Open Hearts—Closed Doors at Pier 21 marks the 60th anniversary of the arrival in Canada of 1123 Jewish children orphaned by the Holocaust.

Educational resources are available, including a Teacher’s Guide.

Open Hearts – Closed Doors tells the story of the arrival, on Canadian soil between 1947-49, of 1123 Jewish children orphaned by the Holocaust. The exhibit, produced by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, chronicles the lives of these children as they emerged from the Holocaust. They made their way through Displaced Persons Camps and orphanages, eventually to communities across Canada. Open Hearts – Closed Doors also tells the story of the efforts of Canadian Jewish Congress and other community agencies to bring these children to Canada. Local Jewish communities, agencies and social workers that assisted them upon their arrival. Personal narratives by the war orphans form a substantial part of this exhibit.