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## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL VANCOUVER RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY

Congregation Beth Israel - Sanctuary  
Sunday, January 22, 2023 - 1:30 p.m.

*Honouring the Joint Distribution Committee  
- and its courageous support for Ukrainian Refugees*

Films:

- Fridtjof Nansen
- Joint Distribution Committee: Ukraine Crisis

Donations are appreciated - Reception to follow

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The Joint Distribution Committee is the leading global Jewish humanitarian organization, serving as a beacon of hope for Jews and others in 70 countries today. JDC acts whenever and wherever it is needed, propelled by Jewish values and a commitment to mutual responsibility.



Marina Sonkina is a fiction writer, and teaches in the Liberal Arts Program 55+ at Simon Fraser University. She immigrated to Canada with her two sons, as the Soviet Union was breaking up. When Russia attacked Ukraine, she worked as a volunteer with the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Poland, offering refugees medical and psychological support. (Marina's books on refugees' stories are available for purchase.)

Gary Segal is a successful Vancouver businessman who emphasizes the importance of giving back to the community. He was honoured in December, 2022, with Membership in the Order of Canada for his enduring commitment to humanitarian work, philanthropy and service to the community. He serves on the Board of the Joint Distribution Committee.



Raoul Wallenberg Day pays tribute to the courageous actions by people engaged in selfless acts of civil courage in the spirit of Raoul Wallenberg and Chiune Sugihara, who each rescued thousands of Jews during World War II. We are seeking nominations for potential Civil Courage Award recipients - full criteria are at [www.wsccs.ca/award-criteria](http://www.wsccs.ca/award-criteria).

#### FILMS -

Fridtjof Nansen: Nobel Peace Prize for Putting Compassion into Action  
- Nobel Peace Center, Oslo

Fridtjof Nansen: A man of action and vision  
- Norwegian Refugee Council, Oslo

Joint Distribution Committee: Ukraine Crisis



## PROGRAM

### WELCOME

Alan Le Fevre, President

### CITY OF VANCOUVER PROCLAMATION

Sarah Kirby-Yung, Deputy Mayor

### GUEST SPEAKERS

- Marina Sonkina, Vancouver writer & educator
- Gary Segal, JDC board member

### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Gary Segal, for JDC

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### FILMS - Fridtjof Nansen / JDC Ukraine Crisis

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### QUESTIONS PERIOD

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### RECEPTION