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Cape Town Holocaust Centre | Quarterly Newsletter September 2016 | *Rosh Hashanah* Edition

Dear Friend,

This Spring edition of our newsletter reflects the diversity of programmes and events of the last six months. There have been many highlights including the travelling exhibition *Anne Frank: A History for Today*, which had an extended run at the Nelson Mandela Gateway, and a moving evening with the Hellenic community examining the fate of Greek Jewry. We hosted the annual Western Cape Museum Educators Field Trip Fair, in which over 30 museums participated, and have continued to have a full schedule of school and adult programmes including those with Correctional Services.



We have a very full programme between now and the end of the year. Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with all the events, particularly around the *Seeking Refuge* exhibition which opens on Sunday 30 October.

As we enter the Jewish New Year, the world continues to struggle with the impact of bigotry and the devaluation of the sanctity of human life. Through the work of the Holocaust Centre we hope to create a society in which differences are respected and cease to be the source of hatred and division.

May the New Year herald peace for everyone.

Richard Freedman
Director

Shana Tovah U'metukah!
May you and your family be inscribed for a sweet and blessed year.

Woodblock print depicting Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in the synagogue in the Central Promenade Camp on the Isle of Man, 1940. US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

**Warm wishes from the
Cape Town Holocaust Centre**

Seeking Refuge Exhibition

CAPE TOWN HOLOCAUST CENTRE TO COMMEMORATE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE *STUTTGART*

The travelling exhibition *Seeking Refuge* will be on display at the Cape Town Holocaust Centre from Sunday 30 October until Sunday 4 December. The exhibition, along with a full public programme, will serve to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the arrival of the *Stuttgart* – a ship carrying German-Jewish refugees – to Cape Town in 1936.



The exhibition records the stories of individuals and families who fled to South Africa from Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1939, the opposition to their arrival, and the local efforts to facilitate this migration during a period of political volatility in South Africa. Family photographs, letters, documents and other memorabilia provide a tactile framework to these moving histories of dislocation.

Please join us for a full programme of public events, starting with the **official opening** of the exhibition at the Cape Town Holocaust Centre on Sunday 30 October at 6pm. The event will include a keynote address by Professor Milton Shain and a message from the German Ambassador HE Mr Walter Lindner.

The public programme will include fascinating **talks** on various family histories, a performance of *The Pianist of Willesden Lane* at the Rosebank Theatre, and the screening of the acclaimed Pieter-Dirk Uys documentary, *Nobody's Died Laughing*. We are honoured to be hosting renowned historian **Dr Michael Berenbaum**, who will deliver a lecture in the beautiful Gardens Synagogue on Sunday 13 November, in commemoration of *Kristallnacht*.

Booking essential: 021 462 5553 / admin@holocaust.org.za (Dianne)

PUBLIC PROGRAMME

Events at the Cape Town Holocaust Centre & Gardens Synagogue

- Entrance free, donations welcomed: suggested donation of R30 per event
- Booking essential: 021 462 5553 or admin@holocaust.org.za (Dianne)
- Free parking on Cape Town High field, Hatfield Street (Jewish Museum parking area)

Performance at Rosebank Theatre

- Tickets R100
- Book online (www.webtickets.co.za) or call Liz: 072 316 6133



Sunday 30 October, 6pm
Cape Town Holocaust Centre

Opening of the exhibition *Seeking Refuge*

Keynote address by Prof Milton Shain: *The Arrival of the Stuttgart*
Message from the German Ambassador HE Mr Walter Lindner

Tuesday 1 November, 6pm
Cape Town Holocaust Centre

Stolpersteine (Stumbling stones): A talk by Susan Herzstein and the screening of the short film *The Wiener Family History*

Tuesday 8 November, 6pm
Cape Town Holocaust Centre

Nobody's Died Laughing: A Journey with Pieter-Dirk Uys
Documentary film screening followed by Q&A with Pieter-Dirk Uys

Sunday 13 November, 6pm
Gardens Synagogue

Kristallnacht: The End of the Beginning & the Beginning of the End
Lecture by renowned Holocaust scholar Dr Michael Berenbaum (US)

Thursday 17 November, 6pm
Cape Town Holocaust Centre

Letters of Stone: Professor Steven Robins talks about his book and the lives and fates of his family in Nazi Germany.

20, 21 & 22 November, 6pm
Rosebank Theatre, 16 Alma Rd

The Pianist of Willesden Lane
A performance of the story of Lisa Jura and the Kindertransport

Sunday 27 November, 6pm
Cape Town Holocaust Centre

Capturing 'Santa's Story': Three Generations Share the Journey
with Santa's daughter Aviva Pelham & granddaughter Gabi Nudelman

Thursday 1 December, 6pm
Cape Town Holocaust Centre

The Hayden/Hahn Family: A talk by Jonathan Hayden
A German Jewish family recovers their history and family treasures

A Calendar Full of Events



Following Shira's Journey: A Greek Jewish Odyssey

It has become tradition that every two years the Jewish and Greek communities come together to celebrate their traditions and to commemorate the Greek Jews who died during the Holocaust. This year the event was held at the CTHC in partnership with the Consulate of Greece, the Hellenic community and the SA Jewish Board of Deputies.

Other Events



The Story of a Jewish Boy in Amsterdam
Performance by Julia Bronkhorst (Netherlands)



The Jewish Community in Czechoslovakia after 1945. Lecture by Zuzana Pavlovská, Jewish Museum, Prague



Holocaust Deception
Lecture by Robert M Kaplan



The Good Ones
Film screening with director Molly Blank

Join our mailing list to be notified of upcoming events!
Contact us on 021 462 5553 or admin@holocaust.org.za (Dianne)

Commemorations



Yom HaShoah ceremony at Pinelands II Cemetery.



22nd Commemoration of the **Genocide in Rwanda**.



Left: CTHC and SAHGF director Richard Freedman at a ceremony to mark the **75th anniversary of the massacre of Jews at Babi Yar, Ukraine**.

Exhibitions



White Rose Art & Writing Project

The CTHC, in partnership with the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung, had the pleasure of hosting an exhibition and awards evening for the high school learners and their teachers who participated in the 9th annual White Rose Art & Writing Project.



Anne Frank: A History for Today

The South African Holocaust & Genocide Foundation, Robben Island Museum and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands partnered to host a seven week run of the international travelling exhibition *Anne Frank: A History for Today* at the Nelson Mandela Gateway.

Education Programmes

The education department has had a busy and exciting year, with a full calendar of **educational programmes** for high school learners (we've had 5000 learners from 112 schools come through our doors in 2016), tertiary students and adult groups. The SAHGF also ran a successful **educator training** workshop in Limpopo.

View more photos on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CTHCpage



"I felt that this exhibit asked different questions with different answers rather than the ones you hear all the time." – **Grade 9 learner, Silvermine Academy**



"This visit taught me a lot I did not know. I felt happy to visit a beautiful building that contains lots of history." – **Grade 9 learner, Inkwenkwezi High School**



"One of the best learning experiences of my life. This is certainly a programme that all History teachers should do." – **Student, UCT PGCE**



The Holocaust: Lessons for Humanity
SAHGF Educator Training Workshop, Limpopo

Thank you to our wonderful educators and volunteers!

Become a volunteer!

If you would like to volunteer at the CTHC as an education assistant (guide for school groups) or at the front desk, please contact Diana: 021 462 5553 or diana@holocaust.org.za

Next volunteer guide training:

21-24 November 2016



Anti-Xenophobia Dialogue

CHUMA, the Cape Town Holocaust Centre and Africa Unite held the second annual Anti-Xenophobia Youth Dialogue at the Monwabisi Beach Resort in Khayelitsha. The workshop aimed to provide a safe space for the 50 participants, equally comprised of SA citizens and African nationals residing in Cape Town.



Richard Freedman visited the **National Holocaust Centre & Museum** in Nottinghamshire, England. He is pictured here with CEO Phil Lyons (left) and Director of Learning James Griffiths.

South African Holocaust & Genocide Foundation Archive

SAHGF Archivist Michal Singer visited the Durban Holocaust Centre, where she spent time working with the artefacts collected over the decade since the opening of the Centre, and also introduced the project during a presentation to the DHC Volunteer team (pictured right).



All artefacts donated to the SAHGF Archive are handled with the utmost sensitivity and are safely deposited in secure, climate-controlled, storage facilities through our partnership with **UCT Libraries Special Collections**. An ongoing process of digitization makes the collection accessible to the public through a dedicated website:

www.digitalcollections.lib.uct.ac.za/south-african-holocaust-and-genocide-foundation

Want to get involved?

The work of the SAHGF Archive is ongoing, and we rely on volunteers for much of the work. If you are interested in getting involved, or wish to discuss handing over personal archival collections related to the Holocaust, please contact Michal Singer: 021 462 5553 or michal@holocaust.org.za.

Seminars and Conferences



Centropa Summer Academy 2016: Jewish History, Holocaust & Human Rights in the Global Classroom (Vienna)



The Continuation of Social Memory of Political Prisoners
(Robben Island Museum)



Remembering the Holocaust and Genocide in the Digital Age

(Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre, in conjunction with the University of Leeds and the USC Shoah Foundation)

Pictured L-R: Tali Nates (Director JHGC), Dr Stephen Smith (Executive Director, USC Shoah Foundation), Richard Freedmen (Director CTHC & SAHGF) and Mary Kluk (Director DHC)

Upcoming Events



Karadzic & Co: Psychiatrists & the Bosnian Genocide

A lecture by Robert M Kaplan

Wednesday 19 October, 6pm

88 Hatfield St, Gardens

RSVP: 021 462 5553 or admin@holocaust.org.za



Exhibition Opening: *Seeking Refuge*

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Sunday 30 October, 6pm

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Opening Hours:

SUN – THURS: 10am-5pm

FRI: 10am – 2pm

Closed Saturdays and Jewish Holidays

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