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Edith is out of hiding and speaking in Durham!

[Pickering] The Durham West Arts Centre and Pickering Central Library co-present Edith Gelbard at Glengrove Public School 1 p.m. on November 10 as part of the Durham West Art Centre's provincial project: *Reading and Remembrance 2006: Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education*.

Edith, a child hidden from the Nazis in France during World War II, is the subject of Kathy Kacer's non-fiction book *Hiding Edith*. The book is a finalist for the Ontario Library Association's Silver Birch Award and the 2006 Norma Fleck Award for Children's Non-Fiction. Norma Fleck jurors comment that this is, "A wonderful poignant story that has never been told before ... Children will love this book ... The writing is fantastic and reads like fiction ... An extraordinary story."

On Nov 10th, Edith reads from the book and recounts parts of her amazing story. Her family stated that Edith has not always been as forthcoming about what happened to her. The passage of time has made it possible for Edith to finally share her story.

The Pickering Central Library and DWAC are proud to present Edith Gelbard. She tells new generations first hand how important it is to protect the values of a democratic society.

"*Hiding Edith* ... should be part of every elementary school library collection," says Harriet Zaidman, teacher-librarian in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Support from Veterans Affairs Canada and Ontario Power Generation make Reading and Remembrance and programs such as Edith's visit to Glengrove possible.

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For an up to date listing of what other Ontario schools are doing for Remembrance Day, check our website. <http://dwac.ca/press/readingRemembranceHonourRoll.html>

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