



The Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship (CHES) was established in 2015 as a volunteer-driven, community-based independent charity. CHES offers year-round programming that aims to combat antisemitism, prejudice, and racism, and promote respect for diversity and human rights. CHES' events attract a wide audience within and outside the Jewish community, including diplomats, government representatives, community leaders, educators, students, and the public.

CHES' programs promote knowledge and understanding of the history and legacy of the Holocaust including through our **annual Holocaust Education Month (HEM) activities**, the launch event in memory of Kristallnacht, the symposium for descendants of survivors, and the annual Workshop for Teachers.

Our ***IWalk App*** is a significant multi-year project developed by CHES in partnership with Liberation75 and the USC Shoah Foundation. This professionally curated bilingual app offers a remarkable way to enhance visits to the National Holocaust Monument (NHM) in Ottawa. The IWalk app incorporates the human dimension of the Holocaust through survivors' testimonies and takes visitors on a journey through the destructive legacy of antisemitism during the Holocaust and the consequences of current antisemitism today. The IWalk app provides an engaging historical and educational experience for teachers, their students, and visitors. Accessible via mobile devices, tablets, and computers, the IWalk App can be downloaded at <https://www.iwalknhm.org/>. Funded by the Government of Canada, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, Maspik (ENOUGH), and the Embassy of the United States, the IWalk App will be formally launched this spring.

CHES was the first Holocaust organization in Canada to respond to and address current antisemitism with an unprecedented pilot project for public schools in North America. Through workshops, CHES provides Ottawa-area teachers with curricula to educate students about the horrors of the Holocaust and combat antisemitism. CHES has developed and presented numerous workshops for teachers, students, and parents about Jewish identity, providing practical tools and techniques to discuss and respond to antisemitism.

CHES plays an essential role in preserving the voices of survivors and their descendants who have made Ottawa their home. Through our ***Speakers' Bureau***, Holocaust survivors and their descendants speak directly to students. Educators recognize the important lessons survivors share with students and the demand for speakers has increased dramatically in the last years, including from as far as Kamloops, BC.

As the number of survivors who can share their experience declines, our urgent goal is to train descendants to join the ***Speakers' Bureau***. The ***Through Their Eyes*** project enables descendants of Holocaust survivors to carry on the work of their parents using new media to reach today's audiences. This project is an opportunity for personal growth, learning, and



building our community's capacity to address antisemitism by bearing witness to the Holocaust.

In partnership with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service, CHES is developing a new multiyear project to address antisemitic hate crimes in Ottawa. Entitled ***Community-Centred Training to Address Antisemitic Hate Crimes in Ottawa***, the project is supported by a Safer and Vital Communities Grant from the office of Ontario Solicitor General.