

**Crestwood Preparatory College is proud to present:**

## **A HUMAN RIGHTS AND TOLERANCE SYMPOSIUM**

**Tuesday, November 25th, 2014 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

On Tuesday, November 25th, Crestwood Preparatory College will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Human Rights and Tolerance Symposium. This day-long event will bring together like-minded students interested in social justice in the world around them with dynamic, thought-provoking speakers and presenters. Students will be inspired and engaged by a combination of keynote addresses, small-group seminars, and facilitated action workshops. As November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the focus this year is on recognizing, addressing, and stopping the oppression of women around the world. A select list of guests include: Rosemary McCarney, Marina Nemat, Shaun Boothe, a groups of speakers from the Azrieli Foundation and Passages Canada, and Children's Peace Theatre.

Registration for the event is enclosed. Cost is **\$30.00 per participant** (includes a box lunch).

Please be aware that spaces will be limited, so start talking now with your history/world issues classes, and your social justice clubs in your schools, and plan to attend this important event.

If you have any questions, email organizer Scott Masters at [scott.masters@crestwood.on.ca](mailto:scott.masters@crestwood.on.ca).



### **ROSEMARY McCARNEY**

An award-winning humanitarian and business leader, a recognized public speaker and author and an expert on international economic development. She is the President and Chief Executive Officer of *Plan International Canada Inc.*



### **MARINA NEMAT**

The acclaimed author of *Prisoner of Tehran*, Marina will discuss her experiences as political prisoner in Iran, as well as her recovery in Canada.



### **SHAUN BOOTHE**

An award winning local hip hop artist, Shaun will perform and will talk about the role music and video can play in promoting social awareness.





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## A HUMAN RIGHTS AND TOLERANCE SYMPOSIUM - REGISTRATION

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Please note: As there will be limited spots available, we are asking schools to request a reasonable number of spots, hopefully for students who take courses or who are involved in extracurricular activities related to this area. Registration is now open and will be based on a first response basis.

Please ensure that one staff member from each school is present as well. (Staff members are free when a school brings 10+ students.)

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Roster:

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Please bring cheque payable to Crestwood Preparatory College with you to the event. \$30.00 per participant.



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**Crestwood Preparatory College 217 Brookbanks Drive Toronto, ON M3A 2T7**

## A HUMAN RIGHTS AND TOLERANCE SYMPOSIUM – REGISTRATION

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT ATTENDING**

**See list of Session Speakers attached in order to assist in selection preferences.**

All students and staff – please ensure that each individual signs up according to the following for each of the three classroom sessions. The number of spots will vary according to the presenter/activity. Everyone will attend the gym sessions (sessions 1, 4 and 6).

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

9:25-10:25 – **Session 2** - Azrieli Foundation Holocaust Survivors

1<sup>st</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

10:35-11:25 – **Session 3** – 6 Passages Canada Speakers + Marina Nemat

1<sup>st</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

1:15-2:15 – **Session 5** –Facilitated Breakout/Sessions in classrooms/gym

1<sup>st</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_





## A HUMAN RIGHTS AND TOLERANCE SYMPOSIUM – SESSIONS

**8:30-45**– Welcome/Registration

**8:45 – 9:15 – Session 1** - Gym– all students will attend

Foster Parents’ Plan (“I am a girl” campaign) CEO **Rosemary McCarney**

**9:25-10:25 – Session 2** - Holocaust Survivors (with assistance from the **Azrieli Foundation**)

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Holocaust Survivors (with assistance from the **Azrieli Foundation**)– all 7 survivors will provide their personal testimony and will highlight the connection of the Holocaust to other human rights abuses.

**Bill Glied** - In April, 1944, Bill was deported along with his entire family from Serbia to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where he worked as a slave labourer. Bill will share his story of liberation and recovery.

**Sally Wasserman**- Sally Wasserman is the only child survivor of the Dambrowa ghetto, not too far Turken, a man who did work for the authorities in the ghetto. Sally spent the rest of the war as a hidden child. She will share the story of the Turken’s act of kindness.

**Anita Ekstein** – is a Child Survivor of the Holocaust. She and her family were taken to a ghetto and her parents went daily to different work sites. Her father in desperation approached a Polish man and asked him to save his child. Anita has since dedicated herself to educating young people about the evils of anti-Semitism, racism and bigotry, and where it could lead.

**Hedy Bohm** – Hedy is a Hungarian Jew who was deported along with her family in the summer of 1944. Hedy was able to survive slave labour at Auschwitz-Birkenau as well as other camps. She is a passionate speaker and educator who has been coming to Crestwood for several years now, and her message of tolerance and respect has reached many.

**Max Eisen** - was deported from Hungary along with his family in the summer of 1944. While the other well as other camps, as well as the death marches at the end of the war. He is a passionate speaker and educator who works through the Holocaust Center, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre and the Center for Diversity, and his message of tolerance and respect has reached many students.

**Rachel Schtibel** - Rachel Schtibel, a vivacious and outgoing music lover, lay hidden and silent in an case and photos hidden away by Rachel’s beloved Uncle Velvel became cherished symbols of survival and continuity.

**Denise Hans** - Denise Hans was born June 21, 1938. She is the 4th of 6 children. Her father, Michel, of an eloquent Child Survivor.

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**NB – Denise’s session could be done in French if there is sufficient interest – please indicate on the sign up form)**


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## A HUMAN RIGHTS AND TOLERANCE SYMPOSIUM – SESSIONS (cont.)


### 10:35-11:25 – Session 3 – Passages Canada Speakers

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**Marina Nemat** - Marina Nemat was born in 1965 in Tehran, Iran. At the age of 16, she was arrested on false charges and spent more than two years in the infamous Evin prison, in Tehran, where she, along with many of her friends, was tortured. She was condemned to die, but survived because one of the Revolutionary guards, Ali, pleaded for her life. But the price Ali exacted was high: Nemat was forced to marry him. Ironically, it was Ali's family who eventually secured Marina's release after Ali was assassinated. Marina rejoined her family but was further traumatized by their reluctance to acknowledge her ordeal.


Marina came to Canada in 1991 and has called it her home ever since. It took 20 years for Marina to tell anyone about her ordeal and now she travels the world, telling her story and tirelessly working to end the cycle of violence worldwide.




**Sahar Zaidi:** Sahar is an activist around violence against women, and a survivor of domestic violence. Sahar came to Canada from the United Arab Emirates and is of Pakistani origin.



**Nayani Thiyagarajah:** Nayani is an emerging Canadian filmmaker of Sri-Lankan origin who recently directed a popular documentary on *shadeism* and its effect on women of colour around the world.




**Antoinette Ellis**—Antoinette is a motivational speaker and former board member at Interim Place women's shelter. She experienced domestic abuse as a child; her mother fled from her abusive partner with Antoinette and her two brothers. Her message: there is life after abuse, and it can be stopped.



**Lilia Esi Shillingford:** Lilia is a motivational speaker and at risk youth worker whose work focuses on women's empowerment, identity issues, and anti-oppression. There is a history of violence against women in her family also. Lilia came to Canada at age 11 from Dominica.




**Althea Balmes:** Althea is a Filipino-Canadian visual storyteller and community organizer who has worked with Filipino women in the Live-In Caregiver Program here in Toronto, to help them tell their stories and fight for their rights.



**Loly Rico** - She left her home in El Salvador when her struggle for justice became a question of life and death. Once in Canada, Loly took up the cause of other newcomers and is now the co-director of the FCJ well as other support for refugee claimants.

### 11:35 – 12:20 – Session 4 – Gym– all students



**Azra Rashid** - Azra Rashid is a Montreal-based documentary filmmaker and a seasoned journalist with a passion for human rights and advocacy. Rashid has worked on numerous documentaries on social justice issues, including her own award-winning film, *Dishonour Defied* – a documentary about rape and status of women in Pakistan. She will be speaking and will be debuting segments of her new film, *A Woman's Story*, which looks at genocide, survival, and physical and cultural continuity through the eyes of three women who have experienced three different genocides of the 20th century.

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## A HUMAN RIGHTS AND TOLERANCE SYMPOSIUM – SESSIONS (cont.)

**12:20 -1:10 – Lunch** – box lunches will be served to non-CPC students in or near the gym

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**1:15-2:15 – Session 5** –Facilitated Breakout/Sessions - most of these sessions will allow students to explore a “hands-on” approach. Session sizes will vary according to the activity.



**Michael Craig/Amnesty International** - Michael Craig, has been a political and human rights respected, not repressed. As a China coordinator for Amnesty International, Chair of a coalition – the China Rights Network – and as a member of a local AI group, Michael has helped to publicize the imprisonment and torture of political activists and ordinary citizens around the world.

Children’s Peace Theatre is an award-winning community arts organization. We nurture an ever-expanding circle of young people and their allies to build communities of resistance through art. CPT creates equitable opportunities for diverse young people to experience the transformative power of the arts, to develop their self–worth, and to become leaders in their communities. They will be providing 3 different sessions:



**Children’s Peace Theatre Drama /Conflict Resolution Option**

**Children’s Peace Theatre Spoken Word Option**

**Children’s Peace Theatre Art Therapy Option**



**Fuad Choudhury** – is a film-maker and journalist who specialises in films with a strong social conscience. He has produced films, TV dramas, docudramas, documentaries and TV spots in Canada, USA, India and Bangladesh. Several of his documentaries have received international film awards. He will be discussing the Rana Plaza collapse in Bangladesh and will be showing segments of his new film, *Rana Plaza: Victims of Fashion*.



**Women’s Self-Defence** – girls only/suitable attire. (additional waiver to follow)  
Emilio Ramirez is the founder of Chino Jiu Jitsu. He is a martial artist with 15 years of experience in a variety of martial arts including Tae Kwon Do, Jit Kun Do, Boxing, Olympic wrestling and Capoeira. His abilities in martial arts have allowed him to make an active transition into the film industry. He has 9 years teaching experience and has developed a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu curriculum for both adults and children. He has performed seminars around the world including a tactical hand to hand combat training for the Guatemalan Special Forces "The Kaibil".

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**2:25-2:55 – Session 6** - GYM – all students



**Shaun Booth** - an award winning local hip hop artist, Shaun will perform and will talk about the role music and video can play in promoting social awareness. Shaun is poised to be next on the list of Toronto Canada's hottest new musical exports, and he has separated himself from the pack with his critically acclaimed [Unauthorized Biography Series](#). His “Poor Boy” single was nominated for Best Rap Single of the Year at the 2010 Stylus DJ Awards, and Shaun has toured across Canada opening for Talib Kweli and Kardinal Offishall.

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