



10th Annual Holocaust Education Week

OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 7, 2013

Greetings from the Chair

As Chair of Holocaust Education Week I am proud to invite you to participate in this year's special program, marking the 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht. Now entering its 10th year, Holocaust Education Week continues to educate, inspire, and challenge Atlantic Canadians not only to remember the past, but to educate for the future.

The week's programmatic offerings include a powerful travelling exhibit, compelling testimonies from Holocaust survivor speakers, cultural performances, lectures, film screenings and book signings. In addition to this impressive roster of programs, we will be privileged to hear from International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Chair, Dr. Mario Silva at the Opening Program. Prepare to be transformed at our Closing Program, when we will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht with a unique musical performance by the Dalhousie University Chorus.

Be strengthened, be challenged, be inspired; be part of Holocaust Education Week 2013. I look forward to seeing you there.

B'Shalom,
Marcie-Ann Gilsig, Chair
Halifax

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– *Leading a Spiritual, Peaceful and Diverse World*

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2:00 PM | Maritime Museum of the Atlantic | 1675 Lower Water Street

Members of the audience will receive a complimentary copy of Michael Kutz's memoir, *If, By Miracle*, from The Azrieli Foundation.

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DR. MARIO SILVA,
CHAIR, INTERNATIONAL
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October 27th at 2:00 PM,
Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

Dr. Mario Silva

2013 CHAIR, INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE

On behalf of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and the Government of Canada, I am pleased to extend my warmest regards to all the participants in Halifax's tenth annual Holocaust Education Week.

Canada is proud to Chair IHRA this year, and through it to work with experts and officials from thirty other countries who share a common dedication to Holocaust education, remembrance, and research. These same principles inform the exhibits, films and speakers that take place throughout this week and provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages to reflect on the Holocaust and ensure that its lessons are not forgotten.

I would like to congratulate the Atlantic Jewish Council for developing such a thoughtful and comprehensive program, and to extend my best wishes to all participants for an inspiring and engaging Holocaust Education Week.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mario Silva,
Chair, International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

Dr. Mario Silva has had a distinguished career as an elected official in Canada between the years 1994 and 2011 as well as an author and international legal scholar. In December 2011, he was appointed by the Government of Canada to serve as the 2013 Chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).

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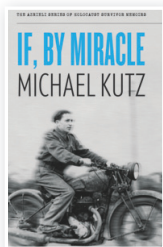
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Student program with Michael Kutz | Monday October 28th 10:00 AM

NSCC | Akerley Campus | Reservation required, please contact the

AJC 422-7491 ext. 221 to RSVP



This program is generously co-sponsored by The Azrieli Foundation. The Azrieli Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs, was established to collect, preserve and share the stories written by survivors of 20th century Nazi genocide of the Jews of Europe who later made their way to Canada. Members of the audience will receive from The Azrieli Foundation a copy of the memoirs of Michael Kutz, *If By Miracle*.



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EXHIBIT: NAMES INSTEAD OF NUMBERS

October 27th
Musquodoboit Harbour

October 29th to 30th
Head of Jeddore

See Tuesday, November 5th
for more details



Tuesday October 29th : 7:00 PM

Film: *Aftermath*, Wladyslaw Pasikowski, writer and director (2013, Polish with English subtitles, 104 minutes). A drama loosely based on a historical event.

Guest speaker: Dr. Dorota Glowacka, University of King's College

Aftermath, tells the story of two sons of a poor farmer, Franek and Jozek. Franek immigrates to the United States in the 1980's. He only returns after a surprise visit from Jozek's wife pleading with him to return back to his homeland. Once there Franek discovers that his brother has been ostracized and threatened by the community. The two brothers struggle with rebuilding their relationship as they uncover a dark secret of their hometown: the collective murder of the Jewish residents by their neighbours during World War II.

Reception to follow.

Yad Vashem Chairman's Award

"*Aftermath* is a gripping journey into the heart of the Holocaust's darkness, a film that manages both to reckon with the most painful of historical events and bring them eerily to life in the present tense". Jerusalem Film Festival 2013

Warning: difficult subject matter/graphic scenes

7:00 PM | Maritime Museum of the Atlantic | 1675 Lower Water Street

In partnership with the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

Images: Aftermath, Menemsha Films

Sunday, November 3rd : 3:00 PM

My Personal Testimony: Renata Skotnicka-Zajdman, Holocaust survivor

Special guest speaker: Norman Conrad, director, Irena Sendler Foundation

Reception and book-signing to follow.

Renata Skotnicka-Zajdman was fourteen years old when German forces met armed resistance from hundreds of Jewish fighters during the liquidation of the Warsaw ghetto. Crawling through the fetid sewers, she had escaped the day before the uprising began. She survived for a time on the streets, before being rescued by Zegota, the Polish underground organization; she was cared for by the head of its children's section, the now-legendary Irena Sendler (a Polish social worker who defied the Nazis and saved over 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw ghetto). Now living in Montreal, Mrs. Skotnicka-Zajdman is co-author of the book *Shards of Memory: Narratives of the Holocaust*, and served as consultant for the TV film *The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*.

Norman Conrad is an American educator and director of the Life in a Jar Irena Sendler Foundation. He is the recipient of the National Civil Rights Award and a member of the National Teachers Hall of Fame for creating projects that teach respect and understanding through historical examples. In 1999, Mr. Conrad's students in Kansas discovered Irena Sendler's story, which soon gained international recognition.

**3:00 PM | University of King's College | KTS Room New Academic Building 2nd Floor
6350 Coburg Road**

Co-sponsored by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland (Montreal), University of King's College and the Canadian Research Chair in European Studies, Dalhousie University.

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Mr. Riteman receiving the Order of Nova Scotia , 2009

Tuesday, November 5th: Guest speaker and Holocaust survivor [Philip Riteman](#) was born in Poland. He was originally detained in Auschwitz, and then went on to several other concentration camps including Dachau. After Mr. Riteman was liberated by the Americans, he immigrated to Newfoundland. He currently lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and frequently speaks about his personal experience during the Holocaust. His biography, *Millions of Souls*, was recently published by Flanker Press.

Tuesday, November 5th : 7:00 PM

Exhibit: *Names Instead of Numbers*

My Personal Testimony: Philip Riteman, Holocaust survivor

Reception to follow.

Names Instead of Numbers showcases a selection of twenty-two biographies from the Dachau Remembrance Book Project (a collection of life stories of former Dachau camp prisoners). The exhibition has been shown in five languages and displayed in Germany, France, the Netherlands, Austria, Great Britain, Poland, and USA, and Canada. The exhibit brings to light a more personal side of the Holocaust's horrors and honours the memories of the people, families and communities lost.

7:00 PM | Location: Halifax TBA

**October 27 | 7:00 PM | Head of Jeddore | Marine Drive Pentecostal Church
8970 Hwy 7**

**October 29-30 | 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Musquodoboit Harbour
Old School Community Gathering Place | 7962 Hwy 7**

This exhibit will be travelling to schools across the province. If you are interested in hosting this exhibit please contact Edna LeVine, Director of Community Engagement, Atlantic Jewish Council: elevine@theajc.ns.ca or 422-7491 ext. 221.

Wednesday, November 6th : 7:00 PM

Film: *Kinderblock 66*, Rob Cohen, writer and director; Steven Moskovic, executive producer (2012, English, 87 minutes).

My Personal Testimony: Alex Moskovic, Holocaust survivor, *Kinderblock 66*

Guest speaker: Steve Moskovic, executive producer

Kinderblock 66 tells the story of four men who return to the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp to commemorate the 65th anniversary of their liberation. European Jewish children from all over the continent were transferred into the barrack in early 1945. The block 66 was led by Antonin Kalina, a Czech Communist and his deputy, Gustav Schiller, a Polish Jew. The youths in the block did not work and were protected against being sent out of the camp. The block leaders watched over the children and cared for them to the extent possible, seeing in these youths hope for the future. They strove until the last days of the war and beyond to keep them from danger and alive. On April 11, 1945, Buchenwald was liberated. Nearly 1000 boys survived.

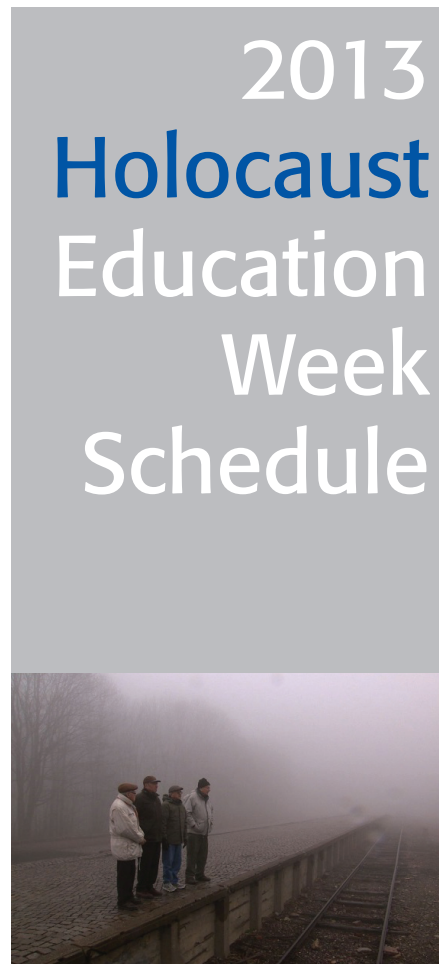
Diversity Spotlight Program. *Reception to follow.*

7:00 PM | Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
1055 Marginal Road | Student Program: Thursday
November 7th 10:00 AM

Advanced booking required, please contact Matthew Ritchie
at mritchie@pier21.ca or at 425-7770 ext. 263

In partnership with Diversity Spotlight,
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Images: Kinderblock 66





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Co-sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Dalhousie University.



Cover and above images: Stained glass windows, Marc Chagall, Art Institute of Chicago

Cover and image on the left: Shattered synagogue windows in Germany after Kristallnacht, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

The Atlantic Jewish Council gratefully acknowledges the support of our **Holocaust Education Week 2013** sponsors and a special acknowledgement to our 2013 **Chair, Marcie-Ann Gilsig** for her visionary leadership:

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