

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Living in Challenging Times



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, September 20, 2024

10:00am - 4:30pm	WFJHS&D Governing Board Meeting	<i>Trillium</i>
9:00am – 7:00pm	Hospitality Schmooze Room	<i>Maple</i>
REGISTRATION	12:00pm – 6:00pm	<i>Markham Foyer</i>
2:00pm – 6:00pm	INFORMATION TABLES	<i>Markham Foyer</i>
5:00pm – 6:00pm	FIRST TIME AT CONFERENCE GET ACQUAINTED Facilitator: Isabel Alcott	<i>Violet/Orchid</i>
6:00pm - 6:50pm	<u>FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES</u> Orthodox Conservative/Reform	<i>Elm I Willow IV</i>
6:50pm - 7:10pm	<u>CANDLE LIGHTING</u>	<i>Markham</i>
7:10pm - 7:30pm	<u>KABBALAT SHABBAT</u> Led by Pinchas Gutter	<i>Markham</i>
7:30pm - 8:30pm	<u>DINNER</u> Master of Ceremonies – Max Arpels-Lezer, WFJHS&D <i>Welcome by Toronto Hosts – Dori Ekstein, Marilyn Sinclair</i> <i>Welcome and Greetings – GSI, KTA</i>	<i>Markham</i>
8:50pm	<u>GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER GATHERINGS</u>	

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Saturday, September 21, 2024

7:30am	<u>SHACHARIT SHABBAT SERVICES</u>	
	Orthodox	<i>Elm I</i>
8:00am – 7:00pm	<u>REGISTRATION</u>	<i>Foyer</i>
	INFORMATION TABLES	<i>Foyer</i>
7:15am - 8:55 am	<u>BREAKFAST</u>	<i>Markham</i>
9:00am - 10:20am	<u>PLENARY</u>	<i>Markham</i>

Perspectives From Our Survivors in This Time of Conflict.

Moderator, Naomi Parness. Panel: Max Arpels Lezer, Mariette Doduck, Pinchas Gutter, and Robert Krell.

10:40am-12:20pm **WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/PANELS**

Survivors Only – Workshop

1. ***What are our concerns about world affairs and what might we do?*** Facilitator: Paula David. *Primrose*

Second Generation Only -- Workshop

2. ***How has being a child of survivors influenced who I am?*** First time at a conference. Facilitator: Charles Silow. *Willow IV*
3. ***How has being a child of survivors influenced who I am?*** First time at a conference. Facilitator: Yonit Hoffman. *Elm II*
4. ***How has being a child of survivors impacted our views on world events? What are our concerns?*** Facilitator: Irit Felsen. *Evergreen*
5. ***What are the challenges we face in a world without survivors?*** Facilitator: Nellie Groenberg *Willow II*

Third/Fourth Generations Only – Workshop

6. ***3Gs and 4Gs living in a post-October 7 world: Processing what has happened.*** Facilitator: Pamela Finder. *Willow III*

Spouses/Partners – Workshop

7. ***What has it been like being a part of a survivor family? What are the positives and the negatives?*** Facilitator: Rita Benn. *Elm I*

Open to All – Seminar

8. ***Using Age-appropriate literature and media to talk to your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren about the Holocaust***
Moderated by Michelle Fishman. Speakers: Kathy Kacer, Margie Wolfe.

Butternut/Holly

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Saturday, September 21, 2024 (continued)

12:40pm - 1:40pm

LUNCH

1:45pm - 3:00pm

PLENARY

3G and My Journey into Advocacy

Shai DeLuca, 3G, introduction by Michelle Rose

3:30pm - 5:15pm

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/PANELS

Second Generation Only – Workshop

9. *What are our concerns today as we are getting older?*

Facilitator: Paula David.

Evergreen

10. *What are the strengths and weaknesses of growing up in a*

survivor family? Facilitators: Anne Max and Shoshana Yaakobi.

Elm II

Second, Third, Fourth Generation – Workshop

11. *Speaker Training: Some basics of speaking publicly about the*

Shoah. Facilitators: Ken Engel and Esther Finder.

Willow III

Third/Fourth Generation Only – Workshop

12. *Broadening our circle through allyship.* Introduction by Michelle Rose,

Panelists Ariella Kimmel, Victoria Mancinelli, Laryssa Waler, Max FineDay.

Primrose

Intergenerational Workshop

13. *A dialogue amongst the generations: Getting to know one another.*

Facilitator: Charles Silow.

Butternut/Holly

Open to all - Panel

14. *Commemorating the 85th Year of the Kindertransports.*

Facilitator: Jacqueline Shelton. Panelists: Ora Gordon, Melissa Hacker, Danny Kalman, Alan Peizer, Brian Spencer.

Willow II

Open to all – Panel

15. *LGBTQ+ in a survivor family.* Facilitator: Jenni Frumer.

Panelists: Michael Mantell and Nellie Groenberg.

Willow I

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Open to all – Seminar

16. *Survivors tell their personal stories.*

Irene Butter

Joseph Gottdenker

Nate Leipziger

Primrose

Willow I

Butternut/Holly

5:30pm - 6:30pm

SATURDAY'S FACILITATORS DEBRIEFING

Evergreen

6:00pm - 6:45pm

MINCHA/MAARIV SERVICE

Elm I

6:30pm - 7:30pm

NO HOST BAR. INFORMATION TABLES. SHMOOZING

Foyer

7:30pm - 8:30pm

DINNER

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8:30pm - 8:45pm

HAVDALAH

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9:00pm - 11pm

MUSIC/ DANCING Jim Gelcer Band

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Sunday, September 22, 2024

7:30am - 8am

SHACHARIT SERVICES

Elm I

8:00am - 7pm

REGISTRATION

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INFORMATION TABLES

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PLENARY

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How has the Israel/Gaza War been impacting the various generations of the Shoah?

Irit Felsen

10:40am - 12:15pm.

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/PANELS

Survivors Only -- Workshop

17. What are our worries as we grow older?

Facilitator: Irit Felsen.

Primrose

Second Generation Only -- Workshop

18. The Happiness Workshop: are we allowed to be happy?

Facilitator: Charles Silow.

Willow IV

Survivors/Third/Fourth Generation Only -- Workshop

19. Carrying on the legacy of our families: Dialogue between

survivors and third and fourth generations. Facilitator: Pamela Finder.

Butternut/Holly

Spouses/Partners Only -- Workshop

20 Being the bridge between survivors and others

Facilitator: Jenni Frumer.

Elm I

Open to All -- Seminar

21. Writing Workshop: Mining your memories in crafting your life story.

Facilitators: Rita Benn and Ruth Wade.

Willow III

22. Researching our roots and restoring our ancestral citizenship.

Facilitators: Michael Mantell and Jason Kikel.

Willow II

Open to All

23. Sharing Session for authors, filmmakers, and educators: Brief presentations of their work. Pre-registration required.

Facilitators: Esther Finder and Ken Engel.

Evergreen

12:35pm - 1:35pm

LUNCH

Markham

Brief video presentation Irwin Cotler

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Sunday, September 22, 2024 (continued)

2:00pm-3:00pm

PLENARY

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On the critical importance of Holocaust Education and Remembrance

Naomi Azrieli, introduction by Marilyn Sinclair

3:20-5:10pm

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/PANELS

Open to All -- Intergenerational Workshop

24. A dialogue amongst the generations: What can we learn from one another? Facilitator: Samantha Miller.

Butternut/Holly

Second Generation Only -- Workshop

25. If it were possible, who would we want to meet your family lost in the Holocaust. Facilitator: Charles Silow.

Elm II

Third and Fourth Generation Only -- Seminar

26. Telling a powerful 3G/4G story: Practice strategies to develop or enhance your 3G/4G storytelling. Facilitator: Dave Reckess.

Primrose

Open to All -- Panel

27. Holocaust education and remembrance from different countries around the world. Moderators: Sandy Silver and Jenni Frumer:
Panelists: Lior Lalieu, France; Max Arpels-Lezer, The Netherlands; Marilyn Sinclair, Canada; Debra Barnes, Great Britain; Jadwiga Gałazka, Poland; Xi Hui Li, China; Gabriella Meros, Germany.

Willow IV

Open to All – Seminar

28. Contemporary initiatives to strengthen Polish-Jewish Remembrance, the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and prospects for the creation of a new Warsaw Ghetto Museum.

Moderator: Esther Finder. Speaker: Ambassador Witold Dzielski.

Violet/ Orchid

29. The experience of interfaith marriage in a Holocaust survivor family
Facilitator: Yonit Hoffman

Willow I

5:30-6:30pm

CLAIMS CONFERENCE UPDATE

Arie Bucheister, Claims Conference Chief of Staff

Willow II

5:30-6:30pm

FACILITATOR DEBRIEFING

Evergreen

6:10-6:50pm

MINCHA/MAARIV SERVICES

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Foyer

6:45pm-7:00 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING MEMORIAL CEREMONY AND A PRAYER FOR THE HOSTAGES

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DINNER

Brief remarks by Ambassador Witold Dzielski

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8:30-9:30pm.

SAUL RUBINEK

Markham

2G actor Saul Rubinek performs excerpts from his play, *All in the Telling*, a multigenerational story rooted in the wartime experiences of his parents.

Introduction, Lily Elbaum

9:45-11:00pm

MUSIC/ DANCING

Markham

Monday, September 23, 2024

7:00-7:30am

SHACHARIT SERVICE

Elm I

7:30-9:00am

BREAKFAST

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9:15-10:15am

PLENARY PANEL

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Intergenerational Dialogue: Where do we go from here?

10:15-11:00am

CLOSING CEREMONY

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LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

12:30-4:30

TOUR OF TORONTO HOLOCAUST MUSEUM