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DSBN students remember the Holocaust

Close to 200 secondary students from across Niagara will be learning more about the Holocaust at the third annual Holocaust Secondary Symposium on Thursday, November 9. This event is one of two DSBN student forums held during Holocaust Education Week, November 1-9.

At 9:30am, students will view an abridged version of the moving film *Paperclips*, recounting the tale of students who embark on a mission to collect 6 million paperclips as part of a Holocaust Memorial. Commentary and discussion on the film will be lead by Howard and Marilyn Lackie who have visited the memorial.

At 11:00am, Michael Etedgui an educator with the Simon Wiesenthal Centre will make a presentation on *Digital Hate on the Internet*.

At 1:00pm, students will have the opportunity to hear the first hand accounts of four Holocaust survivors as well as engage in a question and answer session. The four survivors are:

- **Inge Spitz**– born in Potsdam Germany, Inge survived Kristallnacht pogrom in Germany. Her father escaped, her mother was deported to Riga, she and her sister went into hiding in France and in 1944 escaped to Switzerland.
- **Magda Hilf**– born in Czechoslovakia, Magda survived Auschwitz and the death march.
- **Vera Schiff**– born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in May 1942 her family was deported to the concentration camp of Theresienstadt. There she worked in the sick bay of the "Vrchlabi" hospital. Within a short time her immediate family perished. She survived and was liberated by the Russian army. She has written about about her experiences – *Theresienstad*.
- **Esther Bern**– born in Zagreb, Croatia, Esther survived the Holocaust with her parents by fleeing Zagreb into rural Italy, posing as Italian peasants– assisted by a local priest.

The District School Board of Niagara acknowledges the support of the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario and B'Nai Israel Congregation for assisting the facilitation of this symposium. The secondary symposium takes place from 9:00am to 2:30pm, November 9 at the B'nai Synagogue, 190 Church Street, St. Catharines.

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