



## UN Holocaust Memorial Day Highlights

Thanks to the excellent support of our followers, the Hong Kong Holocaust and Tolerance Centre (HKHTC) has had a very successful start to 2020. Our January activities focused on the highly impactful, 10-day visit to Hong Kong and Macau that HKHTC hosted by the **Auschwitz survivor, acclaimed author, peace activist and stepsister of Anne Frank, Ms Eva Schloss**. Eva's visit was an excellent platform for us to further advance our mission to educate about the Holocaust and promote Tolerance among a wide cross-section of the local community, including students, teachers and countless others across Hong Kong and Macau.

### Key Highlights of HKHTC's Programming during Eva Schloss's January Visit

- Eva shared her incredible story of survival with **over 5,000 people**, comprised mostly of students from **11 schools**, in Hong Kong and Macau
- HKHTC hosted the **United Nations Holocaust Memorial Day ("UNHMD") commemoration at Hong Kong City Hall Theatre** to mark the 75th Anniversary of Auschwitz Liberation
- Eva's story and HKHTC activities were widely covered in both **local Chinese and English press**
- **Feedback was overwhelmingly positive** as Eva made an unforgettable impression on everyone who heard her story

Further details are provided below:

### United Nations Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration: 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz





HKHTC was honoured to host the 2020 United Nations Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration on 20th January. Our keynote speaker, **Eva Schloss**, spoke to an audience of nearly 500 people at Hong Kong City Hall. After sharing her moving testimony of heartbreaking loss, tragedy, hope and healing, Eva received a standing ovation from all in attendance at the fully-packed theatre. HKSAR Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury Mr James Henry Lau Jr, JP,



Consul General of the State of Israel Ms Ahuva Spieler, United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong Rabbi Martha Bergadine, Chief Imam of Hong Kong Mufti Muhammad Arshad, Consul General of the Russian Federation Mr Igor Sagitov, Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Ms. Annemieke Ruigrok, Fok Ying Tung Foundation Chairman Ben Fok, Captain Stephen Lief of Cathay Pacific Airlines, Chairman of the Israeli Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong Dr Raphael Aharoni, BBS and HKHTC Co-Chairman Mr Glen Steinman also participated in this event.

HKHTC also gives special thanks to Cathay Pacific for once again being the official airline sponsor of the annual UNHMD commemoration. We also greatly appreciate the excellent assistance provided by the Consulate General of Israel in Hong Kong & Macau in connection with the event.

### School Visits by Holocaust Survivor Eva Schloss MBE



St. Stephen's College



University of Macau



Hong Kong International School



Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong



Eva spoke to 11 schools and universities during her visit to Hong Kong and Macau. Her presentations and series of dialogues with HKHTC Executive Director Simon K. Li recounted the horrors of Auschwitz 75 years after liberation and created a personal connection with over 5,000 students and community members, the large majority of whom never previously met a Holocaust survivor.

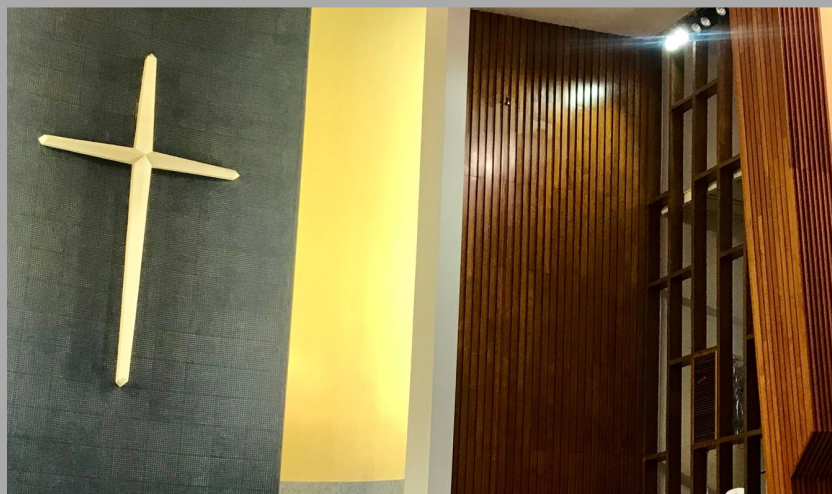
#### Public Events with Eva Schloss MBE



Asia Society



Jewish Community Centre



Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church



Bookazine Book Signing

**Eva engaged in a special, thought-provoking, student-focused event at the Asia Society Hong Kong Center ("ASHK") on 14 January with ASHK's Chairman Ronnie Chan and HKHTC's Co-Chairman Glen Steinman, along with three student moderators.** Focus was on Eva's story of survival and her life after Auschwitz, including how she narrowly avoided the death marches after the Germans fled. During the Q&A session, the audience heard Eva's thoughts on a wide range of issues from her unique perspective as a Holocaust survivor and Anne Frank's posthumous stepsister. Simultaneous Cantonese interpretation was provided at the full-house event.

**Eva also told her story to highly engaged audiences at the Jewish Community Centre of Hong Kong and the Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church, along with a book-signing event at Bookazine with huge turnout.**

**Thanks to the great support of our donors, HKHTC continues to grow and expand.** As always, we also continue to actively teach about the Holocaust in local Hong Kong schools. We sincerely hope you can join us at our future events.

Wishing you all a happy lunar new year,  
**Hong Kong Holocaust and Tolerance Centre**