

## PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

Join Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) when we present Mrs. Laureen Harper with the FSWC Award of Valour at a Luncheon at the Ritz Carlton on September 16, 2011. Keynote speaker is celebrated feminist, politician, author and filmmaker Aayan Hirsi Ali.



Laureen Harper



Aayan Hirsi Ali

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### EVENTS CALENDAR

**AN EVENING WITH AAYAN HIRSI ALI**  
Moderator: Heather Reisman  
September 15, 2011

**AWARD OF VALOUR LUNCHEON**  
In Honour of Laureen Harper  
September 16, 2011

**FREEDOM DAY**  
Keynote Speaker: Romeo Dallaire  
September 20, 2011

**12 HOURS OF POWER**  
Mission to Washington, D.C.  
September 22, 2011

**WINE TASTING**  
Keynote Speaker: Tony Aspler  
October 4, 2011  
*A Lawyers4Wiesenthal Event*

**PRECIOUS LIFE**  
Documentary Film Screening  
October 27, 2011  
*A Doctors4Wiesenthal Event*

**HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION**  
Keynote Speaker: Karel De Beer  
November 1, 2011

**AN EVENING WITH MOSHE ARENS**  
Author, Former Israeli Defense Minister,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
and Ambassador to the US  
November 22, 2011

**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
Annual Fundraising Gala  
May 31, 2012

## DOCUMENTING REVOLUTION AND EVOLUTION IN THE ARAB WORLD

As the world witnesses the unprecedented and often desperate attempts by citizens of the Arab world to gain freedom from tyrannical regimes, FSWC has documented these most recent efforts in a display titled 'Revolution and Evolution'. The 14 panel, 7' x 42' exhibit is an impressive look at the beginnings of an extraordinary and historic movement whose ending has yet to be written.



*Revolution and Evolution is available for display. Please contact Stephanie Eldridge at seldridge@fswc.ca or 416.864.9735 x 22 for rental details.*

### TUNE IN! THE EXPERT HOUR WITH AVI BENLOLO

Be sure to tune in when Human Rights Activist and FSWC President & CEO Avi Benlolo takes to the airwaves in a new radio program focused on global human rights.

The Expert Hour with Avi Benlolo airs every third Sunday from 10:00 – 11:00 am on AM640 in Toronto beginning on September 11, 2011 and running to December 4, 2011.



# FOR EVERY PROBLEM FS

## ISSUE: INCREASING WORLDWIDE ANTI-SEMITISM



From Hungary to France and the Netherlands to Turkey, Jewish communities around the globe continue to document the troubling trend of growing anti-Semitic activity.

FSWC INITIATIVE: INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

FSWC and its international affiliate, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, continues to correspond with representatives and ambassadors from countries around the world in an effort to stem rising anti-Semitism, forge new relationships, let other countries know Canada is aware of their activities and most importantly, let authorities know that Jewish communities will never again be intimidated by anti-Semites.

## ISSUE: ANTI-SEMITISM IN CANADA



A parliamentary report released earlier this summer concluded anti-Semitic activity is rife on university campuses, while a Statistics Canada report showed a 71% spike in religiously motivated hate crimes targeting the Jewish community.

FSWC INITIATIVE: HOLOCAUST AND ANTI-RACISM EDUCATION

Every year FSWC workshops on the Holocaust, genocide and racism are presented to more than 10,000 students attending 12 Boards of Education across Ontario. Through discussions with Holocaust survivors and educational experts, these workshops empower youth to not only recognize anti-Semitism and racism, but to find their voice and take a stand against hate.

In addition, FSWC partners with Moriah Films to produce Academy Award winning films about the Holocaust and global issues and events. The films are widely screened for educational purposes.

## ISSUE: HOLOCAUST DENIAL



From the raving lunacy of Iran's Mahmoud Ahmedinejad to the sledgehammer racism of radical groups like Hamas, Hezbollah, white supremacists and their supporters, efforts to deny the Shoah and the Jewish nature of the Holocaust have gained new life on the internet.

FSWC INITIATIVE: "FROM COMPASSION TO ACTION"

"From Compassion to Action" missions, including the third FSWC visit to Poland earlier this summer, are designed to provide high level policy and decision makers the chance to see the truth about the Holocaust for themselves by visiting the sites of the Shoah. A five-part miniseries broadcast to five million viewers in Ontario on A Channel was made about our first mission in 2010, while authors and mission participants Tarek Fatah and Marina Nemat each discussed the emotional impact of this trip in their recent books.

## ISSUE: HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE



As hatred and Holocaust denial become more deeply entrenched, the need for a deep understanding of the issues and appropriate methods to counter discrimination becomes ever more crucial.

FSWC INITIATIVE: ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of our ongoing effort to provide students and teachers with an in-depth understanding of the Shoah and to continually upgrade our materials and curriculum, FSWC participated in the First International Summer Academy organized by the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum of Poland in July.

In addition, FSWC offers educators and law enforcement professionals the opportunity to participate in the Los Angeles based Glassman Tools for Tolerance® Program designed to engage participants in discussions regarding justice, tolerance, diversity, values and civic responsibility.

## ISSUE: DELEGITIMIZATION OF ISRAEL *E.G. THE BDS MOVEMENT AND HATE IN THE TORONTO GAY PRIDE PARADE*



A small but obsessive minority called Queers against Israeli Apartheid has dragged anti-Semitism into Toronto's Gay Pride party and used the parade as a vehicle to promote racist politics.

FSWC INITIATIVE: ONGOING ADVOCACY

Through repeated letter writing campaigns, meeting with City Councillors, the Mayor of Toronto and grass roots community leaders, the phrase 'Israeli apartheid' was prohibited from this year's parade. However, anti-Semitism was much in evidence during the Dyke March and the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions movement is growing; the fight against hate is far from over.

# WC HAS A SOLUTION...

## ISSUE: ISRAEL APARTHEID WEEK



Canadian university campuses have become the new battleground on which the fight against Israel and the new anti-Semitism is being waged.

### FSWC INITIATIVE: TALK PEACE. STOP HATE

A 'Talk Peace. Stop Hate' campaign was launched at the University of Western Ontario

in London, Ontario and at Toronto's York University this past year. Author and media personality Michael Coren provided students with key discussion points to rebut hate and lies at the annual campus hatefest known as Israel Apartheid Week.

A University of Toronto Anti-Semitism Task Force was created this summer to deal with anti-Jewish activity at the birthplace of the Israel Apartheid Week movement and the campus where some of the most insidious anti-Semitic activity continues to occur.

values of democracy, human rights and freedom, and to highlight the lack of freedom in other parts of the world. More than 1,500 students are expected to participate in this year's event featuring L.Gen Romeo Dallaire and ET Canada's Rick Campanelli in Toronto on September 20.

## ISSUE: MEDIA BIAS



Media bias regarding the State of Israel includes holding the Jewish state to standards not expected of other countries, castigating Israel for acting to defend itself in ways that would be unremarkable if taken by other countries and ignoring the abuse suffered by Israelis at the hands of terrorists.

### FSWC INITIATIVE: MEDIA ADVOCACY

Letters to the Editor, Op-ed pieces, meetings with Editorial Boards and the most recent initiative, "The Expert Hour with Avi Benlolo" are all proactive efforts to alert journalists to the problem of bias and to encourage more balanced and objective reporting.

## ISSUE: PROLIFERATION OF HATE GROUPS



From internet hate to the funding of university programs by radical Islamist organizations, addressing the increase in the number of hate groups across Canada and worldwide continues to be a challenge.

### FSWC INITIATIVE: TRACKING AND AWARENESS

Staff and volunteers continuously monitor the media, websites, press releases, blogs and other sources of information to uncover hate groups and alert the appropriate authorities; a new educational workshop on the dangers of cyber hate will be launched this fall.

## ISSUE: LACK OF INTELLECTUAL BALANCE



Competing voices in the media, on university campuses, in organizational leadership and sometimes even in Parliament challenge Israel's right to exist, the importance of countering anti-Semitism, democratic values and, sometimes, the threat of terrorism.

### FSWC INITIATIVE: PRESENT INFORMED OPINION

Providing intellectual balance on a massive scale is necessary to challenge anti-Jewish and anti-Israel sympathizers and to provide a greater understanding of the many critical issues facing Canadian society today. Credible experts like Elie Wiesel, Alan Dershowitz, Salmon Rushdie, John Bolton, John Howard, David Gergen, Bill Clinton, Rudy Giuliani, Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and others confront these issues head on at the Spirit of Hope Benefit and at other FSWC special events.

## ISSUE: HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE



Innocent human beings around the globe continue to face various levels of abuse and discrimination ranging from the persecution and execution of homosexuals in Iran to the use of rape as a tool of war in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### FSWC INITIATIVE: FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION OF DEMOCRACY

Building on Simon Wiesenthal's passion for human rights and social justice, Freedom Day is designed to celebrate the Canadian

CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM.  
PRESERVE THE MEMORY OF THE HOLOCAUST.  
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# SPIRIT OF HOPE A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS

*"It was an honor to appear alongside such a stellar and feisty group of panelists at the Spirit of Hope event. Supporting Friends of Wiesenthal and the work they do in promoting tolerance was a privilege."*

– David Gergen, Senior Political Analyst, CNN



*"The work of the Wiesenthal Center is outstanding. My goal is to someday have a Wiesenthal Center in Cairo!"*

– Alan Dershowitz, Lawyer & Professor, Harvard Law School

## NATIONAL HOLOCAUST MONUMENT ANNOUNCED AT FSWC!

Tim Uppal (L), Minister of State for Democratic Reform, presents Avi Benlolo, President and CEO of FSWC with a framed copy of Bill C-442 legislating the establishment of a national Holocaust monument in Ottawa at a press conference at the FSWC Koffler Tolerance Training Center in July. Jason Kenney, Minister for Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, MPs Mark Adler and C.S. Leung and MPP Peter Shurman were also in attendance.



## WIESENTHAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

**ISSUE:** Anti-Semitism emanating from the halls of Canadian academia, including most famously an academically sloppy and racist University of Toronto Master's thesis denouncing the study of the Holocaust and condemning educational visits to the sites of the Shoah.

**FSWC INITIATIVE:** Awarding three graduate scholarships of \$1,000 each to students pursuing a Masters or Doctoral degree who have demonstrated a commitment to rigorous academic scholarship and research that supports and promotes the legitimate rights and aspirations of Israel and Jewish people.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 2011 WIESENTHAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

- Greg Beiles
- Dana Gold
- Ralph Korner



## ADRENALINE-FILLED FUN AT 'FAST & FURIOUS'

Dynamic and successful, a steely-nerved group of professionals came to raise funds to support the work of Simon Wiesenthal for the sheer fun of sporting a yellow racing suit and trying to clock the fastest time at the 'Fast & Furious' Formula One style summer racing event.