From educational workshops and university scholarships to events like Freedom Day and Speakers Idol – and so much more – Wiesenthal leaders contribute every day to the enormous success of our Education Department in spreading Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center’s (FSWC) message of tolerance, respect for diversity and democratic freedoms to thousands of students and teachers every year.

Spirit of Hope 2016 Co-Chairs
Fred & Linda Waks

“To be a part of this organization is a great honour. To be Co-chairing Spirit of Hope next year with Linda, featuring Shimon Peres as our Keynote Speaker, is an even greater honour.”

Fred Waks
The Spirit of Hope Benefit is one of the most iconic fundraising events in the City of Toronto. This annual event not only raises more than $3.2 million to support the important work of Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center, but it is also a great occasion to attend with friends, family and colleagues, to celebrate the organization’s success, and to simply have fun!
“Their steadfast belief in the vision and value of this project, and the ongoing encouragement and support of our donors, is truly the key to the success of this incredible enterprise. We honestly could not have realized a venture of this magnitude without them.”

Avi Benlolo,
President & CEO
FSWC

As one of the most innovative and distinctive developments in providing a critical educational experience to all students across Ontario, no matter how large or small the community in which they live, the Tour for Humanity mobile Tolerance Education Center has achieved enormous recognition and success in its first full academic year on the road. More than 50,000 students at 107 schools in 49 unique cities and towns have benefitted from Tour workshops on the Holocaust, genocide and heroes, and on the history of injustice in Canada, in the 2014/15 academic year.

“While some people have love affairs with opera, literature or travel, I seem to have fallen in love with a bus! It is, however, a reciprocal relationship, as the bus repays my devotion by drawing attention to racism and antisemitism, and teaching young people about the horrific consequences of hate. My beloved bus also goes one step further by showing students how they can make positive contributions in their own lives. It is a privilege to share my bus with schools and communities across Ontario, who are delighted to welcome this magnificent teaching tool.”

Dorothy Shoichet, Patron, Tour for Humanity
From meetings with diplomats, politicians and police chiefs to the development of policy papers and briefings on topical human rights issues, FSWC’s dynamic advocacy efforts span a range of programs and methods designed to address antisemitism, racism and hate in Canadian society.

This coming year a major organizational focus continues to be addressing antisemitism on college and university campuses across the country, including assistance to students through the hosting of student conferences and presentations to politicians and community representatives.

**Lasting Legacies**

In the summer of 2015 Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center mourned the loss of two close friends and supporters who contributed greatly to the success of the organization and to the wider Jewish community. However, their philanthropic legacies will continue to advance the cause of tolerance education and the promotion of human rights and Canadian democratic values through their foresight and the continued charitable generosity of their families.

**Malka Green**

A Founding Director of the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center, Malka Green was also involved in numerous charities benefitting both Canada and Israel. She was Co-Director of the Al and Malka Green Foundation in support of the Arts, Human Rights and Tolerance, a long time director of the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary, a Founding Director of Operations of the University of Toronto Art Centre and a Founding Director of The State Hermitage Museum Foundation of Canada. The University Health Network, Art Gallery of Ontario, United Jewish Appeal and United Way each received significant funding, time and committee participation. Mrs. Green received the University of Toronto Arbor Award for Volunteerism in 1998.

**Jack Fine**

Along with his late wife Valerie, Jack was active in supporting charities large and small. He was a proud donor to Friends of Simon Wiesenthal, as well as UJA Federation, Mount Sinai Hospital, Ben Gurion University, and other organizations in the Jewish community. He also supported organizations which had influenced him in his life, from the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity to the Ontario Lawn Bowling Association. Through his work in the Bowling business, Jack was involved with people from all walks of life and backgrounds. He valued the work of FSWC as he saw it as a very practical approach to combating all forms of discrimination and to promoting a more tolerant society.
Signature events like the annual Spirit of Hope Gala and State of the Union Dinner, as well as more intimate FSWC programs including luncheons, cocktail receptions, film screenings and parlour meetings, offer participants unique opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of some of the most important issues facing western democracies today.

“I just believe that with everything that’s happening in the world a little belief in the strength of our values is necessary.”
- Former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair speaking with Pulitzer Prize winning Wall Street Journal columnist Bret Stephens

“I thank G-d for the miracle of my life, for saving me, and for granting me the opportunity to share my story with you.”
- Sophie Goldenberg, former hostage in the Paris, France hostage taking incident at Hyper-Cache kosher supermarket
HOLD THE DATE

State of the Union Dinner: October 7, 2015
Event Co-Chairs Philip Lieberman & Lawrence Wilder

With Keynote Speakers

Joe Lieberman American Politician, former US Senator & Vice Presidential Nominee
Maajid Nawaz Author, “Radical: My Journey Out of Islamic Extremism”
Silvan Shalom Israeli Vice Prime Minister & Minister, Internal Affairs

VIP Cocktail Reception 6:00 pm • Dinner & Presentation 7:00 pm

Presenting the Award of Tolerance
Cobourg Police Chief Kai Liu • Belleville Police Chief Cory MacKay
• Niagara Falls Police Chief Jeff McGuire

Women of Valour Luncheon: November 3, 2015

Join us as we honour three mother – daughter teams who exemplify the spirit of a Woman of Valour. Help celebrate six dynamic women whose backgrounds in the fields of education, business, science, medicine and philanthropy have enriched and enhanced the lives of all Canadians.

Keynote Speaker
Liebe Geft
Director, Museum of Tolerance
Los Angeles

Park Hyatt Hotel
4 Avenue Road, Toronto
Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Jewish-Christian Coalition For Israel: November 30, 2015

Featuring Keynote Speakers
Reverend Mario Bramnick President, Hispanic Israel Leadership Coalition, USA
Malcolm Hoenlein Executive Vice Chairman & Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

Beth Sholom Synagogue
1445 Eglinton Ave W, Toronto / 7:00 pm
With
Rev. Andrew Love, United Church of Canada
Donna Holbrook, International Christian Assembly, Jerusalem
Rev. David Wells, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

Mark your Calendar!

September 16, 2015
Rosh Hashanah
at Queen’s Park
By Invitation Only

September 21, 2015
Law Enforcement Workshop
with Gary Noesner

September 27, 2015
Student Leadership Conference
Registration Required

October 7, 2015
State of the Union Dinner
Registration Required

November 3, 2015
Women of Valour Luncheon
Registration Required

November 11, 2015
Freedom to Remember School Event
Registration Required

November 30, 2015
Christian-Jewish Coalition for Israel Event
Registration Required

January 31, 2016
Community Holocaust Remembrance Conference
Registration Required

May 4, 2016
Community Yom HaShoah Evening Event
Registration Required

May 26, 2016
Spirit of Hope Gala
Featuring Shimon Peres
Registration Required

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