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Montreal Holocaust Museum

## MONTREALERS INVITED TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLOCAUST ALONGSIDE LOCAL SURVIVORS

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**Montreal, Tuesday, April 11, 2023** – The Montreal Holocaust Museum is inviting the public to attend its in-person commemoration of [Yom Hashoah Vehagvurah](#), Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day on April 17 at 7 pm at Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem in Côte Saint-Luc. This marks the first year that the commemoration has returned to an in-person event since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020.

This year's ceremony will focus on the remarkable and diverse **stories of resistance during the Shoah**. Despite facing persecution and genocide, Jewish people found extraordinary ways to maintain hope, preserve their humanity, continue religious practices, and attempt to prevent their killing.

From famous resistance efforts like the Warsaw ghetto uprising, to lesser-known examples like the creation of the [Heart from Auschwitz](#), Jewish stories of resistance during the Shoah are marked by their defiance, resilience, and bravery. Courageous non-Jews, many of whom are recognized as Righteous among the Nations, also resisted the Nazis by assisting their Jewish neighbours and coordinating efforts to save lives.

The event will include commemorative speeches, an address from Professor Frank Chalk, and a presentation of recorded survivor testimonies. The Jewish People's Schools and Peretz Schools' choir will perform traditional commemorative songs in Yiddish. A candle-lighting ceremony will also take place with Holocaust survivors **Chava Petreanu, Armand Cymbalista, Josef Brody, Mila and Isidor Mesner, Jonny Jablon**, and **Perla Rozen** alongside their families.

"Remembrance remains a crucial step in the transmission of the history and memory of the Holocaust," stated Daniel Amar, Executive Director of the Montreal Holocaust Museum. "In 1979, our survivor founders understood that remembrance leads to learning and action. This legacy of learning, remembering, and acting is at the root of our Museum's efforts to preserve memory of the Shoah and its human rights legacy. On Yom Hashoah Vehagvurah, we invite all to join us as we strive to build a better world free of hate, genocide, and fear."

As the world witnesses a rise of antisemitism and racism, as well as Holocaust distortion and denial, this important annual commemoration allows Canadians to stand in solidarity with Jewish communities and remember the dangers of unchecked hatred.

**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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