French-language events for the 31st Annual Holocaust Education Week, taking place in Toronto, November 7-9, 2011

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October 27, 2011, Toronto – The Consulate General of France is pleased to announce three French-language events for the 31st Annual Holocaust Education Week, presented by the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Centre.

To kick off these exceptional events, Edith Gelbard will speak about her personal experience during her childhood in this dark time in history. Originally from Vienna, her family was forced to flee Austria for Belgium in 1938 and from Belgium in 1942 to France, where her father was arrested. Edith never saw him again. She immigrated to Canada in 1955 with her husband and son and is now the subject of a book, Hiding Edith, written by Kathy Kacer, winner of many children’s literature awards.

A round table organized by the Azrieli Foundation and the Shoah Memorial in Paris will be devoted to “France and its Vichy Past,” to be held at the Alliance Française in Toronto. This special evening will bring together eminent Francophone specialists on the Holocaust. Tal Bruttman, a French historian with the Shoah Memorial and Michael Marrus, who is renowned for his research into the fate of Jews in France during the Holocaust, will address some of the key questions of the Holocaust for a better understanding of the history and issues of this period.

Lastly, a second edition of the professional development day for teachers will be held at Glendon College in Toronto. On this occasion, Canadian and French experts will weigh in on key issues relating to the Shoah and how it is taught. The lecture portion of the event will try to provide a broad spectrum of knowledge essential for teaching the issue, to be complimented by a workshop portion on numerous teaching methods and approaches meant to help teachers tackle this delicate subject.

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My Personal Experience by Edith Gelbard
Monday, November 7 – 1:30 p.m.
Toronto Reference Library - Beeton Auditorium
789 Yonge St., Toronto
Free Admission

Round Table: France and its Vichy Past
Tuesday, November 8 – 6:30 p.m.
Alliance Française de Toronto
24 Spadina Rd., Toronto
A wine and cheese reception will follow the discussion
Due to limited seating, please RSVP at aurelien@azrielifoundation.org

Professional Development Day for Teachers
Wednesday, November 9 – 9:30 a.m.
Glendon College
Senior Common Room, York Hall
2275 Bayview Ave., Toronto
Due to limited seating, please RSVP at aurelien@azrielfoundation.org

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