocaust survivors and eyewitnesses to address his students and has attended all 21 years of the Annual Symposium. He considers the symposium to be an important educational experience for his students. Mr. Lemna turned his award over to two students in June awards ceremonies at the school. "The money was donated by Holocaust survivors, I think they would like it to be used this way," Lemna said. The following is taken from his letter to the Kron family:

*"If a man saves one life, in time he will have saved the world." That line taken from the closing moments of Schindler's List more than any speaks to the heart and vision of Meyer and Gita Kron's steadfast belief that education is humanity's bulwark against racism, intolerance, indifference, radicalism, bigotry and discrimination.*

*And so I have been honored to receive the Excellence in Holocaust Education award at the 21st Symposium of the Standing Committee of the Holocaust, May 9, 1996. Such recognition has had a profound effect not only on my life, but on those of my students and others within the school community. During the past few years, our community has endured the onslaught of*

*white supremacist propaganda and denial literature. Sensitized to a plurality of issues through well-planned and developed Holocaust curricula, a number of our students at the school were outraged that such a militant group would even think Chilliwack could provide fertile ground for recruitment into their ranks. Consequently at the behest of two students, Matt Francis and Ryan Wugalter, several hundred signatures were attached to a "Statement of Common Purpose" which underscored our school community's commitment to our Multicultural and pluralistic way of life and our belief in promoting tolerance and to all groups in our society who are willing to work within that framework. Consequently, the initial efforts to establish a white supremacist, Aryan nation's church in Chilliwack were rebuffed by the community. Our young people are too well-educated and enlightened to be propagandized by such a radical and hateful fringe element.*

*On the evening of Wednesday, June 26, our student body will again be reminded of the heartfelt message of Meyer and Gita Kron in the awarding of \$300. to Matt and Ryan recognizing their efforts in reminding us once again of the importance of building tolerance and understanding within our society through education and bearing witness to the victims of past genocides. Both of these students are bound for university next year and it is important to me that your family know that each dollar of that award will be sown onto fertile ground.*



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