

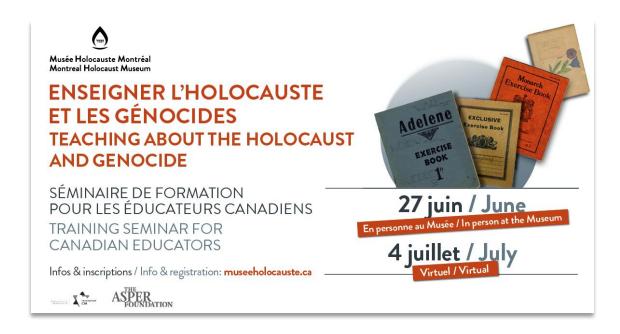
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Canadian Educators Invited to Training At Montreal Holocaust Museum

Montreal, Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – The Montreal Holocaust Museum (MHM) is inviting Canadian educators to a training seminar about teaching the history of the Holocaust and genocide. The Museum will welcome teachers for a **full day of in-person training on June 27**, followed by a **virtual half-day session on July 4**.

As numerous studies across Canada and North America demonstrate a lack of Holocaust knowledge among young generations, the seminar will provide educators will the tools and resources to teach this complex subject. Attendees will have the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Holocaust and genocide history, as well as understand how to approach these sensitive subjects in the classroom.



There will be a wide range of activities offered over the two seminar days:

• In-person on June 27th, teachers will hear a keynote address from Pierre Anctil, Professor at the University of Ottawa's Department of History, participate in discussion panels, training workshops, and exchange teaching tools and best practices. They will also discover the MHM's educational programs, including the permanent exhibition, and participate in programs with the Museum of Jewish Montreal and *Théâtre Advienne que pourra*.









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Virtually on July 4th, educators will hear testimony from a Holocaust survivor and a special presentation from Dr. Doris Bergen, Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor of Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto. The full programs of the <u>in-person</u> and <u>virtual</u> seminars are detailed online.

Daniel Amar, Executive Director of the Montreal Holocaust Museum, extends a warm welcome to all teachers attending the seminar. "We are delighted to continue our relationship with educators in Montreal, Quebec, and Canada. They are doing remarkable work to ensure that the history of the Holocaust is taught in classrooms, and we look forward to providing them with new tools and resources we have developed at the MHM."

As we witness a rise of antisemitism, discrimination against minorities, and the proliferation of genocide, there is an increased urgency in educating the next generation about the necessity of fighting all forms of hatred. Numerous studies, including a 2020 study sponsored by Echoes & Reflections have proven that Holocaust education is an effective method of building better citizens who are more tolerant, empathetic, and likely to speak out against injustice. Providing teachers with training opportunities and pedagogical tools is essential in ensuring that they are equipped to teach about the complex history of the Holocaust.

Educators interested in attending can <u>register here</u> for the in-person event and <u>register here</u> for the virtual event. This seminar is made possible thanks to the leading support of the Asper Foundation, with special thanks to Federation CJA and the Azrieli Foundation.

About the Montreal Holocaust Museum

The Montreal Holocaust Museum educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the Holocaust, while sensitising 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. Its expanded and relocated Museum will open its doors in 2025 on Saint-Laurent Boulevard in downtown Montreal.

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