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Montreal Holocaust Museum

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## The Montreal Holocaust Museum Invites Canadians to Remember the Lessons of the Holocaust

**Montreal, Thursday, April 21, 2022** – The Montreal Holocaust Museum will host annual [commemoration of Yom Hashoah Vehagvurah](#), Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day on April 27 at 7 pm on its [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

This year's virtual ceremony in English and French will include a special conversation between Maxwell Smart, Holocaust survivor and artist, and Elaine Kalman Naves, author and journalist. Viewers will learn how Maxwell's remarkable life story of loss, survival, and resilience remains an inspiration for his powerful artwork today. The ceremony will also feature messages of hope and the performance of songs written by Mordechai Gebirtig, renowned Yiddish poet and songwriter killed in the Krakow ghetto.



As the world witnesses the continuation of war and genocide, as well as a rise of antisemitism and racism, this important annual commemoration allows Canadians to stand in solidarity and remember the dangers of unchecked hatred.

Richard Schnurbach, President of the Montreal Holocaust Museum, stated: “Canada became home to nearly 40,000 Holocaust survivors following the Shoah. Faced with rising Holocaust denial and antisemitism, a group of remarkable survivors in Montreal founded our Museum. Today, we are tasked with carrying out their human rights legacy of remembering the Holocaust and working to build a better world through education.”

The commemoration is organized in partnership with Federation CJA, the Atlantic Jewish Council, the Calgary Jewish Federation, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, the Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, the Segal Centre for Performing Arts and the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre.

**About the Montreal Holocaust Museum**

The Montreal Holocaust Museum educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the Holocaust, while sensitizing the public to the universal perils of antisemitism, racism, hate, and indifference. Through its Museum, its commemorative programs and educational initiatives, the Montreal Holocaust Museum promotes respect for diversity and the sanctity of human life.

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