



## 2017 HOLOCAUST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENT RACHEL UROWITZ

Rachel Urowitz is a Jewish History teacher at TanenbaumCHAT in Toronto. Her courses cover Jewish History from antiquity to modernity.

### YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION IN REVIEW

Participation in the 2017 Holocaust Scholarship Program helped Rachel develop a new course for her grade 12 students titled "Holocaust in Film". The course focuses on the rise of Nazism and the Third Reich in Germany, using both documentaries and films, examining the medium of film as a means to teach about the Holocaust. At Yad Vashem, Rachel spent a lot of time at the the Visual Center discovering several less known and obscure films to introduce to her class. During the classes, Rachel discussed with her students the question of the historical authenticity of these films and was impressed with the students' level of engagement.

To further foster Holocaust education at her school and community, Rachel helped bring Anne Frank: A History for Today exhibit to TanenbaumCHAT. This traveling exhibit consists of 37 poster panels about the life of Anne Frank and her family, Jews in Holland in hiding during the Holocaust, social injustice and human rights. The exhibit also includes a special movie about the life and contributions of Anne Frank. Rachel was proud when she received approval for all 870 students at her high-school to tour the exhibit. To lead the tours, 25 student guides were chosen and trained to convey the importance of the Holocaust and the legacy of Anne Frank to their peers. Over 1500 students toured the exhibit between January 15 and February 2, 2018.



**CHAT STUDENTS WHO HELPED CONVEY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HOLOCAUST AND THE LEGACY OF ANNE FRANK DURING THE EXHIBIT**



**CHAT STUDENTS HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND DIGNITARIES ATTENDING THE EXHIBIT ON JANUARY 21, 2018**

In order to raise the awareness about the Holocaust outside the Jewish community, Rachel extended an invitation to visit the exhibit to non-Jewish schools, whose students are less familiar with the life and the story of Anne Frank. Rachel secured a donation of 80 copies of the Diary of Anne Frank from Indigo's Love of Reading Foundation to distribute to non-Jewish students who attended the exhibit. In addition, to promote Holocaust education to a community at large, the exhibit was made public on January 21, 2018. Holocaust survivors and many dignitaries participated in the exhibit that day including John Tory, Toronto Mayor and Michael Levitt, MP for York Centre who also serves as an ambassador to the Jewish community.