



Dear Friends

I hope you enjoy reading about the varied and very interesting programme that has taken place at the CTHGC over the last few months.

It has been wonderful to work alongside my successor, Heather Blumenthal since the beginning of the year. She will be taking over the reins when I retire in June. Heather brings energy, compassion and creativity to the role and I have no doubt that the Centre will continue to develop and flourish.

I am especially grateful to the sterling CTHGC professional team and volunteers who always have the interest of the Centre at heart. I am confident that they will give Heather all the support she deserves and also enjoy working with her, as I have, over the last few months.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the CTHGC. I wish to thank Myra Osrin for having had the confidence in me to hand over this extraordinary institution some 14 years ago. Myra and the trustees have been closely involved over the years and have been a constant source of wisdom and inspiration. There have been so many exciting and remarkable developments over the last 20 years, which we have tried to capture in a publication which will be ready in the next few weeks. The Centre has received many accolades and has been recognised nationally and internationally for the ground-breaking work it has done in Holocaust and genocide education, memorialisation as well as in the field of human rights. It is especially fitting that, in this milestone year, the Western Cape Government has chosen to award the Centre the ministerial award for an "outstanding contribution towards social inclusion."

The Pesach Seder reminds each of us that we should regard the story of liberation from slavery as if we had personally been set free. Whilst no one who was not there can ever hope to imagine

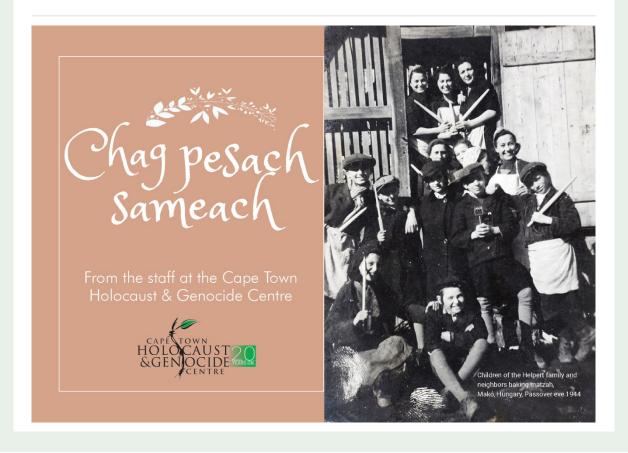
what Holocaust survivors went through, we have been privy through their sharing of their stories to the suffering but also to the courage of survival as evidenced by their lives well lived. A survivor once said, "I have told you my story not to weaken you but to strengthen you, now it is up to you." As an organisation we have taken that injunction to heart, and I believe that in the years ahead this organisation and others like it will carry that mantra and in so doing keep working towards freedom from prejudice and hate for all humanity.

Finally, a word of thanks to our benefactors for their unstinting belief in the work of the CTHGC. Your generous and ongoing support has made all we have achieved possible. So often your support has been unsolicited but even when I have asked, you have made it easy for me to do so and the response has exceeded my expectations on almost every occasion. Thank you, thank you.

I take this opportunity to wish a blessed Easter to those who celebrate and to our Jewish readers Chag Pesach. With fondest regards to you all and many thanks for the extraordinary journey this has been for me personally and professionally.

Richard Freedman

Director



Please Note: The Cape Town Holocaust and Genocide Centre will be closed on the upcoming Jewish holidays in April, with early closing times on each Erev Chag.

Closing times during March & April (Easter & Pesach)

Friday, 19 April Office and exhibition closed
Sunday, 21 April Office and exhibition closed
Monday, 22 April Office and exhibition closed

Thursday, 25 April Exhibition and office closes at 2pm Friday, 26 April Office and exhibition closed Pesach

Western Cape Cultural Affairs Award



The Cape Town Holocaust and Genocide Centre was the proud recipient of the ministerial award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Promoting Social Inclusion' in the 18th Annual Western Cape Cultural Affairs Awards. The award acknowledges the Centre for developing innovative programmes to promote social inclusion using the history of the Holocaust over the past 20 years.

Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race





A provocative exhibition exploring the Nazi regime's "science of race" and its implications for medical ethics and social responsibility today







Tristan Görgens

Guest speakers Professor Leslie London and Professor Keymanthri Moodle





The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race" travelling exhibition has concluded its South Africa leg of the tour and is now on its way to Namibia. Numerous guests, including learners who took part in our schools programme, interacted with the exhibition. The travelling exhibition also prompted an enlightening series of public events on a variety of topics including disability, sexuality and medical ethics which were well attended. The events were organised in partnership with the Jacob Gitlin Library, Recognition Reparation & Reconciliation, the South African Jewish Museum and Stellenbosch University.

The Wannsee Conference and Anti-Semitism



Dr Matthias Hass, Matthias Hansen (German consul) and Richard Freedman.

The exhibition was curated by Dr Matthias Hass from the academic department of the House of Wannsee Conference Memorial Site and Education Centre. The exhibition focused on the Wannsee Conference, its participants and the Nazi persecution policies that led to the deportations of Jews from all over Europe and their subsequent murder. During his visit, Matthias also gave a public lecture entitled "80 Years After Kristallnacht-November 1938 Pogrom: Reflections on its Meaning in the Past & Present."

Holocaust and Genocide Memory in Africa



Guests viewing the "Holocaust and Genocide Memory in Africa" exhibition

The exhibition showcases 44 images taken by photographer Jono David documenting Jewish life, culture, and history in 30 African countries. Guests found the exhibition to be both beautiful and insightful.

Mark of the Life Esidimeni Decanting



Guest viewing the "Mark of the Life Esidimeni Decanting" exhibition

The photographic exhibition by Graeme Williams shows portraits of five survivors of the Life Esidimeni decanting process together with objects that were intimately linked to the deceased. The exhibition generated a lot of interest and left guests deeply moved by the poignant testimony from the families of the deceased.

A CALENDAR FULL OF EVENTS



The Centre hosted a number of public lectures and screenings in the past 6 months. Here are some of the events:

[For more event photos, visit our our Facebook page.]



The Holocaust in Court

Dr Wolf Kaiser, the former Director of Education at the House of the Wannsee Conference, delivered a thought-provoking lecture entitled "The Holocaust in Court" where he explored the political context in which the German judiciary functioned after WWII.



Mirror of Memory

In a lecture entitled "Mirror of Memory", the Music of Remembrance (MOR) founder and artistic director, Mina Miller, shared some awe-inspiring highlights of her organisation's journey. MOR is a classical music ensemble based in Seattle, USA, whose purpose is to find and perform music composed by victims of the Holocaust, who found the strength to create even in the face of suffering.



Forgotten Soldier screening

The film, 'The Forgotten Soldier' showed the wartime heroics of Sally Noach. Sally's daughter, Lady Irene Hatter, was also present after the screening to answer questions from the appreciative audience.



My Dear Children

In partnership with the South African Jewish Museum, the Centre screened the deeply moving documentary 'My Dear Children.' The film showed the effects of the pogroms and Feiga Shamis' quest to save her children. Feiga's granddaughter Judy Favish and filmmaker, LeeAnn Dance, were also present for an interactive Q&A session with the capacity audience after the screening.

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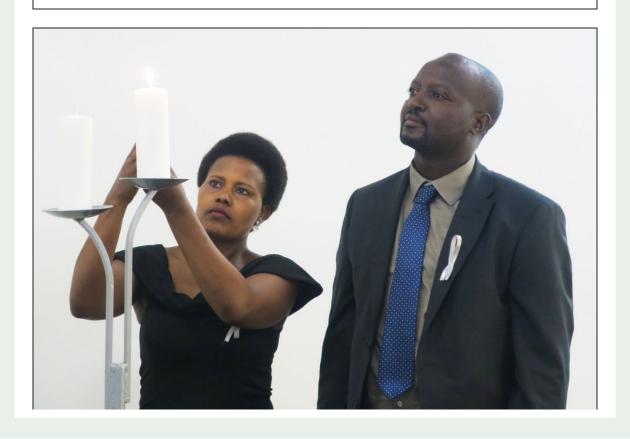
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Commemorations



 $\label{thm:condition} \mbox{Holocaust survivor, Jony Markman lights a candle to honour the memory of the victims of the Holocaust.}$

A ceremony was held to mark the 2019 United Nations International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. The ceremony was followed by a screening of the film "Who Will Write Our History" as part of a global screening event which involved over 350 organisations from 50 countries around the world.



CTHGC trustee Ernest Kajabo (right) with a member of the Rwandan community in Cape Town lighting candles to honour the memory of the victims of the genocide.

The CTHGC in partnership with the Rwandan Embassy, members of the Rwandan community and friends of Rwanda marked the 25th Commemoration of the genocide against the Tutsis in Rwanda.



Members of the Ukrainian community sharing memories of some of the victims of the Holodomor

The CTHGC, in partnership with the Ukranian Embassy and the Ukranian Assosiation of South Africa, held a ceremony to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor (Death by starvation) that took the lives of nearly four million people.

Educational Programmes

The education team continues to run a full programme for high school learners from the greater Cape Town area. Over 52 schools and 2 730 learners have visited the Centre since the start of 2019, and the feedback from both learners and educators has shown how impactful and inspiring these visits have been.

View more photos from our programmes on our Facebook page.

I felt concerned that even though the war is finished, people still continue to hate and make others feel inferior. Learner, **Muizenberg High School**





The stories we heard were touching.I am very grateful for the country I'm living in right now because we have freedom and democracy, and it is up to us to keep it that way.' During the exhibition I learnt more information than any textbook could give me. Learner, Immaculata

Girls High School



I learnt that life isn't always easy and the Holocaust showed me how to appreciate what I have and to never treat people like they are less important. It was educational and I want to come back again – I loved it! Learner, Meridian Pinehurst High School



"History is not only a subject to learn of people who had died in the past, but to know that they fought for their rights and lives, knowing that we can, too."

Learner, **Voorbrug High School**

Workshops for Guides and Educators

The excitement of being involved in the Education Department of the CTHGC, whether as a permanent member of the team or a volunteer, stems from the opportunities to learn and grow. Each educator is continuously challenged to question their teaching practices and to move out of their comfort zones to the benefit of the many learners who pass through the Centre.

Over the last few months the education team was exposed to so many wonderful educators. Here is what some of the educators shared with the team.



Dr Matthias Hass from the academic department of the House of Wannsee Conference Memorial Site and Education Centre ran a seminar for our guides and facilitators entitled "Teaching about the Holocaust and Nazi crimes today: looking at perpetrators, victims and bystanders."



Paul Salmons, former programme director at the Centre for Holocaust Education at University College London, ran a workshop for guides and educators on "Holocaust memory and education." We were delighted to host our colleagues from Durban and Johannesburg, who also benefited enormously from Paul's expertise.

Volunteer Guide Training



Towards the end of last year, a successful training course was held for volunteers who will be guiding high school learners through the permanent exhibition on their visits to the CTHGC in the future.

Become a volunteer!

If you would like to volunteer as a guide for school groups or at the front desk, please contact Danielle: 021 462 5553 or danielle@holocaust.org.za.

New staff



Natasha Skoryk

In January 2019, Natasha Skoryk joined the Education Department's full-time team after teaching in secondary and higher education settings, as well as working in the media industry. She is the granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Holocaust survivors and the great-granddaughter of a Holodomor survivor. She brings her personal background and range of experiences to her current post.

White Rose Creative Project



Patron: Kathy Ackerman-Robins

The Cape Town Holocaust and Genocide Centre is delighted to invite high schools in the Western Cape to contribute to the White Rose Creative Project 2019.

THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S PROJECT IS REFLECTIONS ON MY VISIT TO THE CTHICC

The White Rose Project takes its name from a group of German university students who resisted Nazi oppression. They were known as the White Rose Movement.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE PROJECT?

- To encourage a greater understanding of the need to protect human rights and freedom of expression.
- To be a catalyst in empowering participants to each find their voice in resisting injustices around them.
- To learn about resistance to Nazi oppression during the Holocaust, and to consider what relevance this history has for South Africans in 2019.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

 Grade 9 – 12 learners in the Western Cape.
 Maximum 20 entries per school

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 14 JUNE 2019

Exceptional entries will be recognised with certificates and prizes at a prize giving event which will be open to the public. Selected works will be displayed, videos and social media submissions screened and poems/songs performed by the learners.

AWARDS CEREMONY: 25 JULY 2019

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

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We invite all Grade 9-12 learners in the Western Cape to contribute to our White Rose Creative Project. Their work will be displayed at an exhibition & awards evening later this year, and there are prizes to be won.

We look forward to receiving your children/grandchildren's essays, stories, poems, songs, videos and artwork! For further information, and to download

the entry pack, visit our website www.ctholocaust.co.za.

News from the Archive

South African - Jewish Involvement in World War II

The Cape Town Holocaust and Genocide Centre in partnership with the South African Jewish Museum are developing an exhibition on the South African Jewish community's contribution to the war effort. This exhibition was prompted by a small display staged at the Centre on Robert Henry Freedman, a Jewish soldier who served in the Union Defence Force during WWII, illustrated below.



The collection was donated to the Archive in 2018 by Robert's son, Richard Freedman (Director CTHGC and SAHGF) as a tribute to his father's memory.

1 September 2019 marks the 80th anniversary of the start of WWII. To commemorate this event, we are gathering the stories of Jewish men and women who saw active service during WWII. These stories will form part of an exhibition which is expected to be launched in November 2020. If you or your relative fought in World War II or you have memorabilia related to the war please contact the SAHGF Archive at archives@holocaust.org.za or (021) 463 5553.

All artifacts 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 digitisation makes the collection accessible to the public through a dedicated website.

View our collection online!

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 Dmitri Abrahams: 021 462 5553 or via email.

Upcoming Events



A series of events will be run over the course of the year to celebrate 20th Anniversary of the Centre.

Do keep an eye out for these events!



Victors Among Victims: Forbidden Care as Holocaust Jewish Resistance

A public lecture by Professor Art Shostak Wednesday 24 April, 10am 88 Hatfield St, Gardens RSVP: 021 462 5553 or email us



New Dimensions in Survivor Testimonies

A 20th anniversary public lecture by Dr Stephen Smith Monday 6 May, 8pm 88 Hatfield St, Gardens

RSVP: 021 462 5553 or email us



Schindler's List
A feature film
Thursday 16 May, 6pm
88 Hatfield St, Gardens

RSVP: 021 462 5553 or <u>email us</u>

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Help sustain the work we do by making a financial contribution. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Volunteer

Our team of volunteers forms the lifeblood of our Centre. Join our team and volunteer your time and skills.

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