

## FREEDOM DAY 2012, Toronto

September 20, 2012

*“A day to carry on Simon Wiesenthal’s legacy of tolerance, justice & human rights  
A day to celebrate freedom  
A day to bring about positive change in our community & in our world”*



MIGS’ Director Frank Chalk wrote a poem for the nearly 4,000 elementary and high school students who had gathered in downtown Toronto for Freedom Day 2012. In it he responded to a Holocaust poem written by an 8<sup>th</sup> grade California student. The annual event hosted by the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center celebrates the legacy of Simon Wiesenthal, an Austrian Holocaust survivor who later tracked down Nazis so they could be tried for war crimes.

Prof. Chalk with Dorothy Shoichet, a long-time supporter of the FSWC.

Professor Chalk and award-winning humanitarian, Founder of War Child Canada, Dr. Samantha Nutt celebrated Canada’s values and sought to educate younger generations about our fundamental human rights. In line with the FSWC’ core values, the speakers’ hope is to empower young people to create change and assume responsibility for the future.



Prof. Chalk reading out a poem to thousands of students and teachers

**“Freedom is not a gift from heaven; one must fight for it every day” Simon Wiesenthal**

The Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies is dedicated to fostering tolerance and understanding through educational outreach and social action.