



Examining the Past to Secure the Future

B'nai Brith Canada announces the participation of the following internationally-renowned experts in the National Task Force on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research.

This Task Force is a new centralized body, operating under the auspices of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, with the funding support of the Government's Community Historical Recognition Program (CHRP). The Task Force will bring together academics, legal experts, educators and Jewish community representatives in an effort to share the important Holocaust-related work being done in Canada, and to provide a base from which all stakeholders can network with each other. It will link interested parties to research initiatives, archives, museums, educational resources and memorial efforts worldwide.

Task Force researchers will look more closely at a time when Canada's restrictive immigration policy during the Second World War closed the doors to Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi dragnet, while educators will create a new textbook designed to help students understand the full dimensions of this injustice and what it can teach us when faced with current-day atrocities. These projects will be enhanced by a documentary focusing on the ill-fated voyage of the MS St. Louis, as well as related teacher training in major centres across Canada.

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