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The South African Holocaust Foundation is dedicated to creating a more caring and just society in which human rights and diversity are respected and valued

## MISSION

The South African Holocaust Foundation

- Serves as a memorial to the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust and all victims of Nazi Germany
- Teaches about the consequences of prejudice, racism and discrimination
- Promotes an understanding of the dangers of indifference, apathy and silence

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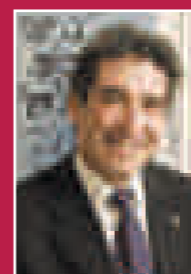
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Ralph & Sue Stern (USA), Shmuel Keren

##### *Anne Frank – A History for Today*

Anne Frank House (Amsterdam), Constitution Hill Trust

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



RICHARD FREEDMAN

2009 has been an exceptional year for the South African Holocaust Foundation (SAHF) and its three Centres. The Durban Holocaust Centre (DHC) celebrated its first anniversary and the Cape Town Holocaust Centre (CTHC) its 10th. A wonderful site has been indentified for the construction of the Johannesburg Holocaust Centre (JHC) and we hope building will begin there in 2010.

David Susman, founding chairman of our Board of Trustees retired and Mervyn Smith, who has served on the Board since its inception, has accepted the chair. We are pleased to welcome Lew Heilbron from Durban to the Board following the retirement of Bernhard Lazarus.

Major public events this year have included the opening of the *Anne Frank for Today* exhibition at Constitutional Hill in Gauteng to mark the 80th anniversary of Anne Frank's birth, and the *Champions of the Child* exhibition which raised awareness of the remarkable legacy of Janusz Korczak and the issue of children's rights in contemporary society.

Renowned Holocaust historian, educator and author, Professor Deborah Dwork, was the Foundation's scholar in residence in August. Her visit had enormous impact across the country.

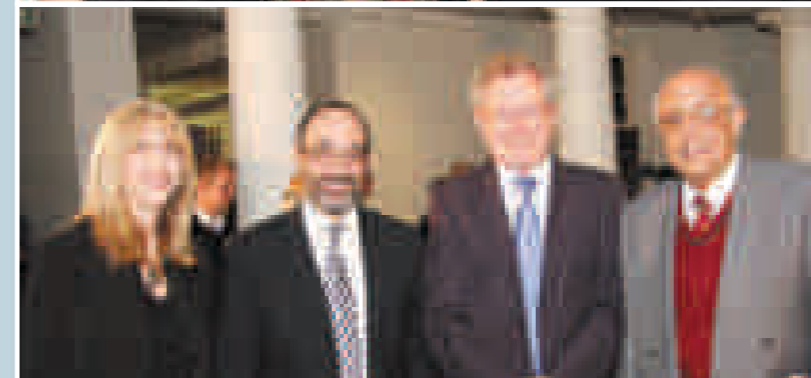
National educator training has expanded into the North West Province and Mpumalanga, and the demand for training and support continues to grow in the other provinces.

A team from the Foundation presented papers at an international seminar at the Anne Frank House (Amsterdam). Tali Nates spoke at the UNESCO Conference in Paris and at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in New York, Mary Kluk was the keynote speaker at the Independent Education Board's National History Teachers' Conference and I conducted two seminars at the Bergen-Belsen Memorial Museum. I was also asked to contribute to a leading Canadian journal, *Canadian Diversity*, in an edition devoted to Holocaust education.

Genocide awareness continues to be an important aspect of our public programmes. We commemorated the Rwandan Genocide of 1994 and assisted the DRC community in South Africa to help raise awareness of the plight of those facing gross human rights violations in that region.

None of this extensive programme would be possible without the commitment and drive of our professional staff, the support of our survivors, volunteers and board of trustees and the generosity of our sponsors and benefactors.

Their unstinting belief in what we are doing is our greatest motivating factor.



Top At the DHC first anniversary lunch: Dr Zweli Mkhize, Kwazulu-Natal Premier with Mary Kluk, Tali Nates and Richard Freedman (See page 4) Bottom Tali Nates, Chief Rabbi Dr Warren Goldstein, Hans Westra, Executive Director, Anne Frank House and Ahmed Kathrada at the opening of 'Anne Frank – A History for Today' at Constitution Hill (See page 15)

## David Susman retires as chairman of the Board of Trustees

David Susman has retired after 12 years as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Cape Town Holocaust Centre. He has been succeeded by Mervyn Smith, who has served on the Board since 1997.

In paying tribute to Mr Susman, Myra Osrin, founder and past Director, quoted from psalm 90: "So teach us to number our days so that we may acquire a heart of wisdom". It is David Susman's heart of wisdom that makes him unique and earns him the reputation of being our community's leader extraordinaire.

In his response, Mr Susman said, 'The key lesson of the Holocaust is that Jews should reach out to their fellow men with understanding and compassion, and that we should continue the search for justice and charity.'

Mr Susman has been appointed an Honorary Life Trustee of the South African Holocaust Foundation.

(l-r) Mervyn Smith with David and Ann Susman, Richard Freedman and Myra Osrin



## IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of

**Esther Lipshitz**

**Erika Feinstein**

Holocaust Survivors

who passed away in 2009

The Cape Town Holocaust Centre has marked its 10th Anniversary year with a host of mass public events and activities.

During the year under review, with the increase of tourism to South Africa, thousands of visitors from over 80 countries have passed through our exhibition. Our education programmes for high school learners, educators, university students, members of the South African Police and other adult groups have been in ever increasing demand. Through the dedication of our small administrative staff and our highly professional education team under the direction of Marlene Silbert and Tracey Petersen, assisted by committed volunteers including members of our survivor community, we continue to fulfill our mission to be a "place of learning and memory".

In the past year our public programmes have continued to help focus the wider public on the remarkable inspiration and wisdom that can be gleaned from Holocaust history for the betterment of contemporary South African society. The rights of children was our particular focus this year but we have also helped examine the impact of racism and human rights abuse and genocide through our participation in conferences, panel discussions and commemorations both locally and internationally.

Freda Qanya the seconded educator from the Western Cape Education Department, leaves to join her husband in Pretoria. Freda has provided ongoing mentoring and curriculum support to educators teaching the Holocaust and Human Rights at schools in disadvantaged areas. The secondment programme will continue for a further year and we look forward to welcoming Freda's successor in the course of 2010. We will also be growing our education team when Nokozola Bikwana joins us in January. Nokozola comes to us with a wealth of education experience.

When our Centre initiated national educator training programmes in 2005 we did not anticipate that the demand for these programmes would increase so dramatically. With the establishment of the Foundation in 2007 and the outstanding input from our Durban and Johannesburg colleagues, we have been able to effectively roll out these highly successful programmes into seven provinces so far.

None of these exciting developments would be possible without the encouragement of our ever supportive trustees and the on-going generosity of our sponsors and benefactors.

Richard Freedman – Director

# THE CAPE TOWN HOLOCAUST CENTRE

## SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE ON RECONCILIATION

In December the Cape Town Holocaust Centre partnered with the University of Cape Town in hosting a significant international conference *Beyond Reconciliation* which was initiated by SAHF patron, Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela. The conference examined what can be done, in the aftermath of mass atrocity, to make reconciliation more sustainable and to reduce the effects of trauma in individuals and society. A host of international experts and delegates from South Africa and abroad explored a range of issues relating to reconciliation



Dr Stephen Smith with SAHF Patron, Dr Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela at the conference

processes which may foster or hinder peace between societal groups, and which could exacerbate or reduce the effects of trauma in individuals and communities. At the opening session, chaired by Richard Freedman, keynote speaker, Dr Stephen Smith addressed *The Scars of Memory – Rwanda and its painful healing*. Dr Smith, founder of the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre, UK and a trustee of the C T Holocaust Centre has recently been appointed Executive Director of the UCS Shoah Foundation Institute in Los Angeles.

## Panel challenges 'Race' issue



Panelists: Professor Crain Soudien (UCT – Deputy Vice-Chancellor), Ciraj Rassool (UWC), Deborah Posel (Wits) and Himla Soodyal (Director – Human Genomic Diversity and Disease Research Unit)

In May of this year a panel discussion challenging the myths about 'race' took place at the University of Cape Town's Centre for African Studies. Drawing on their expertise, a panel of world renowned academics discussed the sociology, history and 'biology of race'.

The event was under the auspices of the Cape Town Holocaust Centre for whom helping educators and learners understand how the Nazis constructed identity in terms of so-called 'racial' distinctions is a critical part of the Centre's approach to the teaching of Holocaust history.

## Launch of Friendship Forum



Holocaust survivor Miriam Lichterman with Israeli Ambassador to South Africa, Mr Dov Segev-Steinberg and Tracey Farber at the Cape Town launch of the Friendship Forum

Following on its success in Johannesburg, *The Friendship Forum*, a special programme for Holocaust survivors and members of the second generation, was recently launched in Cape Town. Sixteen social workers and psychologists, including those from the Cape Jewish Seniors Association, participated in a specifically designed three day workshop by Tracey Farber, a clinical psychologist and social worker from Johannesburg. Tracey trained with Amcha, an organisation in Israel that focuses on the psycho-social needs of survivors and the second generation and on how to work with personal testimony.

The Cape Town programme was launched by the Israeli Ambassador, Mr Dov Segev-Steinberg who himself is a second generation Holocaust survivor.



Mrs Dahl, Mr Niels Lindhard and Mr Jurgen Dahl

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE

### Tribute to a decade

On 22 July the SA Jewish Board of Deputies hosted a function to mark and celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Cape Town Holocaust Centre.



Richard Freedman, Dr Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, Max du Preez and Owen Futeran

In his address chairman, Owen Futeran paid warm tribute, "This Centre is indeed a place of memory and remembrance that provides us, and all the members of the broader society, with the opportunity to remember for the sake of the future".

Guest speaker Max Du Preez, well-known journalist and editor of the Cape Town Holocaust Centre's *A Place of Memory; A Place of Learning*, said that the Centre ... "has had a significant impact on the thinking and attitudes of many South Africans over the last decade". He mentioned that he had recently come across several teachers and young black South Africans who had visited the Centre and confronted Holocaust

history for the first time who had admitted to him that it struck them for the first time that there were people other than those with black skins who were victims of racism.

The Centre's patron, Prof Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela noted that "education about the Holocaust points us in the direction of remembering the past, actively facing it and engaging with it in order to critically reflect on the important question of what it means to respect human life and what it means to live together".

### 10th Anniversary Lecture

In August, Prof Deborah Dwork from the Strassler Centre for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University, USA, delivered the *Ernest and Rene Samson* 10th Anniversary Lecture. In South Africa as the Ralph and Sue Stern Visiting Scholar for 2009, her lecture entitled *Flight from the Reich: Public Actions, Private Lives* was based on the research for her recently published book *Flight from the Reich*. She examined the impact of state policy and personal actions and circumstances in Switzerland on the fate of Jewish refugees trying to cross the Swiss borders to escape Nazi-occupied Europe.



Professor Deborah Dwork with (l-r) Sonja Keschner, Natalie Barnett and Holocaust survivor, Santa Pelham

## ANNIVERSARY BOOK REVIEW

### A Place of Memory, A Place of Learning

Dedicated to the memory of the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, *A Place of Memory, a Place of Learning – the First Ten Years of the Cape Town Holocaust Centre*, records the achievements of the Centre since its establishment.

Liberally illustrated with photographs, this glossy coffee table book takes one through the exhibition, all the while providing commentary on its subject matter, as well as its layout and the Centre's architecture. It is a valuable companion to the exhibition, providing context even for those who have already visited.

It also traces the way in which the Centre has extended its reach beyond its core mission of memorialising and honouring victims and survivors of the Holocaust, positioning itself as a role-player in South Africa's emerging democracy.

Moira Schneider  
Reprinted from Cape Times, 17 July 2009



## Miracle at Midnight – the rescue of the Danish Jews

To mark the 65th anniversary of the rescue of nearly the entire Jewish population of Denmark by their fellow Danes in 1943, and to honour the Danish community, the CTHC screened *Miracle at Midnight*.

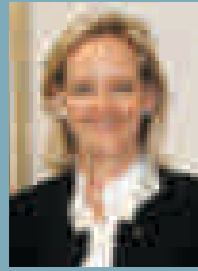
After an address by the Honorary Danish Consul General, Mr Jurgen Dahl and screening of the film, the audience was privileged to hear the testimony of Mr Niels Lindhard who was involved in the rescue.



Staff of the CTHC: (l-r) Maxine Boyd, Amanda Cooper, Jocelyn Stoch, Danielle Matchette, Marlene Silbert, Freda Qanya, Richard Freedman, Tracey Petersen, Rosemary Gon, Jurina de Jager, Suraya Naidoo



# THE DURBAN HOLOCAUST CENTRE



## Director's Report

This past year has been very productive for the Durban Holocaust Centre. We commemorated our first anniversary in March with the South African premiere of *Blessed Is the Match*. We also hosted a luncheon for the Consular Corps and Members of Provincial Government. Dr Zweli Mkhize, the Premier of KZN, was the guest of honour.

In 2009 we presented a number of public lectures and events which have been well supported.

We continue to have a steady stream of visitors to the DHC and have had 3000 learners participate in our education workshops.

The most exciting development at the Centre is the start of our workshops for educators. My colleagues in Cape Town and Johannesburg have been very supportive in building our capacity and we are delighted to welcome Janine Hamilton and Nosipho Thabethe to our dedicated group of facilitators. We anticipate running many workshops for Grade 9 educators during the course of 2010.

Our core focus is to support the South African High School curriculum and we are now, through this outreach initiative, able to take this knowledge into the rural districts of KZN. I recently met with the Education MEC, Mr Mchunu who is very enthusiastic about the work being done at the Durban Holocaust Centre for both learners and educators.

With each passing month we realise the urgency of responding to genocide through education and historical understanding. We hope our efforts will ultimately lead to intervention and prevention.

I gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contribution of our trustees, generous funders, dedicated staff and volunteers, without whom this important work would not be possible. We look forward to the exciting challenges which lie ahead.

Mary Kluk – Director

## CENTRE MARKS FIRST ANNIVERSARY



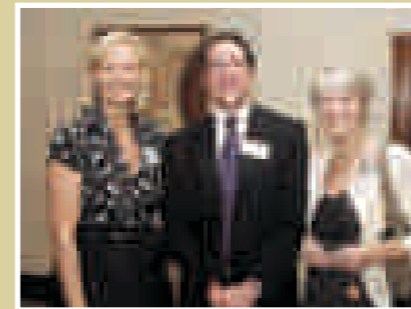
KwaZulu-Natal Premier, Dr Zweli Mkhize views the exhibition with Mary Kluk

The Centre's first anniversary was marked with a luncheon for the Consular Corps and members of the Provincial government and a special screening of *Blessed Is the Match*, a documentary about Hannah Senesh, a poet and diarist who, while living safely in Palestine in 1944, chose to join a mission to rescue Jews in her native Hungary. She was captured, tortured and ultimately executed by the Nazis, aged 23.

The guest speaker at the event was Tali Nates, (Director, JHC).



Members of the Diplomatic Corps and representatives from the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education during a tour of the exhibition



Mary Kluk, Richard Freedman and the Honorary British Consul, Margie Smith

## Partnership with the KZN Department of Education



Mrs Dlamini, KZN Department of Education, Mary Kluk, Marilyn Dwarika and Marlene Silbert, at a training workshop presented by Professor Deborah Dwork

## National History Teachers Conference

A National conference was held at the Durban Jewish Centre in February 2009 for Independent Education Board History educators. Mary Kluk gave the keynote address in which she spoke of the work being done by the South African Holocaust Foundation to support the curriculum throughout the country. The conference gave the delegates an opportunity to visit the Durban Holocaust Centre and to be introduced to the SAHF's educators' pack, *The Holocaust – Lessons for Humanity* which was very well received.



## SCHOOLS



Ramohlakoana High School learners at the DHC



Westville Girls High attend a workshop at the DHC, facilitated by Maureen Caminsky and Janine Hamilton

## VISITORS TO THE CENTRE



### Chief Rabbi Lau, chairman of Yad Vashem

Chief Rabbi Lau, a survivor of Buchenwald concentration camp, visited Durban recently as the guest of honour of the Durban United Hebrew Congregation at their 125th anniversary celebrations. While in the city, he visited the DHC where he was deeply moved and inspired.

## Anne Frank's childhood friend visits the Centre



Hannah Pick-Goslar, Anne Frank's childhood friend with a school group from St. John's DSG, Pietermaritzburg



Holocaust survivor, Dora Love, at the DHC. Dora, who speaks eight languages, was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate at Essex University

## MORE VISITORS AND EVENTS



Holocaust Survivor, Jack Puterman with Itzhak Belfer at the Janusz Korczak lecture in Durban



Cardinal Wilfred Napier OFM at the DHC with Paddy Meskin, Mary Kluk and John Moshal

# THE JOHANNESBURG HOLOCAUST CENTRE



## Director's Report

Looking back at 2009, we are delighted with the progress the Johannesburg Centre has made in its second year of operation. Just as we were about to start construction on our Raedene site, another possibility of a prime-site in the heart of Johannesburg became available. As this Annual Review was going to press, re-zoning and other permissions are still being processed, so we hope to be able to share more details early in 2010. In these preliminary stages, it is very rewarding working with our talented artistic team of architect, Lewis Levin and exhibition designer, Linda Bester.

Despite operating from inadequate temporary premises, this past year has been extremely busy, filled with many projects and events, as these and other pages of the Review reflect. Our educator workshops around Gauteng and as far afield as Mpumalanga have been very well received. They have given us the opportunity to engage with many dedicated educators with whom we share content and new methodologies relating to the curricular demands for Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights education.

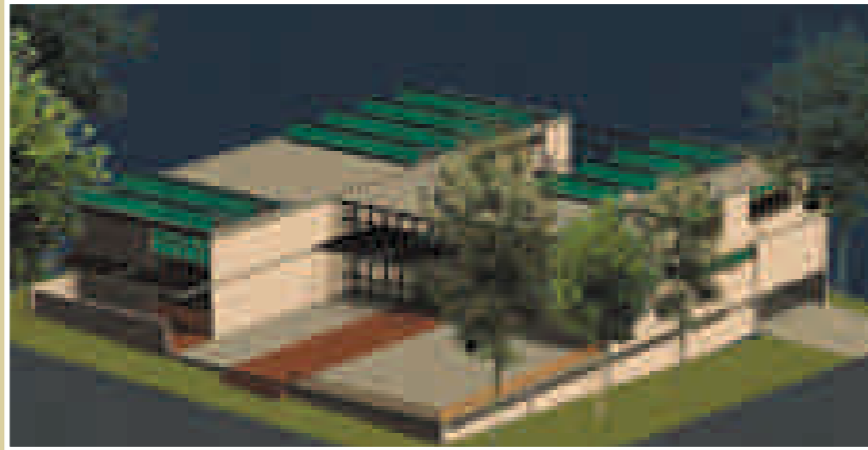
During the course of the year I was invited to speak at two international conferences (see page 17) and at this year's South African Society for History Teachers conference, *History and Technology – Media Makes Magic*, where I spoke on *Using Film and Media when Teaching the Holocaust*.

It is a privilege to be associated with organisations and educational institutions, both nationally and internationally which add so much value to our work and enable us to engage in so many diverse projects.

As we approach 2010, I would like to thank all those committee members, our generous benefactors, trustees of the SAHF, Holocaust survivors and professional staff and volunteers for their commitment and energy. It has been very rewarding to work so closely with my colleagues, Richard Freedman and Mary Kluk.

Tali Nates – Director

## LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW SITE



An artist's impression of the JHC to be constructed on the proposed new site

## Johannesburg Survivors give Testimony



During the past year, Johannesburg Holocaust survivors have been interviewed and their testimonies filmed for use in the future permanent exhibition of the Johannesburg Holocaust Centre.

Survivors photographed at the offices of the JHC: Back row (l-r) Brigitte Rossi-Zalmons, Don Krausz and Irene Klass. Front row (l-r) Ascia Lieberman, Cecelia Boruchowitz and Maja Abramowitch

## Growing the SAHF Education Team



Due to the increasing demand for educator and learner workshops, the JHC conducted its first pilot workshops for facilitators in Johannesburg and Durban.

Participants of the Education Facilitators' workshop in Johannesburg. Back row (l-r): Karin Breytenbach, John Biyase, Tali Nates. Front row: Barbara Buntman, Cliff Matthews, Janine Cohen, Tracey Harvey, Thuli Malinga

## SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF A BUSY YEAR

### Public lecture



A public lecture on Janusz Korczak, in partnership with Constitution Hill, was delivered by Dr Avi Tsur seen here with (l-r) Tali Nates, Israeli artist and Holocaust survivor, Itzhak Belfer and Irene Klass

### Supporting the National Curriculum



Conducting educator workshops in Mpumalanga (See pages 10 and 11)

### 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE



Rwandan Ambassador, Mr Eugene Munyakayanza with (l-r) Johannesburg Holocaust survivors, Anna Almelach, Veronica Phillips and Don Krausz at the reading of Rwandan survivor testimonies (See page 16)

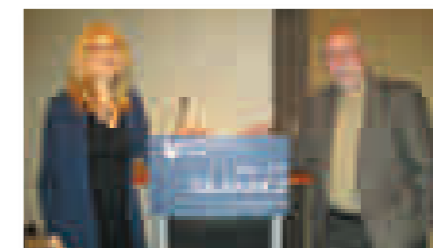
### 71st Kristallnacht commemoration

To mark the 71st anniversary of Kristallnacht, the JHC, in partnership with the Goethe-Institut and the Rabbi Cyril Harris Community Centre, screened *God does not believe in us anymore*, part one of the acclaimed Axel Corti trilogy.



Tali Nates, Dr Katharina von Ruckteschelle-Katte (Goethe-Institut) and Hazel Cohen (RCHCC)

### Presenting internationally



Tali Nates, guest speaker at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in New York, with Professor Bill Shulman, President, Association of Holocaust Organisations (See page 17)

### The Friendship Forum

The JHC assists *The Friendship Forum*, which gives support to Holocaust survivors and their children, European immigrants and those who fled Nazi Germany. The Centre is engaged in the training and supervision of psychologists and social workers involved in the project as well as with ongoing activities.



(l-r) Sandra Goldberg, Friendship Forum Co-ordinator, Tali Nates, Maja Abramowitch, Tracey Farber and Don Krausz

### Learning Company Workshop



Experts from the Learning Company, Netherlands, presented a two-day workshop on issues concerning the future development of the Centre

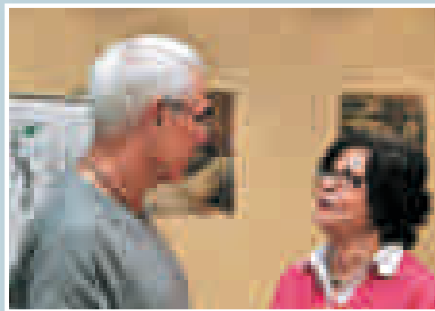
### Yom Hashoah



Tali Nates was the keynote speaker at the Yom Hashoah commemorations in Pretoria and Cape Town



## CHAMPIONS OF THE CHILD



Dr Avi Tsur and Professor Shirley Pendlebury, Director of Children's Institute, UCT at the opening of the 'Champions of the Child' exhibition in Cape Town

*"It was our privilege to work with fellow NPOs who share our vision to promote children's rights in South Africa: The Children's Rights Centre in Durban, The Children's Institute at UCT, Iziko, Ibbabhathane and Hlanganani Children Care Network."*

The Cape Town Holocaust Centre hosted a month-long programme of exhibitions, public lectures, educator workshops and symposia inspired by the life and legacy of Janusz Korczak, the Polish Jewish doctor and educator who was one of the world's first advocates of children's rights. The programme, opened by Professor Shirley Pendlebury, Director of the Children's Institute, UCT, highlighted the universalism of Korczak's messages and its continuing relevance to children's rights education today.



Learners from the Ibbabhathane Project visiting 'Champions of the Child'

## THE EXHIBITION



*Champions of the Child* comprised four distinct exhibitions on children's rights.

The anchor exhibition, *Champion of the Child - Janusz Korczak*, developed by the London Jewish Museum, traces how Korczak came to represent the rights of street children and orphans in Warsaw in the early 20th century and how he pioneered child-centred education, founded the first children's newspaper, and testified on behalf of children in juvenile courts. The exhibition goes on to show the fate of the Jewish Orphanage when it was moved into the Warsaw Ghetto in 1940 and ultimately the tragic murder of the children and Korczak in Treblinka.



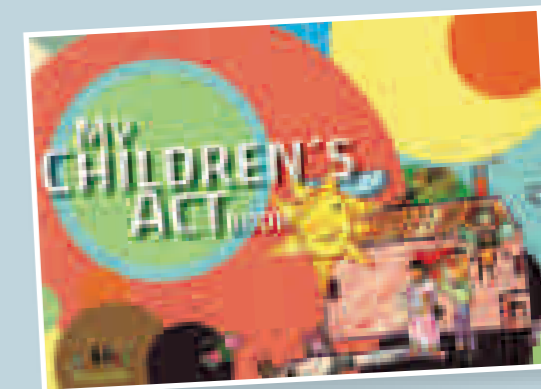
Shirley Nureck, CTHC Education volunteer, explains Korczak's Warsaw Ghetto experience to learners

## School Visits

The *Ibbabhathane Project*, having worked extensively with their learners on the teachings of Janusz Korczak and the issues of children's rights, facilitated workshops at the exhibition for 470 learners from seven disadvantaged schools.

A group of 20 learners was trained as exhibition information officers and volunteered their time during the school holidays.

Below Tracey Petersen, CTHC Education Director, in a session with learners at the exhibition



## Hlanganani Children Care Network

At the opening of *Champions of the Child*, the *Hlanganani Children Care Network*, an organisation working with orphaned and vulnerable children, launched a child-friendly version of the new Children's Act No. 38/2005. Illustrated by the *Ibbabhathane Project* at the Frank Joubert Art Centre. *My Children's Act Book* is aimed at helping children claim their rights, and to help protect them from abuse, exploitation and any other forms of victimisation.



## Children's Rights Symposium

The CTHC hosted two symposia on the rights of children. In association with The Children's Institute, UCT, a symposium for children's rights experts, *Children's Rights in Focus*, aimed at raising awareness of the issues facing the most disadvantaged members of South Africa's communities - our children.

South Africa's premier annual review of the situation of the country's children, *The South Africa Child Gauge*, published by the Children's Institute was launched at this symposium.

Dr Keith Cloete, Chief Director, District Health Services (Metro) speaking at the 'Children's Rights In Focus' symposium at the CTHC



## Youth Symposium

A youth symposium, *Action for a Youth and Child Friendly Society* brought together teenagers from diverse backgrounds to explore children's rights, their relevance, how they are being violated and how young people themselves can become activists.



Janet Prest-Talbot from the Children's Rights Centre, Durban, at the youth symposium

## Public Lectures

Dr Avi Tsur of Israel's Ministry of Education, an expert on Korczak's life, presented public lectures in Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg. He was accompanied by Itzchak Belfer, an artist and graduate of Korczak's orphanage, now in his mid-eighties, whose paintings are featured in the exhibition. During his visit Dr Tsur also facilitated teacher training workshops.



Itzchak Belfer, Maureen Caminsky, Mary Kluk and Dr Avi Tsur at the DHC



Banners reflecting the rights of children created by learners at the Frank Joubert Art Centre

### EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS AROUND SOUTH AFRICA



#### Director's Report

Since the study of the Holocaust became a compulsory module in the National High School Curriculum, the Foundation has conducted educator in-service training with the provincial Departments of Education in 7 out of the 9 provinces in South Africa. To date we have facilitated workshops in the Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, North West, Northern Cape and Western Cape, reaching a total of nearly 700 educators this year.

Through the generous sponsorship of The Claims Conference and The CS Mott Foundation, we have provided each province with a travelling Holocaust exhibition and each workshop participant with a pack of the classroom support materials, *The Holocaust – Lessons for Humanity*, developed by the SAHF.

The demand for these workshops has escalated exponentially. While regular training programmes continue to take place in the cities, a number of highly successful workshops have been conducted in towns and remote rural areas across the country. Mogwase (North West Province), Bizana and Mt Frere (Eastern Cape), Middelburg, Ermelo – to name but a few. The comments that appear on these pages have been extracted from evaluation forms completed by participants at the end of the workshops and reflect the impact the programmes have had on educators.

Marlene Silbert – Director



*We've gained knowledge and insight from the 'Lessons for Humanity' and learnt how to apply this in real life in our post-apartheid society. [Educator]*

#### WESTERN CAPE



#### Life Orientation Educators

*The content of the programme will help in our understanding of human rights and the violations that took place during apartheid. It is very important to infuse these issues in the teaching of Life Orientation.*

#### Eden Karoo

*Die werkwinkel sal my styl van onderrig verander om my leerders dieper insig te gee oor menslikheid.*

(The workshop has changed my style of teaching in such a way that I will be able to give my learners deeper insight into what it means to be human)

#### FREE STATE

*The workshop was excellent – both in content and methodology. It was of great value to me personally, and to my approach in the teaching of history. Workshops like this should be made available to all educators in our country.*



(l-r) Moletsani Matli (Subject Advisor FET History), Ceilia Khoabane (Subject Advisor FET History), Marlene Silbert and Willem van Rooyen (Deputy Chief Education Specialist, GET Social Science-History)

#### NORTH WEST PROVINCE

*By far one of the most outstanding workshops I have ever attended.*



*A very good coverage of the significance of the Holocaust, and its relevance to contemporary South Africa. Educators could gain a lot from the facilitation skills of the facilitators.*

#### GAUTENG

#### District Workshops

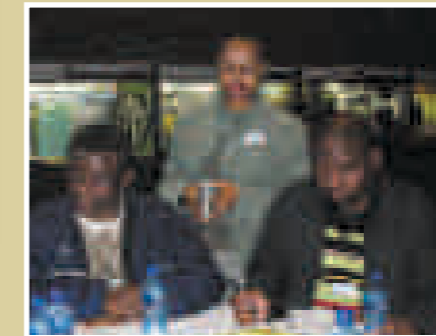
The JHC presented educator workshops in various education districts in Gauteng entitled, *Understanding the Holocaust and the Rwanda Genocide – the Grade 9 experience.*



Tali Nates, Charlotte Modzuka, Social Sciences Education Specialist and Jaliel Mookadam, Gauteng Provincial Co-ordinator for Social Sciences, at the educators' workshop in Bronkhorstspuit.

#### Workshop at Apartheid Museum

As part of a three-year partnership between the SAHF, the Gauteng Department of Education and the Apartheid Museum, a third group of 60 educators attended a successful 4-day educator workshop *Understanding Apartheid and the Holocaust* held at the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg.



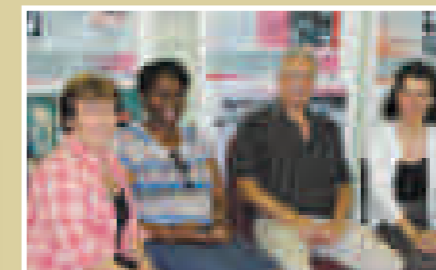
#### KWAZULU-NATAL

*Every aspect of this workshop was outstanding. I gained a lot – it was really a content gap workshop which was useful for teaching and learning. The workshop has opened our eyes and will improve our teaching strategies.*



#### MPUMALANGA

*This was an in-depth and eye-opening approach to the teaching of the Holocaust and the Rwandan genocide.*



Facilitators Janine Cohen (JHC) and Tracey Petersen (CTHC) on either side of Mpumalanga Department of Education officials, Ms Thandy Ndashe and Mr Ian Steenkamp, at the workshop for educators in Mpumalanga

#### EASTERN CAPE



Marlene Silbert with members of the Eastern Cape Education Department

*I am a different person from the person I was before I attended this superb programme. Every session was invaluable. They were extremely well presented and I will now be able to teach the Holocaust so much more effectively. I will also now bring to my learners the kind of values that are needed to heal our society.*

### POST-GRAD WORKSHOPS

University Education Faculties

*What I learned today has changed my view on how I deal with human beings. I was moved by the quotation, 'I have told you this story, not to weaken you, but to strengthen you. Now it's up to you.' I'll work towards diminishing prejudices and discrimination and try to make a difference.*



Stellenbosch University  
Psychiatric Nurses

*Since 2003 hundreds of psychiatric/mental health nurses in training at Stellenbosch University have spent a day at the CTHC. Each year I have seen it transform their often hostile resistance to wide-eyed awe, new-found respect, and gratitude for the awareness they have gained.*

Kate Joyner, Lecturer and co-ordinator –  
University Psychiatric Nurses Programme,  
Stellenbosch University



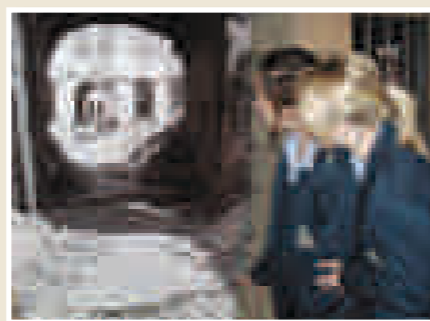


During 2009 the South African Holocaust Foundation's three Centres have conducted workshops for thousands of Grade 9 learners who are studying Nazi Germany and the Holocaust as part of the national curriculum.

More than 8 000 learners from diverse schools participated in educational programmes at the Durban and Cape Town Centres and various initiatives have also been developed to reach schools unable to travel to the Centres. While construction of the Johannesburg Holocaust Centre is only due to commence next year, close to 1000 Grade 9 learners have been reached 'off-campus' with the use of the portable exhibition and a programme designed to complement it.



Albertyn High School learners view the portable exhibition, 'The Holocaust - Lessons for Humanity' in Gauteng



Learners from Curro High School in the Ghetto section of the Cape Town exhibition

## Anne Frank Pilot Programme



Freda Qanya, seconded WCED educator at the CTHC, works with Pinelands High School learners on 'The Search'

The CTHC has undertaken a pilot programme in partnership with the Anne Frank House, Amsterdam, using their acclaimed graphic novel, *The Search*. Two schools, from diverse areas, are participating in the study to gauge whether the book could be used successfully to teach the Holocaust in South African schools.



Learners from Zimasa Primary School, one of two schools participating in the pilot programme

## Human Rights Writing and Art competition

This competition for Grade 9-12 learners was developed to encourage a greater understanding of the need to protect human rights and respond to injustice in our country and globally. In 2009, learners were asked to research the plight of European Jews under Nazi occupation, and to consider the contemporary plight of refugees and the crises that xenophobia provokes.



Fulton School for the Deaf at a workshop at the DHC

## Young Historians Skills Development programme

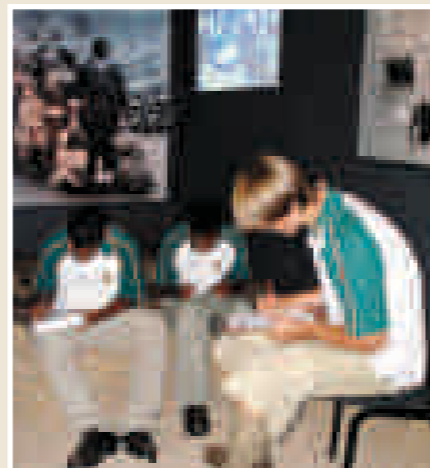
This year saw the piloting of a peer education model - the *Young Historians Skills Development* programme. Twelve Grade 11 learners from three schools in Cape Town were trained to guide Grade 9 learners through the SAHF's portable exhibition. The programme developed learners' confidence and ability to communicate effectively.



Using the Centre's portable exhibition, peer educator Luthado Maweni from Luhlaza High School, Khayelitsha, explains Nazi propaganda to a Grade 9 learner



Grade 9 learners, Groenvlei High School, display their 'Butterflies for Hope' made during the workshop at the CTHC



Camps Bay High School learners doing self-study in the Cape Town exhibition

The SAHF offers diversity training programmes for adult groups which include members of civil society, the civil service, (South African Police Services and Correctional Services) as well as businesses and non-governmental and non-profit organisations. In consultation with the specific group, the programmes are designed to address their individual needs. Using the history of the Holocaust as a starting point, topics include valuing diversity and developing strategies to address prejudice in the workplace. This page features some of the many adult groups who have participated in the Foundation's diversity training programmes and some of their responses to the experience.

## Communicare NGO Housing and Health Care Centre

*It is very easy to become complacent and silent in the face of dominance. The importance of acting, even in a small way requires courage but it is necessary, and we all need to develop such courage. Every South African should visit this Centre.* HEALTH CARE WORKER



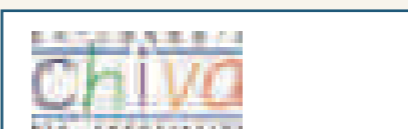
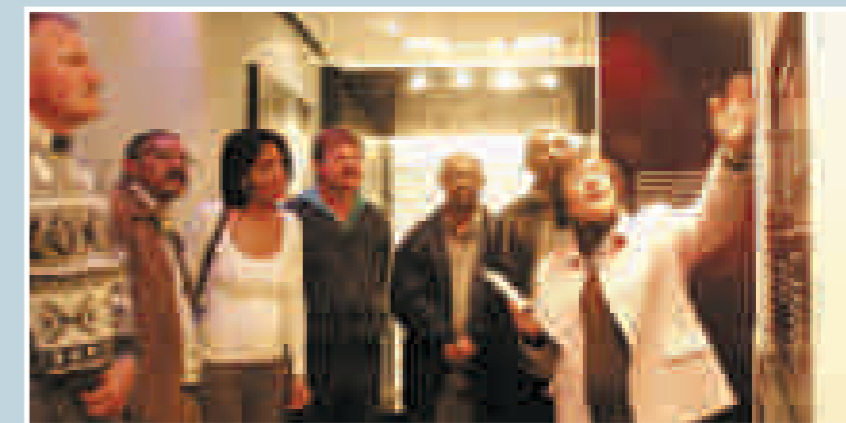
## MaAfrika-Tikkun Learning to Live Together

MaAfrika-Tikkun is an organisation working with vulnerable children in the townships. A group of young facilitators and interns who work in the Delft and Mfuleni areas in Cape Town were exposed to the history of the Holocaust, the aim of which was to encourage them to speak out against injustice.



## Breede River Correctional Services

*My attitude regarding race, colour, and gender has truly changed as a result of what I have learnt today. I realise that I have a responsibility at work, at home, at my church and in my country to work towards a better society but I cannot change my environment until I have changed myself!* WARDER



The DHC conducted a special session using Holocaust history to examine the impact of stigma and discrimination on society for CHIVA (Children's HIV Association)

*This workshop helped a great deal as we are having a major problem of stigmatisation, leading to discrimination. I can now understand how we discriminate against others.*

COUNSELLOR

## Raymond Ackerman Academy

*I felt sad and angry at what the Jews went through but I also learnt so much from this experience. We have to learn from the horrible mistakes made in the past and make sure we do not repeat them. I have learnt so much about the mistakes I have made, particularly when it comes to stereotyping and discrimination. I will now see the world differently.* STUDENT

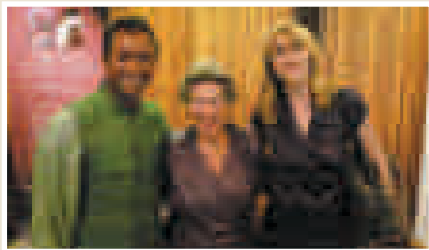




In 2005 the United Nations designated 27 January, the day on which Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated in 1945, as the UN Holocaust Remembrance Day. The South African Holocaust Foundation, in conjunction with the United Nations Information Centre in Pretoria, initiated a number of commemorative events across the country.

## PRETORIA

Mrs Ella Blumenthal, a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau, was the guest of honour at an event held at UNISA. Dr Anthony Court, senior researcher at the UNISA Primedia Holocaust and Genocide Unit, hosted the evening with the JHC and the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC). Tali Nates spoke about the liberation of Auschwitz and the award-winning documentary film, *Hana's Suitcase* was screened.



Sudeshan Reddy (UNIC), Ella Blumenthal and Tali Nates

## UNITED NATIONS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATIONS

### DURBAN



Maureen Caminsky, Liora Puterman, granddaughter of Holocaust survivor, Jack Puterman, lighting candles with Daniel and Carmela Heilbron at the DHC

### CAPE TOWN

Ms Ruta Puisyte, Deputy Director of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute, spoke on *The Holocaust in Lithuania*. Holocaust survivor, Shmuel Keren generously sponsored Ms Puisyte's visit.



Shmuel Keren lights a memorial candle at the CTHC



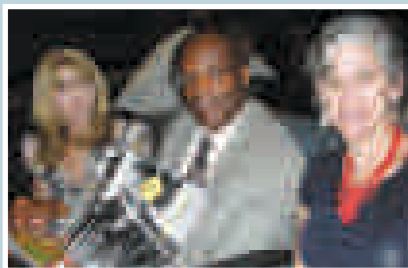
(l-r) Ruta Puisyte, Richard Freedman and Prof Gobodo-Madikizela

## JOHANNESBURG

### Darfur Dying and Lost Voices: Children's Drawings from the Camps

To mark the UN Holocaust Memorial Day, the JHC mounted the SAHF's touring exhibition *Darfur Dying* (Aegis Trust UK), together with a moving display of photographs and drawings from Lefika (formerly known as the Art Therapy Centre), and Waging Peace (UK).

At the opening, an official message from UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon was read by Masimba Taferinyika. New York-based Leora Kahn, renowned film maker and human rights activist, showed photographs from a book she produced together with Mark Seliger called: *When They Came to Take My Father: Voices from the Holocaust*.



(l-r) Tali Nates with Leora Kahn and Masimba Taferinyika



Darfur Dying exhibition

## ANNE FRANK

### Memories of Anne Frank – Hannah Pick-Goslar

Hannah Pick-Goslar, Anne Frank's childhood friend, was the keynote speaker at the Yom Hashoah V'Hagevurah (Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day) memorial ceremonies in Johannesburg and in Durban.

In South Africa, Hannah recorded her testimony for broadcast and a video clip for the opening of the exhibition in Johannesburg. She visited the Centres in Cape Town and Durban where she met school groups and gave public lectures.



Hannah Pick-Goslar at the DHC

### Anne Frank – A History for Today in South Africa

*Anne Frank – A History for Today* opened at the Women's Jail, Constitution Hill on 4 June, to mark the 80th anniversary of the birth of Anne Frank. The exhibition is travelling throughout South Africa as a joint venture of the SAHF and the Anne Frank House, Amsterdam. The moving opening event was organised by the Johannesburg Holocaust Centre and hosted by the The Constitution Hill Trust and the JHC. Keynote speaker at the opening was Ferial Hafaqee, former editor of the Mail and Guardian, now editor-in-chief, City Press.

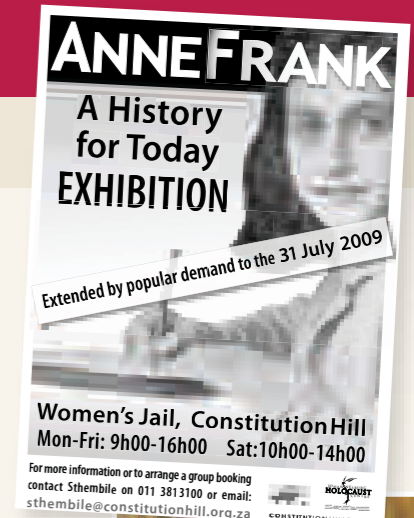
While the exhibition was running at Constitution Hill, all three Centres screened the highly acclaimed 2009 BBC adaptation of *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

(l-r) Educator Chris Sambo and Anne Frank exhibition co-ordinator, Kumresh Chetty at Orlando West High School

### Exhibition Travels to Soweto

After a most successful 2-month stay at Constitution Hill, the exhibition has begun its journey around schools in the greater Gauteng area. Kumresh Chetty has been appointed by The Anne Frank House, Amsterdam, to facilitate this exhibition and programme.

Right: Learners with the scale model of the Frank family's hiding place, created by inmates of HMP Wakefield, Britain's high security prison, who were inspired by Anne Frank's story



## RALPH & SUE STERN VISITING SCHOLAR 2009

### Professor Deborah Dwork

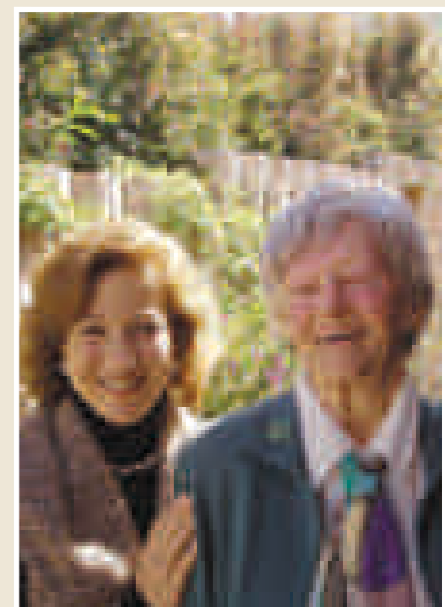


Delivering CTHC's anniversary lecture

Through the generosity of Ralph and Sue Stern, Professor Deborah Dwork, renowned historian and educator and the Rose Professor of Holocaust History at the Strassler Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University, Massachusetts, spent 10 days in South Africa.

Professor Dwork's very full programme included a faculty seminar at UCT and inspiring workshops for the professional staff and education volunteers from all three Centres, senior personnel from the KZN Department of Education and over 100 educators from the WCED. She conducted seminars for post-graduate university students and spoke at Limmud in Johannesburg and at the DHC.

In her book *Children with a Star*, Prof Dwork wrote extensively about Cor and Truus Grootendorst who had been part of a student underground organisation in occupied Holland that had saved the lives of 250 Jewish children. After the war the Grootendorsts came to live in South Africa and Deborah had an emotional reunion with Truus during her visit to Cape Town.



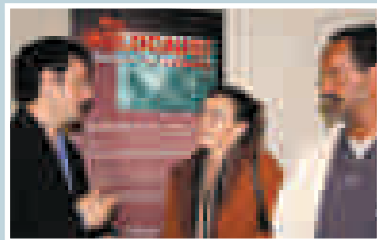
Professor Deborah Dwork with Truus Grootendorst

*“Not to transmit an experience is to betray it.”*

ELIE WIESEL

**Voices of Rwanda**

Taylor Krauss, founder of *Voices of Rwanda*, an organisation that documents testimony of the Rwandan genocide, was recently a scholar in residence at UNISA's Holocaust and Genocide Studies Unit. He gave a public lecture at the CTHC in which he explored how his Jewish identity and the experience at university of working with Holocaust survivor testimony has led to his work in Rwanda. Taylor shared some of the heart-breaking testimony of survivors of the Rwandan genocide, whose anguish serves as a painful reminder that genocide knows no boundaries.



Taylor Krauss, Annie Robb of Pax and Moosa Salie, co-chair of the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry

**The 15th Commemoration of the Rwandan Genocide**

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide in 1994, when 800 000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were massacred over a period of 100 days.

Survivors Fund, UK (SURF) initiated a world-wide reading of testimonies of survivors of the Rwandan genocide to raise awareness, to ensure that these stories are heard and that the genocide and its victims are never forgotten. The JHC, together with the Rwandan Students Survivors of Genocide, South Africa, and South African Union of Jewish Students organised a moving programme at the Mary Fitzgerald Square, Newtown in Johannesburg.



Tali Nates and Holocaust survivor, Cecelia Bouruchowitz with heads of the Rwandan Survivors Association, Bonaventure Kageruka and Xavier Ngabo and other Rwandan survivors at the commemoration event



Learners from St Stithian's Girls' College embark on an artistic form of commemoration by expressing their thoughts and feelings with chalk drawings on the Square

Rwandan Ambassador, Mr Munyakayanza, joined Rwandan survivors, Johannesburg Holocaust survivors and members of the public in the reading of more than 90 survivor testimonies during the four-hour commemoration. The CTHC participated in a similar programme at the University of the Western Cape.

**South Africa and Rwanda Study Tour**

In July, the JHC in partnership with Monash University (Melbourne, Australia and Johannesburg campuses), organised an intensive two-week study course in South Africa and Rwanda. As part of their course-work, the 29 students and academics studied apartheid in South Africa and the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, with a particular focus on reconciliation and reconstruction.

Led by Tali Nates (Director, JHC), Professor Mark Baker (Director, Australian Centre for Jewish Civilization, Monash University, Melbourne) and Professor Simon Adams (Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor (International), Monash University, South Africa), the group spent a week in Johannesburg before leaving for Rwanda where they were based at Solace Ministries in Kigali. In Rwanda the group visited counselling and support organisations and had meetings with survivors, scholars, activists and government representatives.

At Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village, a developmental initiative



Students from the Maranyunda Girls' School and the group shared songs and dances

**Study Seminar Tour to Israel**

SAHF staff members and volunteer education assistants travelled to Israel to participate in the Partnership 2000 Shoah Mission 2009. Thuli Malinga (JHC), Maxine Boyd, Li Boiskin and Monyeen Castle (CTHC) and Lynn Matisonn (DHC) experienced an intense programme of workshops and seminars at the Massuah Institute for the Study of the Holocaust on Kibbutz Tel Yitzhak, The Ghetto Fighters Museum and Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.



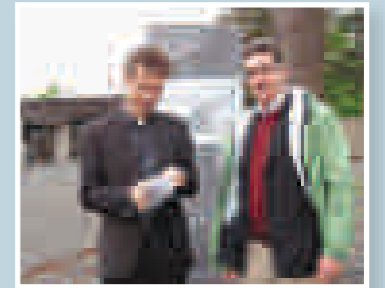
South African group with fellow participants

**SAHF FORGES TIES**

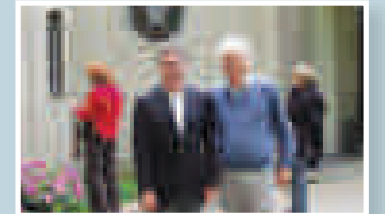
Through the kind offices of benefactor, Zvi David Kochav, Richard Freedman travelled to several key Holocaust sites in Europe.

Highlights of his itinerary included:

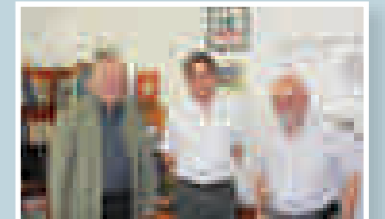
- **Amsterdam** – A meeting with Hans Westra of The Anne Frank House in preparation for his visit to South Africa to open the Anne Frank: A History for Today programme.
- **Bergen-Belsen** – As a guest of the education team and the Director, Dr Habbo Knoch, Richard Freedman conducted 2 seminars, the first for the general staff and the Director which dealt with an overview of the SAHF's activities and a second for the education team which focused on the Foundation's education programmes and approach.
- **Berlin** – Visits to the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe and the House of the Wannsee Conference.
- **Budapest** – A tour of the Budapest Holocaust Museum.
- **Terezin** – A day spent with the Director, Dr Jan Munk and a meeting with Dr Vojtich Blodig, the historian at the site.



With Dr Habbo Knoch at the Bergen-Belsen Memorial



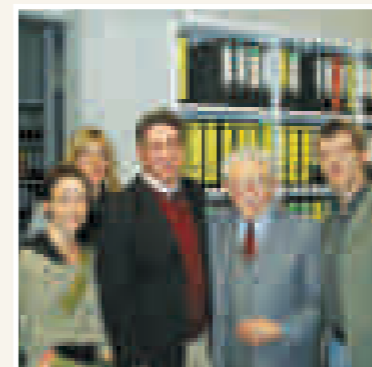
With Dr Wolf Kaiser at the House of the Wannsee Conference



At Terezin with historian, Dr Vojtich Blodig and Director, Dr Jan Munk

**Internship Programme**

Masters student at Hamburg University, Cornelia Knoll, completed a 2-month internship at the CTHC as part of an ongoing programme with Hamburg University. Following her visit, she delivered a presentation on her Cape Town experience to the education team at the Bergen-Belsen Memorial.



Cornelia Knoll (second left) with Anja Schade, Richard Freedman, Hungarian Holocaust survivor, Dr Denes and Bernd Horstmann during Richard Freedman's visit to Bergen-Belsen



SAHF's Tali Nates, Mary Kluk and Tracey Petersen with Hans Westra, Jan Erik Dubbelman, Aaron Peterer and other Anne Frank House personnel

**SAHF Invited to Speak at International Conferences**

During 2009, the SAHF was invited to present papers at three international conferences.

*Teaching the Holocaust in Diverse Classrooms*, hosted by the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, was attended by Mary Kluk (Director: DHC), Tali Nates (Director: JHC) and Tracey Petersen (Education Director: CTHC) and Holocaust educators from the USA, Argentina, UK, Germany, Switzerland, Israel and a UNESCO representative.

Tali Nates and Tracey Petersen presented papers examining the challenges and oppor-

tunities facing Holocaust educators in South Africa and the strategies the SAHF is adopting to meet these.

At the UNESCO Conference, *Combating intolerance, exclusion and violence through Holocaust Education – focusing on Africa*, in Paris, Tali Nates spoke on *Teaching about the Holocaust in post-Apartheid South Africa: Issues and Challenges*. She was also a guest of the Association of Holocaust Organisations where she spoke at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, New York on Holocaust education in South Africa.