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1967 LIBERATION OF JERUSALEM

This Page Is Dedicated To All Jewish Martyrs Whose Graves Lay Unmarked



Jewish History and consciousness will be dominated for many generations by traumatic memories of the Holocaust.

No people in history has undergone an experience of such violence and depth. The Holocaust left behind a legacy and grief and loss for which there is no consolation.

We must meet the challenge not only of remembering but insure that others are taught what they never knew.

This Page Dedicated by Sidney Franklin, C.L.U., Insurance Analyst



UNVEILING OF THE MONUMENT TO THE SIX MILLION JEWISH MARTYRS.



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President's Message



Dear Friends:

The Kol Israel Foundation is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Twenty-five years have passed since our organization was founded. Our organization has grown in numbers and most of our members attend many of our functions and special events. At the same time we are also painfully aware that some former members of the Kol Israel Foundation are no longer with us. The Kol Israel Foundation is dedicated to the preservation of the memory of the Holocaust, to honor those who lost their lives from the hands of the Nazis and those who fought and suffered from the Germans and their collaborators during the war years. The Kol Israel Foundation is unequivocally and unconditionally committed to the support of the State of Israel.

The Kol Israel Foundation has sought ways to bring together survivors in order to share and rejoice together on special occasions. Members of our organization were involved in the planning and were among the participants in significant numbers at the World Gathering of Holocaust survivors in Israel and at the American Gathering of Holocaust survivors in Washington. We are contributing in many ways not only to the establishment of a legacy to the Holocaust but also to the confirmation of Jewish life and culture in Israel and in the United States.

We need to rededicate ourself not only to the continued viability of the Kol Israel Foundation but also to join efforts with the Kol Israel Sisterhood and the Second Generation Kol Israel to work on the establishment of a meaningful Holocaust legacy in Cleveland, in the United States, and in the State of Israel.

Jack Wieder, President





Kol Israel Members at the Ambulance Dedication in Jerusalem June 15th, 1981





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- A thank you to the many people who worked very hard to make this banquet a success.
- A thank you to all the participating advertisers.
- A thank you to our guest speaker.
- A thank you to all the people who are attending our banquet.
- A thank you to the second generation Kol Israel.

JACK YORK, Chairman

JACOB HENNENBERG, Co-Chairman





This Page Dedicated by Cumberland Mills Chatsworth, Georgia

Salute to the United States of America



He who loves not his country can love nothing-

Harvey Friedman

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September 11, 1984

Mr. Jack Wieder, President Kol Israel Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio P.O. Box 21146 Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Dear Mr. Wieder:

This is in response to your letter of August 23, 1984. Mrs. Friedman and I will be delighted to help Kol Israel Foundation commemorate its 25th Anniversary. It would be our intention to attend a dinner party which would be held at the Green Road Synagogue on that date.

I am sure you are aware that I hold very near and dear to my heart the purposes of the Kol Israel Foundation.

I should like to offer a proclamation of the city making November 10, 1984 "Kol Israel Foundation Day" in the City of Beachwood.

Cordially,

Harvey F. Ariddman, Mayor City of Beachwood

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P.S. Of course, as a concerned Jewish American, who has roots in the United States and in the State of Israel, I am further reminded by your anniversary that all of us should dedicate ourselves to perpetuating the memory of the terrible Holocaust that struck down the lives of six million Jews in Europe. I would feel less an American and less a Jew were I to fail to note this memorable occasion. It is left to those who have survived to cause those who will live on to remember and never forget.





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Sisterhood of the Kol Israel Foundation PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members and Friends:

This year we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Kol Israel Foundation. On behalf of myself and the Kol Israel Sisterhood, I wish to convey my most sincere congratulations.

It makes me proud to look upon this organization that has grown so much in so short a time. To watch our children grow, and to tell them our story. The story that our children must know—our children, our children's children, and so on. They must know, and above all, they must never forget. These are the main reasons for the existence of the Kol Israel Foundation.

How proud I was to witness the world gathering of survivors in the holy city of Jerusalem, where our legacy was passed on to the second generation, so that they may carry the torch—the torch of remembrance.

Less than two years ago, in our nation's capital, Washington, D. C., we as a people were finally recognized. It was very touching to be acknowledged by the President of the United States. Also, in our very own State of Ohio, the annual "Days of Remmbrance" has been established in commemorating the Holocaust.

Our voices have finally started to be heard, but we must also look to the future. I must stress to our members and friends that what we have accomplished in the past we can be proud of, which is why our work can never end.

May our people of Israel, and all around the world enjoy lasting peace, and grow from strength to strength—from chai to chai.

Shalom, Eva Wieder President, Kol Israel Sisterhood



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Second Generation Kol Israel President's Message



On behalf of Second Generation Kol Israel, may I extend our heartiest congratulations to all of the officers and members of the Kol Israel Foundation and Sisterhood on the occasion of your twenty-fifth anniversay.

The Kol Israel Foundation is the organization Second Generation Kol Israel modeled itself after. You are our parent organization. You, who have suffered in the holocaust, have given us so much. You gave us our heritage and our life. You came to this country not speaking the language, without families to help you, and started new lives for yourselves. You gave us your children, everything you could give us: love, close family ties, opportunities for education and most importantly a legacy.

Our legacy is your past. It is our duty to never let the world forget the atrocities of the holocaust. It is our obligation to replace ignorance with awareness and commitment. We, as Second Generation look up to you and all the wonderful and important things you have accomplished within your organization and the Cleveland Jewish Community. I hope that we can as successfully follow in your footsteps.

I have only been active in Second Generation Kol Israel for four years, but I have known many of your members for most of my life. As the current Second Generation Kol Israel President, I can appreciate all the time and effort that goes into making an organization run smoothly.

Second Generation takes great pride in the growth and development of the Kol Israel Foundation, and our best wishes for your continued success in all your future endeavors.

Shalom and best wishes to all.

MRS. RITA NADLER
President, Second Generation Kol Israel





OFFICERS OF THE SECOND GENERATION KOL ISRAEL



A History of the Kol Israel Foundation

BY JACOB HENNENBERG

As we know only too well, Jews have not been strangers to persecution in their long history both in their ancient homeland and in the Diaspora. But never before have they been subjected to the fury and scope of the systematic destruction unleashed by Hitler, first in Germany and then in the countries of Europe that came under the Nazi heel. Wherever the Nazi armies entered, the Jews were immediately singled out for annihilation.

On September 1, 1939 the Nazi armies attacked Poland. A few weeks later almost all of Europe was under the Nazi yoke. The Warsaw Ghetto uprising was a remarkable example of heroic resistance against insurmountable odds.

By the war's end about six million Jews had been murdered. In most of the cities and towns of occupied Europe the Jewish population was reduced to small remnants of survivors. It was the end of European Jewry and a way of life.

When the victorious Allied armies entered the concentration camps, it was difficult for them to grasp the unspeakable brutalities, the inhuman treatment, and the horrors that had been perpetrated behind the barbed wire fences. In all of the concentration camps of Europe only 500,000 Jews were found alive.

Tiny remnants of a once flourishing Jewish community made their way to Israel, the United States, Canada, and other countries.

About 92,000 came to the United States. Here they had to find a new life for themselves and make enormous adjustments. Many of them were now the sole surviving members of their families. Many of them had seen their wives or husbands and their children killed in the concentration camps and now had to find someone to marry and perhaps start a new family. All of them had to find a way to recover their integrity as human beings. All of them had to learn to live with the painful memories of the horrors inflicted upon them because they were Jews, and yet all of them wanted to survive as Jews. The extraordinary thing is that so many of them succeeded.

Those who came to Cleveland were helped by friends, relatives, the Jewish Family Service, and later the earlier emigres helped the newcomers. In a relatively short time they quickly learned a new language, entered into every occupational field available to them, adapted themselves to the American Jewish way of life, and achieved financial independence.

On Sunday, February 15, 1959 a small group of the Cleveland survivors met at Mike Frum's house with the purpose of forming an organization to represent the holocaust survivors in this area. The organization was given the name "Kol Israel" which means "all of Israel". A temporary committee was appointed to make all the necessary arrangements to get the organization established. The temporary committee consisted of:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aizen

Mr. and Mrs. Max Kuricki

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lavon

Mr. and Mrs. Morry Malcmacher

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fixler

Mr. and Mrs. William Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Frum

Mr. and Mrs. Perec Slivka

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Herschkowitz

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Yeger

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ickowicz



After a month passed, the temporary committee became permanent. The enthusiasm and spirit were high, and everybody was eager to work for the cause.

In February 1960 elections were held, and the following persons were elected as the first officers of the Kol Israel Foundation:

President William Miller
Vice President Simon Fixler
Secretary Herta Kuricki
Treasurer Morry Malcmacher
Chairman Max Kuricki

Committee Members:

Harry Aizen Joseph Ickowicz Gary Lavon
Mike Frum Paul Kuper Mario Soria
Jack Herschkowitz Chaim Kuricki Berl Yeger

Under the leadership of William Miller and Simon Fixler, the Kol Israel Foundation became chartered by the State of Ohio, and the constitution was written in the house of Simon Fixler. The aims of the Foundation as filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio under Articles of Incorporation, File #B-142-973, are as follows:

"The purpose or purposes are: To secure special education, guidance and vocational training, economic and social adjustment of people from foreign lands settling in Greater Cleveland.

"Purposes applying to charity: The Kol Israel Foundation shall also help the State of Israel through the various charitable organizations of Greater Cleveland."

The original signers of the constitution were:

Signed by the Kol Israel Foundation founders and organizers on the......day of the month of...... of 1961.

VICE*PRESIDENT

CHAIRMAN

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But the purposes of the Kol Israel Foundation were more comprehensive than that stated in the formal language of the Articles of Incorporation. To those who had suffered in concentration camps Kol Israel meetings became a refuge where they could get together with others who had a similar past and who now faced similar problems in the present. They knew that their experiences had made them unique and that for a long time they could feel comfortable and at ease only with people like themselves. The Foundation provided the warmth and sympathy and understanding of a close-knit family to its founders and members. Kol Israel also extended a helping hand to newcomers who arrived after the organization was established. It quietly gave financial assistance to those in need and helped find housing and jobs to those who had no relatives, friends, or agency to assist them. And to boththe early arrivals who had made their adjustment to the new country and had become financially independent and to the later arrivals-Kol Israel gave the muchneeded emotional and psychological support they lacked. The meetings and special events provided social opportunities without which many would have felt isolated and lonely.

In June 1960, acting on the suggestion of Morry Malcmacher, the leaders of Kol Israel decided it would be appropriate to build a monument in memory of the six million victims of the holocaust.

On May 28, 1961 in Zion Memorial Park the monument in memory of the six million Jewish martyrs was unveiled. To give the monument additional meaning, through the untiring efforts of Jack Herschkowitz and Herta Kuricki, the Kol Israel Foundation was able to obtain from three concentration camps the ashes of victims. These ashes were buried with honor under the monument.

Many leaders from the community attended the ceremony including many rabbis of the surrounding area. The notables included Anthony J. Celebreze, mayor of Cleveland; Robert Villeford, Mayor of Bedford Heights; Zvi Kolitz, Israeli film producer, and representatives from the Jewish Community.

We gratefully thank the following friends for their whole-hearted support and cooperation in making this project possible.

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In 1962 under the leadership of William Miller and Jack Beigelman local needy people were helped and funds were sent to Israel.

In 1963-64 with Morry Malcmacher and Mike Frum in charge, we sent a contribution to the Emergency Fund.

In 1965-66 under the guidance of Simon Fixler and Leon Bergrin, we again sent a donation to the Emergency Fund.

In 1967 our thoughts and hearts were turned to the national crisis in Israel. The following is an excerpt from the Order of the Day issued by the Commander of the Israeli Air Force on the morning of June 5, 1967:

"Fighters of the Air Force—
the Egyptian Army has lifted its hands against
us to destroy us! The clenched fist of the IDF
has given us the signal—WE ARE TAKING OFF FOR BATTLE!"



The third stage had started on our way to national independence in our historic homeland. The Kol Israel Foundation heard the call and responded. Under the leadership of Simon Fixler and Leon Bergrin an emergency meeting was held, and at the meeting that evening the members donated \$33,000 to the State of Israel. Also a memorial light to the six million Jewish victims was installed in the Taylor Road Synagogue.

In 1968 the Kol Israel Foundation purchased a forest in Israel through the Jewish National Fund.

On March 15, 1969 Kol Israel held its tenth anniversary banquet at the Academy Restaurant. Jack Herschkowitz and Henry Miller were in charge.

In 1969-70 under the guidance of Morry Malcmacher and Marc Moss Kol Israel donated two rooms at a hospital for veterans in Israel, and an ambulance was purchased and shipped to the Magen David Adom. Also \$1,800 in bonds were donated to the State of Israel.

In 1971-72 Kol Israel was led by Jack York and Mike Frum in raising \$5,000 in bonds which were donated to the State of Israel.

In 1973 the Magen David Adom of Israel was again the beneficiary of a donation by Kol Israel. Morry Malcmacher and Sam Taub managed the fund-raising campaign which netted \$1,500 for this purpose. Also in that year the names of the holocaust victims who have relatives living in the Cleveland area were inscribed on the monument in Zion Memorial Park.

At the shocking news of the surprise attack on Israel by Egypt and Syria on Yom Kippur in October 1973, Kol Israel again demonstrated its quick response to an emergency. A meeting was quickly arranged, and in one evening \$35,000 was raised and sent to the State of Israel.

In 1974 the Kol Israel Foundation and its Sisterhood, with the cooperation of the David Mark Berger Chapter of the American Red Magen David, donated a fully equipped ambulance to the Magen David Adom in Israel.

In 1975 under the leadership of Art Gelbart and Mike Frum, the Kol Israel Foundation donated an Israel bond to the State of Israel in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Under the leadership of Jack Beigelman and Simon Fixler, the Kol Israel Foundation on March 27, 1977, celebrated its 18th Anniversary with a banquet. The main speaker was Sam Miller.

On May 1, 1977, an amendment was made to the Constitution of the Kol Israel Foundation to the effect that \$1,000 per year should be set aside for the upkeep and expansion of the monument to the six million Holocaust martyrs.

Another ambulance was donated to the people of Israel through the American Red Magen David.

The New Year's Eve Dance that year was held in the Taylor Road Synagogue.

At the meeting on March 5, 1978 another amendment to the Constitution was approved. This amendment states that the membership should vote for and elect only four members to the Executive Committee, and in turn the Executive Committee will select the rest of the committee. Also at this meeting, elections were held, and the following officers were electd:



President Jack Beigelman
Vice President Leon Bergrin
Treasurer Abbie Akst
Secretary Jacob Hennenberg

On March 19, 1978 a Second Generation Kol Israel was founded by a group of young people, under the Kol Israel Foundation charter, dedicated to the continuance of the memory of the Holocaust victims.

On April 30, 1978 the Committee of the Kol Israel Foundation approved the new seal for the organization. It was designed by Jacob Hennenberg, and the wording "Survivors of the Holocaust" included on the seal was suggested by Leon Bergrin.

Sunday, May 7, 1978—Kol Israel participated in the Warsaw Uprising Memorial Service. Chairman of the event was Jack Beigelman.

June 1978—Kol Israel organized a bus trip to Skokie, Illinois, to participate in the march against the Nazi organization in the U.S.

On July 2, 1978, the date of our annual picnic, it rained all day, but we went along with our plans and held the picnic anyway. It was very heart-warming to welcome the members of our organization despite the bad weather.

On October 8, 1978 memorial services for the six million Jewish martyrs were held at Zion Memorial Park in front of the monument to the victims of the Holocaust. Mr. Bennet Kleinman delivered the main address. Also participating in the ceremony were Jack Beigelman, president of Kol Israel, the Jewish War Veterans, Rev. Joseph Frankel, and Chazzan Elliot G. Portner. Memorial Committee members were Simon Fixler, Mike From, Robert Birnbaum, and chairman of the day was Jack York.

December 31, 1978—Our annual New Year's Eve party was held at Park Synagogue. It was a great success with 460 people in attendance. Henry Miller was chairman and his co-chairmen were Sam Beder and Philip Green.

April 22, 1979—Kol Israel again participated in the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial. Jack Beigelman was chairman of the event.

July 15, 1979 was the annual Kol Israel picnic which also included the dedication of another ambulance for the People of Israel. Chairman Henry Miller served with Sam Beder and Philip Green. The picnic, held at Anisfield Camp Grounds, was a great success.

September 16, 1979 was the annual memorial service in memory of the six million Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust. Sam Miller delivered the main address. Participating in the ceremony were: Cantor Martin Leubitz, Jack Beigelman, Helene Herman, Philip Hersch, Rev. Joseph Frankel, and members of the Jewish War Veterans. Committee members were Simon Fixler, Mike From and Robert Birnbaum who was chairman of the day.

December 31, 1979—Our annual New Year's party was a huge success. The 440 people who attended danced to the music of the Cifani Orchestra and had a wonderful time thanks to the work done by Chairman Henry Miller and his associates Sam Beder and Philip Green.



On January 27, 1980 election of officers was held in the hall of the Green Road Synagogue, and the following officers were re-elected to serve another year:

Jack Beigelman	A 141 A - 51	 President
Leon Bergrin	* * * *	 Vice-President
Abbie Akst	20 2 2 2 2 2	 Treasurer
Jacob Hennenberg	5 (6) (6 - 6)	 Secretary

After the election a pleasant social hour was enjoyed by all.

February 3, 1980—The first meeting of the new administration took place. The 21st Anniversary Banquet was discussed and approved. Also a resolution was passed to hold a general meeting every three months.

May 17, 1980-Installation of new officers was held:

President	Jack Beigelman
Vice-President	Leon Bergrin
Historian and Secretary	Jacob Hennenberg
Treasurer	Abbie Akst
Chairman	Jack York

Committee Members: Martha Bauer, Alex Bauer, Robert Birnbaum, Marcel Friedman, Simon Fixler, Rev. Joseph Frankel, Philip Green, Phillip Hersh, Henry Miller, Leo Rzepka, Jack Wieder.

The 21st Anniversary Banquet held on October 5, 1980, was a resounding huge success. About 250 people attended the affair which emphasized the Holocaust survivors gathering to be held the following June in Israel. Guest speaker was Mr. Ernest Michel of New York City, chairman of the steering committee for the World Gathering. Past presidents and vice-presidents were honored at the anniversary banquet as well as the 1980-81 committee members. The banquet was chaired by Jack York, co-chaired by Jacob Hennenberg, and under the watchful eye of Henry Miller and Leo Rzepka everything went smooth. Treasurer Abbie Akst saw to it that the finances were in order. Ticketing was chaired by Philip Green and Leon Bergrin took care of everything else.

The final event of 1980 was the New Year's Eve party which took place as planned.

On May 3, 1981, the Annual Warsaw Uprising Commemoration took place chaired by Jack Beigelman. That same day, the Kol Israel Foundation dedicated its fifth ambulance to be given to the people of Israel. This event took place in the May Company parking lot chaired by Jacob Hennenberg and co-chaired by Abbie Akst.

The following month in mid-June, found a substantial number of people attending the World Gathering for Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Israel. Here, the same ambulance that was dedicated earlier in Cleveland was now dedicated at the Western Wall in Jerusalem by Kol Israel members. Through the support of the Cleveland Jewish Federation, the executive committee of Kol Israel also presented a book entitled, "Ayduth Lechaim" which contained various accounts of Cleveland Holocaust survivors and their experiences during World War II. This was ceremoniously presented to Yad Vashem.

The annual picnic on August 2 was a huge success thanks to the great work of chairmen Mike From and Henry Miller.



On September 5, Jacob Hennenberg presented a report at the general meeting of the Kol Israel foundation on the events in Israel.

JACOB HENNENBERG

"WITNESS TO LIFE"

I would like to give you a summary of my feelings of the recently completed World Gathering of Jewish holocaust survivors, that took place in Israel between June 14-18.

I was able to participate with over 10,000 survivors and their children, in this once in a lifetime event. There was not an overriding feeling of sadness, but rather a feeling of unity with each other.

On June 18 at the closing ceremony at the Western Wall after singing the partisan song "Zug Nicht Keinmul Az Du Gehst De Letzten Weg" and the Hatikvah, 10,000 people embraced as to say we are one and we are here, in the survivors village in one huge hall, people attached messages on the Wall. One particular message stands out in my mind. Attached was a picture of a little girl, and it read:

"My name is Rachel. I was born in Warsaw in the year of 1943. Does anybody know my parents?"

Personally, I was reunited with a number of friends. I was walking in the hall of the survivors village, and I came across a man that I recognized as Warshawski, with whom I worked together in a forced labor camp, on the so-called "Autobahn." At that time I persuaded the guard to take a picture while we were working. For this I gave him my blanket that I brought with me from home. I have had this picture for 36 years and I really did not know what happened to Warshawski, until I met him in Jerusalem, and later in Ramat Gan.

I shared with him the picture showing the two of us plus other friends working on the snow covered Autobahn that went from Breslaw to Berlin.

There is a proud Cleveland note - - -

The Cleveland delegation was the only one in the world that brought to the Gathering a fully equipped ambulance that was dedicated by the Western Wall by the Kol Israel Foundation Sisterhood and Second Generation and the "Eydut L'Chaim" Witness to Life Book sponsored through the Jewish Community Federation's committee on holocaust commemoration and education. One of our members was Bar Mitzva at the Western Wall. Though 40 years later, it was a memorable experience. Twenty-six of the 100 Clevelanders who attended the Gathering would have missed the opportunity of being there, if it would not have been for the help from the Endowment Fund of the Cleveland Jewish Federation. All of us who attended that historic event agree it was the most memorable time of our lives.

One aspect of the World Gathering was having the opportunity of sharing this experience with my son, Michael. An important part of the Gathering was the passing of the legacy of the holocaust to the second generation. The passing of the legacy meant a great deal to me, because now I am assured when after we, the survivors, are here no more, someone will continue our work of not letting the world forget. I view this as my second liberation, the first one May 1945, the second June 18, 1981.

There is an episode in the Bible where Abraham and his son Isaak were to go to Mt. Moriah to perform a very difficult task. And the Torah describes it. They went together "Yachdov" Rashi comments not only physically but also together spiritually.

I draw this comparison.

My son, Michael, and I also went to Mt. Moriah to perform a difficult task handing over the legacy of the Holocaust to the second generation.

We also went "yachtov" in body and in spirit.



December 6, 1981. A general meeting took place. One item on the agenda was an amendment to the constitution of the Kol Israel Foundation. The amendment was approved by the membership.

December 5, 1981. The Kol Israel Foundation sponsored an Israel Bond Dessert, with the main speaker, world known reporter, David Schonbrunn. It was a huge success. The Kol Israel Foundation donated a \$1,000.00 bond to the State of Israel.

Elections were held on December 6, 1981, the following people were elected:
President—Leon Bergrin, Vice President—Simon Fixler, Treasurer—Abby Akst.
Secretary—Jack Beigelman, Chairman—Jack York, Social Chairman—Henry Miller.
Historian—Jacob Hennenberg. The committee: Robert Birnbaum, Marcel Friedman,
Mike Frum, Philip Green, Phillip Hersh, Henry Lothenberg, George Schoenberg, Jack
Wieder

Thursday, December 31, 1981. Annual gala New Year's Party at the Academy Restaurant. Chairmen of the event—Philip Green, Mike Frum and Henry Miller.

The Kol Israel Foundation members participated in the Yom Hashoa and Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Commemoration on April 18 at the Taylor Road Synagogue, April 19, Euclid, Ohio.

April 20. Ohio State House in Columbus, Ohio. Chaired by Representative of the State of Ohio Lee Fisher.

April 21-22. Kol Israel members participated in an academic conference on the holocaust at Kent State University, Trumbull Campus, Warren, Ohio.

On Sunday, May 30, Installation of Officers took place at the Workmen's Circle Hall.

July 4, 1982. Annual Kol Israel Picnic at the Anisfield Day Camp Grounds. It was very successful because of the cooperation and help of all concerned, in particular Henry Miller, Abby Akst, Mike Frum, Leon Bergrin, Jack York and many others. The Kol Israel Foundation donated \$10,000.00 to the Federation's sponsored drive for the Emergency Fund for the People of Israel.

Sunday, Sertember 12, 1982. A Memorial Service for the 6 million Jewish martyrs was held at Zion Memorial Park. Chairman of the day George Schoenberg. Chairman Robert Birnbaum, Tehilim, Abe Akst. Main address, Rabbi Isidor Pickholtz. Kadish Leonard Fuchs.

October 23, 1982. A general meeting was held at the Green Road Synagogue that was followed with a social evening.

November, 1982. Vice President Simon Fixler was honored as Man of the Year by Taylor Road Synagogue.

December 6, 1982. The Hennenberg Family was given the New Life Award by Israel Bonds, also sponsored by the Kol Israel Foundation. \$80,000.00 in bonds was raised.

January 1, 1983. Annual New Year's Eve Party was a success.

Arril 11-14, 1983. American gathering of Holocaust survivors in Washington. D. C. Kol Israel and second generation Kol Israel sent a contingent of 150 persons to the gathering. The "Byduth Lechaim" book was presented to the National Holocaust Committee. Mr. Marc Talisman received the book for the N. H. C. Rose Kaplovitz gave a report of the gathering to the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Federation.

The Annual Picnic on the 4th of July, 1983, took place and it was a huge success under the leadership of Henry Miller and Mike Frum, and of course the help of the Sisterhood, the Committee and Second Generation Kol Israel.



October 22, 1983. General meeting and elections were held. Social evening followed. The following people were elected: Jack Wieder—President, Jack York-Vice President, Treasurer—Abbie Akst, Secretary and Historian—Jacob Hennenberg. Chairman—Bob Birnbaum, Social Chairman—Henry Miller. Also at that meeting a plaque was presented to attorney Michael C. Hennenberg for his legal services to the organization.

Board Members: Jack Beigelman—Memorial Chairman, Leon Bergrin—Membership Chairman, Elias Cala — Membership Chairman, Simon Fixler — Memorial Chairman, Herman Frank—Financial Advisor and Fund Raising Chairman, Mike Frum—Social Chairman, Marcel Friedman—Publicity Chairman, Philip Green—Membership Chairman, Dr. Zev Harell—Corresponding Secretary, Phillip Hersch—Sunshine Chairman, Chaim Kuricki—Social Chairman, Henry Lothenberg—Sunshine Chairman, George Schoenberg—Publicity Chairman, Julian Solonitz—Advertising and Public Relations.

October 27, 1983. First meeting of newly elected officers and board members.

Sunday, November 27, 1983. The Installation of Officers took place in the Academy Party Center. Dr. Zev Harell did the Installation.

January, 1984. New Year's Party a great success, everybody had a good time and enjoyed themselves. Two hundred and fifty attended the affair, chairmen Mike Frum and Henry Miller.

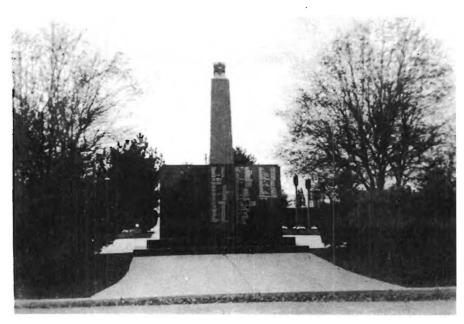
March 11, 1984. The new Constitution was adopted during a general meeting at the Green Road Synagogue. Plans are proceeding for the 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance scheduled for November 10th, 1984. Location, Green Road Synagogue.





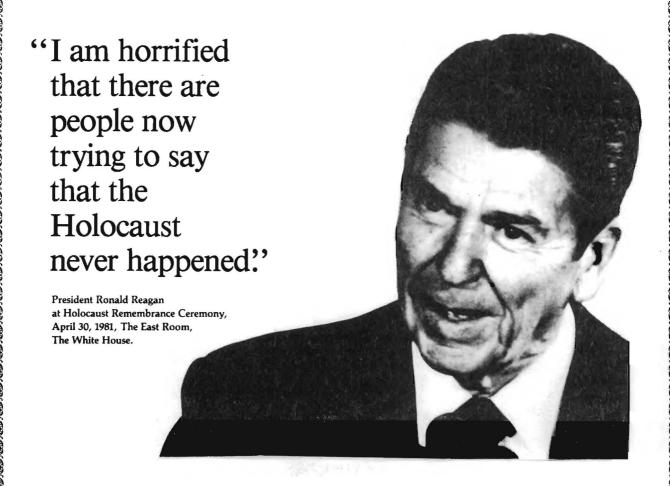
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Eyewitness

"The things I saw beggar description...The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty, and bestiality were so overpowering as to leave me a bit sick. In one room, where there were piled up twenty or thirty naked men killed by starvation, George Patton would not even enter. He said he would get sick if he did so. I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda'."

General Dwight D. Eisenhower Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe from a letter to Chief of Staff George Marshall April 12, 1945



In Memoriam

In Reverent Memory of
Our Dear Parents

Abe Eliezer and Taubcia Hennenberg



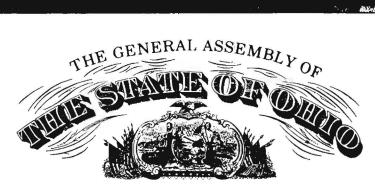
DAUGHTER ZITA PLAUT AND SON MAX HENNENBERG

"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it . . .

And as my Fathers planted for me, so do I plant for my Children."

Talmud T'Anit 23A





OHIO SENATE

by

SENATOR LEE I. FISHER

TO COMMEMORATE THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION

On behalf of the members of the Senate of the 115th General Assembly of Ohio, we are extremely pleased to commemorate the Kol Israel Foundation on the 25th anniversary of its founding.

The Kol Israel Foundation is dedicated to keeping alive the memory of those who lost their lives during World War II and to those who fought so valiantly against Nazi tyranny. It is for both the dead and the living that the Kol Israel Foundation has committed itself to bear witness that the unspeakable horror of the Holocaust will never happen again.

For 25 years the Kol Israel Foundation has strived to build out of its memory of the Holocaust a world joined by a true fellowship of humanity. Those who witnessed the collapse of all vision have helped create a new vision through their support of Jewish life in both Israel and the United States. The story of Kol Israel is one of renewal and a testament to the power of the human spirit to prevail.

Thus, it is with a real sense of pleasure that we, the members of the 115th General Assembly, commend the Kol Israel Foundation and recognize everyone involved with the Foundation as outstanding Ohio citizens.



Senator Lee I. Fisher



In Memoriam

OF OUR BELOVED
SON AND BROTHER

RONALD HARVEY WYNBRANDT

He will be with us always

JACK and HELEN WYNBRANDT

JEFFREY and BETTY WYNBRANDT

and Children



In Memoriam

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED

TO ALL MEMBERS

OF THE

KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION

WHO PASSED AWAY

SINCE THE INCEPTION

OF THE ORGANIZATION

May They Rest in Peace

[&]quot;The greatest truths are the simplest; so are the greatest men."



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From left to right: Simon Fixler, Congressman Charles Vanik, Jack York, Leon Bergrin.



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Sabina Hornung nee Hennenberg Hana Wassertheil nee Hennenberg Ita Korngold nee Hennenberg Karola Grubner-Maringer nee Hennenberg



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Survivors of the Holocaust

A FRIEND





IN HONOR OF THE
MARRIAGE OF OUR CHILDREN

JEFFREY AND BARBARA BEDER

June 17, 1984

With All Our Love

Sam and Estelle Beder



In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY **PARENTS**

ITCHAK AND MINDLE FRANK

ו. A Psalm to David. א. מִזְמוֹר לָדָוִד Adonoy is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. יהוָה רֹעִי לֹא אַתְסָר:

2. In lush pastures He makes me lie, ב. בָּנְאוֹת הֶשֶא יַרְבִּיצֵנִי beside tranquil waters, He leads me. יְנְהַלֵנִי: 3. My soul, He restores, ג. נַפְשִׁי יְשׁוֹבֶב He directs me in paths of righteousness יָנְחֵנִי בְּמַעְגָּלֵי־צֶּדֶק

for the sake of His Name. :לְמַצֵּן שְׁמוֹ 4. Though I walk ד. גַּם כִּי־אֵלֵך in the valley of the shadow of death, בְּגִיא צַלְּמֶנֶת I will fear no evil for You are with me, לֹא־אִירָא רָע כִּי־אַחָּה עִמְּדִי Your rod and Your stall, they comfort me. יְּעַרְאָרָ הָמָה יְנַחֲמָנִיּן הַמָּה יְנַחֲמָנִיּן הַמָּה יְנַחֲמָנִי 5. You prepare a table for me הָּ מַעֲרֹךְ לְפָנֵי וֹ שֻׁלְחָן in the full presence of my enemies, נָגֶר צֹרְרָי You annointed my head with oil: דְשַׁנְהָ בָשֶׁמֶן רֹאשׁי

b. May! only good and kindness pursue me ו. אַךּ | טוֹב וָחָמֶד יִרְדְּפָוּנִי all the days of my life, בַּל־יִמֵי חֵיָי and I shall dwell in the House of Adonoy וְשֵׁבְתִּי בְּבֵית־יְהֹוָה

tor long days. לְאָרֶךְ יָמִים:

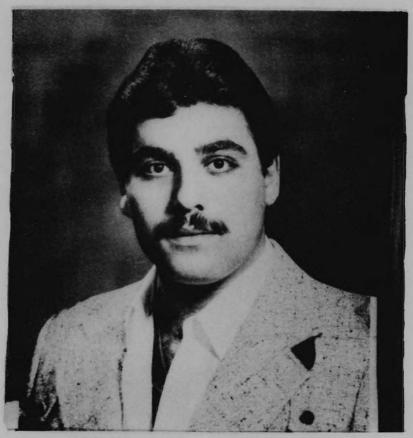
my cup overflows. בּוֹסִי רְנָיָה:

HERMAN FRANK



In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED SON



MICHAEL BEN AMI

Our soul has been sated with troubles
Our strength was consumed with grief
Our Son was taken from me
In my heart he will be forever and ever.

FROM PARENTS
LOUIS AND SARA RADZELI



In Honor of Our

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SURVIVORS AND THE HOLOCAUST: FORTY YEARS LATER

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Almost forty years have passed since the end of World War II, and survivors in Cleveland and elsewhere are still concerned that the organized Jewish community has yet to establish appropriate and dignified memorials for the commemoration of the Holocaust.

There are three general concerns that many survivors share regarding the commemoration of the Holocaust. First, they fear that the memory of the Holocaust will be forgotten. Second, they fear that the memory of the Holocaust will be trivialized by the orientation that characterizes contemporary Jewish life and culture in the United States. Third, survivors fear that conceptions about the Holocaust and about survivors will get misrepresented by biased perspectives which are prevalent in the general media and in the professional literature.

The fear that the Holocaust will be forgotten is not unfounded. Many survivors share the feelings that the organized Jewish community has uncomfortable feelings regarding its role and actions or inactions during the World War II years. According to objective historical accounts, the organized Jewish community has not demonstrated an active interest during the war years in what was occurring in Hitler's Europe, and has not initiated sufficient attempts to thwart the destructive efforts of Hitler and his collaborators. The destruction of Jewish life in Europe was masterminded by Nazi Germany, aided willingly by their collaborators, and in part asquiesed to by others. Similarly, there are serious questions raised about the limited efforts of World Jewish leadership to save Jewish lives during the years of the war. The organized Jewish community has demonstrated only a limited interest in the post war years in the commemoration of the Holocaust. The interests of the organized Jewish community have tended to revolve around issues which have commercial appeal and which are marketable. Contemporary corporate America, and contemporary organized Jewish America along with it, has not demonstrated over the years an active interest in the commemoration of painful historical events. The Jewish community which is highly integrated into the mainstream of contemporary American Life, is interested primarily in the here and now and in what is presently attractive and perceived to be relevant by its major financial contributors. The Holocaust, and the role of organized Jewry during the Holocaust, is of limited marketable value, and therefore, many Jewish leaders think that the least said or done about it the better. The little that was done, to date, may be attributed to the attitudes and orientations of individuals associated with the Jewish Federation. These may be in part the reasons why the organized Jewish community has not actively sought to involve survivors or solicit the opinions of survivors or those of their children regarding Holocaust related activities organized by the Jewish community. Because of the limited interest demonstrated by Jewish leaders and the general Jewish community in the Holocaust, and the limited involvement that survivors have in the organized Jewish community, many survivors fear that the memory of the Holocaust will fade away and eventually be forgotten.

The fear of trivialization of the Holocaust is also real. Survivors relate to their Holocaust memories in ways which are completely different from those who did not experience the World War II attrocities committed by Nazi Germany



and their collaborators. As stated by K.Z.-tnik, a writer of the Holocaust, in his testimony during the Eichman trial in Jerusalem, survivors often feel as if their Holocaust experiences occurred on another planet. They, therefore, tend to think that those who did not share these experiences would be unable to understand and relate to them. In their view, any departure from the commemoration of their painful memories, is by itself an act of trivialization. In their view, commemorations should give primacy to the honoring of the memory of those who did not survive, and to the remembering of the experiences of those who suffered, resisted, and fought against the Nazis and their collaborators. In the view of many survivors, it is an insult to the memory of the Holocaust, that survivors are denied, in many instances, the opportunity to plan and meaningfully participate in programs which intend to honor those who did not survive and to reflect on their personal experiences of suffering and fighting against the Nazis and their collaborators. The denial of access for survivors to meaningfully input in the planning process and the orientation of those planning Holocaust related activities and events raises fear among survivors that the commemoration of the Holocaust will be increasingly done in ways which will trivialize their painful memories and the overall legacy of the Holocaust.

Survivors are also concerned that the general media and the Jewish community in the U. S. are generating perceptions about them which are based on unfounded assumptions and misconceptions. Significant segments of the general media and the professional literature have contributed to the development and perpetuation of misguided assumptions about survivors and children of survivors.

A review of the literature dealing with the effects of the Holocaust on survivors reveals an overwhelming pathological emphasis. A famous psychiatrist summarizes the long term effects of the Holocaust on survivors as characterized by two basic clusters, both of which interfere significantly in interpersonal relationships. Various configurations of symptoms have been referred to as the "typical concentration camp syndrome" and this label implied serious impairment in psychological and social well-being. Survivors are also said to be characterized by "survival guilt" which consists of feelings of guilt brought about by recalling the fact that they had survived the Holocaust, while their relatives and friends have been killed. This assertion is also demonstrated in the views held by another psychiatrist that Jews, as a consequence of 1,500 years of degradation learned to accept and internalized their enemies views about themselves. In the concentration camps this internalized assumption led to feelings that they actually deserved to die. What strikes one as one reviews this literature is the basic agreement among most of the writers to the conclusions that survivors have indeed suffered lasting physical, mental, psychological, and social impairments, as a result of which they are severely handicapped in a variety of life situations. Claims have also been advanced that Holocaust survivors not only emerged damaged from their experience, but have managed to transmit similar damage to their children. In this view, children of Holocaust survivors are said to experience effects that are directly related to having survivor parents.

What is surprising that these generalizations have been based on studies with serious theoretical and methodological limitations. Only recently have there been a limited number of efforts in which behavioral science perspectives have been applied to the study of long range effects of the concentration camp experiences on survivors. The authors of these studies concluded that there were no concentration camp syndromes identifiable among participants in their research. No differences were found between survivors and members of a comparison group on attitudes and behaviors. The differences found were more likely to be related



to cultural factors rather than to concentration camp experiences. There were also no significant differences found between children of survivors and control group children on any of the psychological adjustment variables and in their attitudes toward their parents. Based on these findings, the authors question the notion of survivor guilt, the presence of emotional blunting in survivors, and the extremely maladaptive psychological influence of parents' experiences on children of survivors.

It is surprising that the Holocaust literature accepted the general conclusion that survivors have indeed suffered lasting physical, mental, psychological, and social impairments, as a result of which they are severely handicapped with regard to their personal and social well-being. While there is evidence to indicate that a considerable number of survivors have been severely scarred by their experiences, there is also evidence that a large number of Holocaust survivors have adjusted well to their post war experiences, and that they and their children enjoy reasonable states of pyschological and social well-being.

What is hard to understand is why clinical researchers fail to understand that survivors, during their war years, had to focus their energies primarily, and almost exclusively, on survival. The situations they found themselves in posed constant threat to their lives. It is not surprising, therefore, that much of their energy, after the realization of the threat to their lives, was directed toward coping with the constant stress in ways that would assure their survival. After the war, survivors faced a triple challenge; first they had to cope with their own traumatic experiences; second, they had to cope with the losses of family members and friends; and third, they were challenged to take on the demands associated with relocation to a new environment. It is important to note that after an initial period of adjustment, the majority of Holocaust survivors took on the demands, challenges, and opportunities afforded them by their new environments and used effective coping strategies in their adjustment to conventional aspects of their post war living conditions.

In their new environments they directed their energies toward establishing their personal identities and worked on assuring their socio-economic status and well-being. They established themselves as family members, contributed to the formation and enhancement of Jewish communal life in the United States, Europe, and other parts of the world, and provided an important driving force in the establishment of the State of Israel and toward the assurance of its survival. They had to do so in environments where there were no special considerations given to their experiences. In the words of a survivor: "being a survivor did not give you any benefits, you were expected to show, in most instances, that you can do the job as well or better than others."

What is clear from the wisdom of hindsight, is that survivors and their children will have to take a more active stand in setting a more active role in the development of a Holocaust legacy. They will have to be more active in claiming a significant role in the planning of memorial and commemorative events. They will have to play also a more active role in the planning of educational and research activities. A more active role on the part of survivors and their children is likely to bring about a more objective portrayal of survivors and a more dignified commemoration of the Holocaust.



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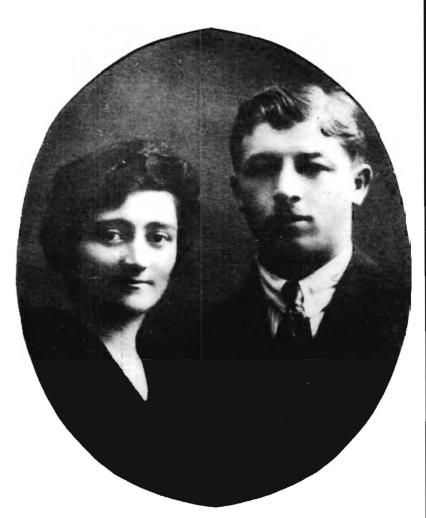
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS MORDECHI AND LIBA GELBART

WHO PERISHED BY THE NAZI HANDS

We thank them for instilling in us Love, Respect and Hope.

We know it is through their prayers that we survived the Holocaust.

ANN CYNCYNATUS
ESTHER FRANK
ARTHUR GELBART
FRANCES NEUMAN



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IN MEMORY

To Our Beloved Parents

ISAAC GREENWALD
REGINA GREENWALD

YOU WILL LIVE FOREVER
IN OUR HEARTS

YOUR CHILDREN

MORRIS HORN FAMILY

HARRY GREENWALD FAMILY

HARRY GIPS FAMILY

"GIVE TO THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE AND THE BEST WILL COME BACK TO YOU."

Talmud





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"The early Hebrews had created the Bible out of their lives; Their descendants created their lives out of the Bible."
(A. L. Sacher)



זכרונוו

געשריהן פון ב מאל פייער.

סוף כל סוף האט דער הויבערשטער באוריזן זיינע נטים ווי אלע מול און האט געהייטן די זין וואס ער האט באשאפן דעם פערטן טאג זי זאל ארויטגעהן פובעם פיטערפאט צו באווארעטען די הייליגע הערד, און אזוי איז געוועהן.דער פראטטיקער שניי פונעם לאנגען ווינטער איז צעטייעט געווארן, דאמאלט האבן זיך גאט'ס קינדער ארויסגעלאזט פון
די קליינע חאטעט און געלאפן אין חדר אריין. די גאט איז לייבידיק געווארן פון עמך
וועהר מיט טלים און הפילן צום בים המדרט און וועהר צו זוכן פרבטה. דער רויך פון די
קוימענעס איז פארטווינדן געוואן גלייך מיט'ן ווינטער, די הערד האט זיך איינגעהילט
מיס א גרין ליילעך, די ביימער האבן זיך צעבליעט און די מייגעלעך זיצענדיק אויף
די צווייגען האבן געזינגען – דער זומער איז דא!

די שוועלכעלעך זענען צוריקגעקומען פרן די ווארעמע לעגדער בכדי צוריץ אויפצוכויען זייערע נעסטן אין דער ציגנינער גאס. יא דער זומער איז דא!

איך וויל דיך נישט דערמאנען טיין פריינט פון אונזער גרויטן אומקוח וואס מיר טראגן זיך ארום און מיקען נישט פארגעסן, אבער דאט חדר וועל איך דיך יא דערמאגען... געדנקסט נאך אונזער בעזן רבי פאר וועלכן מיר האבן געציטערט חאזערענדיק אויף אויסענווייניג די גמרה בכדי זי קענען ביז דאנערטטאג צום פארהער...מ'האט אנגעזעהן אויף אונזערע בלאסע פנים 'ליך דעם אידישן יאך וואט מיר האבן געטראגן פאר דורות. אז איך קוק זיך צו אין דער גאלדענער מדינה ווי די קינדערלעך מים די רויטע בעקעליך לויפן אהיים פון דער היברה-סקול 'דער טאטע איז זיי מקבל פנימ מיט א -נו בויטשיק, האו וואז היברה-סקול או-קיי, ענטפערט ער. אבער אויב דו וועסט אים פרייגן וואס פאר א סדרה ס'געהט, ווייסט ער נישט אוי מיין טייערער מריינט, טארשורונדען זענען די יארן, דער דאנערשטאג מיט דעט בעזן רבי"ן.

זיי נישט כרוגז מיין פריינד אוים איך טר דיר אן עגמת גפט וראט איך דערמאן דיך פון אונזערע קינדער יארן, אבער רויאזוי זאל איך דיך ניטט דערמאגען, אז מיר סטאמץן דאך ביידע פון דער זעלבער ציניינער גאס... איך געדענק מראא יום כיפור נאך דעם אזיפפאסטן ווי מיין טאטע עליו הטליח איז ארויט אין הריף אריין אונחער דעם אויט-געשטיירענטן הימל און איז מקיים גערועהן די מצוות סוכנת, אריינקלאפענדיק פיער פלעקער אויף דעם זעלבן פלאן ווי פאראיארן. איך ואם זיך א לאז געטאן צום טייך דעם לעצטן טאג חול המועד אדן אנגעשניטן א קויט מיט יונגע צרוייגלעך און גערוארן א סוחר פון הושענות. די יידן פון דער ציגיינער גאס האבן מארמריבן זייערע זינד שלאגענדיק מיינע כשר'ה הוטענות...ארי מיין פריינד, מארשריונדען זענען די יידן פון יענע צריטן אווינדען זענען די יידן פון יענע צריטן אווינדען זענען היידן פון יענע צייטן צוזאמען מיט די אפגעטלאגענע הוטענות.

אס איז ראש חודש ניסן, עס געהם צו פסח. געדנקטט טבח הגדול ביי א פרל געפאקסער שוהל ווי אונזער רב ז"ל, באקלאגענדיק זיך אין זיין דרטה אויף די סלעכטע צייטן ניי די יינגלעך רויכערן ציגארעטלעך אוח שבח, די מיידלעך געהען אין קורצע ארבל, זוא הפקרת ביי אונז יידן!...אין דוקא אין דעם הפקרת איז געוועהן שלום מיט יידן און מ'האט קיין יידן נישט געטטעפעט. די דרטה פון דעם שבח הגדול וואס אינזער רבי וועט האלטן אין ענגליט קען איך אויף אויסענוועניג – ער וועט ציטירן פון תלמוד וועגן יציעת מצרים, פארגלייכן צו דער היינטיקער לאגע אין ארץ ישראל, די פי-על-א מיט זייערע טעראר אקציעט, מיד לעבן אין א צערוילדעוויחער אטמאספענ. די פי-על-א מיט זייערע טעראר אקציעט, מיד לעבן אין א צערוילדעוויחער אטמאספענ. ס'איז שרין צייט אז מטיח זאל קומאן! איך דערמאן זיך ווי ט'האט זיך גערוישט אין דער צינייניר באט ערב פסח ביים פארברענען דעם חטוץ. די ווייבער האבן ארויט-געלענט די בעבעכיס אין הויף אריין אויף אריסצדלוטמערן, די מטררי-זעק האט מען אנגעפילט מיט ניי שטרני און ביי מש"רם"ען האט מען ביב פסח ביים פארברענען דעם חטוץ. די ווייבער האם געלעני די בעבעכיס אין הויף אריין אויף אריסצדלוטמערן, די מחררי-זעק האט מען אנגעפילט מיט ניי שטרני און ביי מש"רם"ען האט מען געפילט מיט ניי שטרני און ביי מש"רם"ען האט מען ביב פים

יא מיין פריינד, יענער פסח איז שרין לאנג אריץק מים יענע צייטן, א נייער דור איז אדיפגעקדמען. אט,אט דאס דארמאנט מיך אז איך מרז נשמען מיין דענצל בכדי מישט צו פארשפייטיקן דעם אייעראפלאן, רואס דארף מיך ברענגען קיין לאם-אנזמעלעט צו פארשפייטיקן דעם אייעראפלאן, רואס דארף מיך ברענגען קיין לאם-אנזמעלעט צו מיינע זון אפצררעכטן מיט זיי דעם טדר.

איך ווונטש דיר א זיסן פסח!

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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION OF CLEVELAND, OHIO SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST

GREETINGS:

It is with the warmest sentiments and the highest admiration that I extend these personal and official congratulations to the Kol Israel Foundation on the auspicious occasion of its 25th anniversary.

Kol Israel Foundation members have long been an influence for good in the Greater Cleveland community and for this the entire city owes them its gratitude.

From its humble start 25 years ago, members of the Foundation have devoted themselves with commendable zeal to a number of humanitarian and charitable causes. Members welcomed those who had suffered in concentration camps to Kol Israel meetings where they could get together with others who had a similar past and who now faced similar problems in the present. The Foundation provided the warmth and sympathy and understanding of a close-knit family to its founders and members; extended a helping hand to newcomers; gave financial aid to those in need, and helped to find housing and jobs for those who had no relatives, friends or agency to assist them. To all who came Kol Israel gave the much-needed emotional and psychological support they lacked.

Members will observe their grand anniversary on November 10, 1984 with a dinner party at the Green Road Synagogue. We have every confidence that it will be a resounding and memorable success because of the inspired leadership of its president Jack Wieder and the enthusiasm and devotion of its executive board and board members.

I am proud to claim a special association with Kol Israel because of my late father, George Voinovich, who was one of the many outstanding people responsible for the organization's start in Cleveland. I join with the citizens of Cleveland in these heartfelt congratulations to Kol Israel's officers and members for the distinguished and edifying example they have provided to all of us. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

SEORGE V. VOINOVICE

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION



BOB AND MUSIA BIRNBAUM
AND ANDREW DAVID HORVAT
AND FAMILY

"NEVER FLINCH, NEVER WORRY, NEVER DESPAIR."

— Sir Winston Churchill



I was born in the province of Upper Silesia, which is, depending upon your point of view the Southeastern part of Germany (was—not is) or the Southwestern part of Poland (is—definitely now).

The province was part of Prussia and of the Weimarian Republic of post world war I. Germany then—and so I was born under the black, Prussian







10. Coal-mine in Silesia

eagle. However, at the time a plebiscite was in progress, in order to determine if any—and/or which parts of the province should ultimately belong to Germany and which to Poland. The 3 imperial eagles, which had from a few miles away—the so called Dreikaiserecke—three emperor's corner—had looked upon this province had gone under: the double-headed eagles of tsarist Russia and of the monarchy of the Habsburgs and the slingle-headed one of the German Kaiser. But a new Poland had been born out of the ashes of the war to end all wars—and had restored the white eagle with the golden crown as its symbol.

The plebiscite was being supervised by a three-nation commission, supported by military contingents from their countries. This was done to assure clean, unbiased and unobstructed voting. Since neither party trusted the so called "impartials" Polish insurgents started a few skirmishes, (a total of three insurrections) and the Germans did not stay behind and at times fighting was mighty bloody. And while the commission had even issued its own postage stamps—and at least one of the Polish groups had issued their own too—the impartial troops did no remain that impartial at all, the French favored the Poles, the English the Germans—and only the Italians did not really care.

But finally everything was over—the fighting and the voting. A border was drawn, rules guaranteeing the rights of minorities on both sides of the border established and on JUNE 22nd, 1922, the keys of my home city were handed over to the new, Polish authorities in a big ceremony. And so I—so



to speak, changed eagles for the first time—since I became now a subject of Poland, as mentioned before—under the white eagle, with the golden crown.



Not for long, however, for professional reasons my parents moved to Berlin, and so for the second time I was in Germany—under the black eagle again.



The inflation was over, slowly prosperity came to Germany—until the bubble burst in 1929 and things started to deteriorate economically as well as politically. By that time we were back in Silesia—on the German side of the border.



But in 1933 things changed—the Nazis came to power and among other things made a little addition to the eagle: they put a swastyka on the bottom—and while this certainly was not the most significant thing they did—nor the worst—it signified a change. For us it meant—back to Poland—for a while at least.



In 1939 another was started. This time we fled to the east—and found ourselves on September 14 I believe it was, under the Red Star—or under



the hammer and sickle. That lasted some six years. The historical events are known. In 1945 the German eagle not only lost what had been fastened to his bottom, it was grounded for a few years until it was reborn in the fifties—in the parts of Germany to the West of the Elbe river. In the East—what is known now as the German Democratic Republic they choose not to use an eagle in their code of arms. I returned with the Polish army into Poland. Here the white eagle returned onto its old place—without his golden crown, however.



For a short time I lived under the Star of David in Israel.



For the past 24 years I am living in the country which choose the bold eagle as its symbol.

A mighty bird indeed—and my greatest hope is, that nobody ever shall either add to nor take away from either top or bootom of this eagle. It has served this country well—for over two hundred years. I also hope—that this shall be the last eagle to watch over my life.



Ruben Towish





July 16, 1984

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Dear Mr. Siegal,

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to you for your donation of \$500.00 to the Kol Israel Foundation's annual picnic. Our organization is dedicated to help less unfortunate people to sustain themselves.

we would also like to mention that we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary of the foundation of the Kol Israel organization on November 10, 1984. Your contribution will also be mentioned in our journal. I personally, as president of the Kol Israel Foundation, would like to thank you once more.

Sincerely,

le liccelle? Jack Wieder, president Kol Israel Foundation





Shirley Frum Lilian Yeger Ann Malamacher

WHAT KOL ISRAEL MEANS TO ME: K inder (Children) everywhere.

O rganizing meetings, meetings, meetings.

L atkes at Picnics.

Intense emotions.

S uffering STILL due to the Holocaust.

R aising the Monument at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

A mbulance for Israel.

E veryone united for one cause.

L ove of Judaism.

MS. LILLIAN YEAGER LICHTMAN

My early memories of the Kol Israel Foundation are still quite vivid. The first meeting held to form an organization of holocaust survivors was at my parent's house.

I remember the first Kol Israel picnics. I always had so much fun selling soda pop and raffle tickets. I can still taste the wonderful latkes and hot dogs. It was all so good!

I remember my parents dressing up for the annual Purim Party and the many dances held during the year.

I remember the building of the monument and how happy we all were at the dedication in 1961. This was something that all of you worked so hard to see built, and it is a loving tribute to the six million Jewish martyrs.

But most of all I remember the oneness, the comraderie among all of us. Everyone was working hard to insure the success of Kol Israel.

I am very happy to congratulate you on the 25th anniversary of the Kol Israel Foundation. I wish you all continued success.

SHIRLEY FRUM COHEN

When I was about fourteen years old, Lillian Yaeger, Shirley Frum and I were asked to think about the possibility of forming a second generation Kol Israel group. We were too young to form a group at that time but the seed was planted in our minds. The three of us were asked to speak at a Kol Israel dinner and I think it was then that we realized how important it was that we continue to perpetuate the memory of the holocaust. We wanted to make sure that our families as well as the world does not forget.

ANNE ADELMAN (MALCMACHER)



WHY?

by Molly Akst

Why did it ever have to happen? Why did six million die then? No one will ever know for sure Yet some did survive and endure.

I am one of those lucky few A gift from God, a life anew. Robbed of my youth and teenage years Growing up with days of terrors and fears.

I was the oldest in my family for care Responsibilities of a mother were mine to bear. Two brothers and a sister also did survive Each of us together, glad to be alive.

Now we gather to remember those days So that the world can know the Nazi craze. This is perhaps why we were spared Living witnesses for all that cared.

Our generation must pass its legacy of the Holocaust So that memories we have will never be lost. No answers have been given to our question, Why? Tears of sadness and tears of joy we now cry.

SURVIVAL

by Abraham Akst

The Holocaust was intended to destroy the Jews The world did not care, despite this news. My family was large, full of joy, life, and glory Now I am all that is left, to tell the story.

Memories still haunt me, mostly when I sleep Frostbite, I still have pain in the toes on my feet. For years I was silent about those dreaded days But now I must speak to avoid a repeat of Hitler's ways.

I must survive to tell what was done We must stand together, united as one Memorials must be erected to those who died So our children and others can know why we cried.

I now take pride in my present life Also in my children, grandchildren, and my wife. However, I can never forget my humble beginning Hope my family in heaven can see I am winning.

My survival must have been God's way Of letting me have this say So that we may never forget That has been my goal's set.



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History of Oswiecim - Auschwitz

By JACOB HENNENBERG

The first definite historic reference to Oswiecim is in the year 1177-78, when it was taken over by King Mieszek Platonogi.

Oswiecim is located in the fork of two rivers: the Sola and the Vistula, on the route between Malopolskia and Silesia. This location had great strategic value — it protected Poland's southern borders. It consisted of a castle, a fort encircled by a palisade and a dike. A settlement of people skilled in crafts needed to support and service the fort grew up in the surrounding area.

Duke Kasimir Opolski had a stone wall built around the fort in the second half of the 12th century; this put the settlement in the category of a township. The status of a town was achieved in the second half of the 13th century.

In 1296 the town received from Duke Mieszko Cieszynski the Rights of Magdeburg, which meant that the town could have its own court and the right to deal in salt and lead. It could also charge a tax for the use of the two bridges across the Sola River.

Due to these privileges Oswiecim became a center of commerce for salt traffic that ran from a mine at Wieliczka through Zator, Oswiecim, Kety, Cieszyn, Opava, Nysa and Wroclaw.

In the year 1317 Oswiecim became the capital of a separate dukedom. In 1457 it was annexed to Poland. Under the Polish kings it received additional privileges one of which was to hold three fairs annually. By this time it could boast of three mills, 100 craftsmen, a mint, a school and a hospital.

The real development of the town came when Jewish immigrants arrived to settle there. The dukes were not very friendly, even though they exacted heavy taxes from them. But after Oswiecim came under the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Poland, the Jewish community grew rapidly. The Jews were active in commerce with salt, fish, wine and lead and engaged in the manufacture of alcoholic drinks. In later years the town was known as "Oswiecim Jerusalem" because of the large Jewish colony there.

With the Swedish occupation of the 17th century the town was almost ruined. It was not until the second half of the 18th century that it began to recover.

After the partition of Poland in 1772, Oswiecim came under Austrian jurisdiction. In 1805 the Sola River flooded, bringing extensive damage to the castle and vicinity. At this time the population was 2,118 and the town had 295 wooden houses. During the partition Oswiecim attained the status of a city and the right to hold 12 fairs annually.

In 1863 about one-third of the city was destroyed by fire, but with the construction of a railroad between Vienna, Prague and Lemberg the city started to revive again. Large railroad shops were built as well as a metal factory and a chemical plant.

By Nov. 11, 1918 Oswiecim was part of the new Polish Republic. In 1912 the population was 12,187, of which 4,950 were Jews, and by 1938 the population was about 13,000.

After the German occupation in September, 1939 Oswiecim was incorporated into the German Reich. On the other side of the Sola River the Nazi constructed the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp in which perhapfour million Jews and thousands of other nationality died of starvation, mistreatment or the gas chamber.

Since the German surrender in 1945 Oswiecim has again been a part of Poland.

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TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO!
AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.
(Proverbs. XXII. 6)



It was the custom of the SHAMASH in the ghetto to ascend the BIMAH and shout first with pride, and then with anger: "I have come to inform you, Master of the Universe, that we are here."

After the last massacre, he found himself all alone. He climbed the BIMAH one last time, stared at the Ark and whispered with infinite gentleness: "You see? I am still here."

He stopped briefly before continuing in his sad, almost toneless voice: "But where are You?"

Elie Wiesel, "One Generation After"



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WHO PASSED AWAY

SINCE THE INCEPTION

OF THE ORGANIZATION

May They Rest in Peace

"The greatest truths are the simplest; so are the greatest men."



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la Mercal

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remains of our dear brethren lost in the Holocaust
before the consecration and during their interment.

FROM THE FRUM FAMILY

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For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone: The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

The Song of Solomon



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(A. L. Sacher)

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A Single Hair

By HERMAN TAUBE

Sir, excuse me. You sir, With the camera on your shoulder. You are a tourist, aren't you?

Here! Please, look here!

I know it is hard for you to see me.
You're looking at
The full window display of hair in the museum.
But this is me.
Please look closely, sec
A hair sticks to the glass
Almost of the frame?

I know it's hard for you to see me With your naked eye. Me, among a mountain of hair Especially when all of us look So frighteningly the same; Ash gray.

Actually we all were
Of different shapes and colors:
Blond, brown, red, black.
The "Zyklon B" gas discolored us all.

For eighteen years I lived On a girl's scalp Among braided hair, Pitch black, like yours, Matter of fact.

This is why I have decided To talk to you People come here daily. Like a zoo, Take pictures, eat ice cream, Listen to guides, tapes They never, but never, notice me.

For thirty-two years now I have stuck to the glass With the hope That someone will pay attention To me. an individual hair. After all.

I had a life of my own.

You know, sir.
I was such a silky,
Soft, glossy hair
Often combed by a mother's tender hands.
Caressed by a boyfriend of the girl
Whose head I adored.
Even so, I was only a strand of many thousands.
He found me among her braids,
Played with me,
Affectionately rolling me on his finger.

Together we had so many dreams, Hopes, visions, aspirations
The girl whose head I adorned,
Her mother, the man who loved us
And me,
Were all taken to this place.
We were sorted, separated by selections.
Maybe you will see parts of us
In other displays:
Ashes for fertilizer show window.
The glass case of soap
Called R.I.F.
I survived, managed to stay out of a hair mattress
I was selected for.

Oh. how much I'd like to get on the outside. Be warned by the sun.
I dream of wind, thunder.
This glass display will crack,
Break into pieces.
The wind will pick us up.
Carry us, scatter us,
To all corners of the globe.
Disperse, hair by hair.
To all capitals.
Blow us into the eyes
Of the world's leaders.
Just to irritate them, disturb their vision
Enough to make them feel
A little sting, burn, hurt
Draw a few tears
Out of them
For me,
For all the millions of hair.
Blond, red, brown, black.
Who turned ash gray
Because of "Zyklon B" gas...
You know? No one cried for me
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Forgive me for being personal, sir. Have you someone dear Who has long hair?

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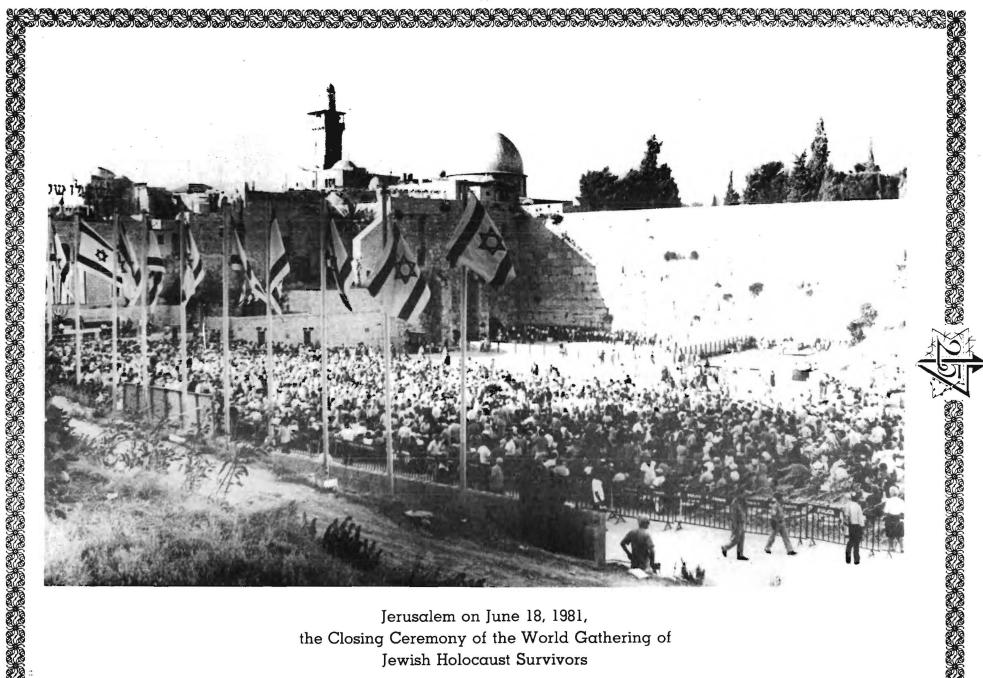
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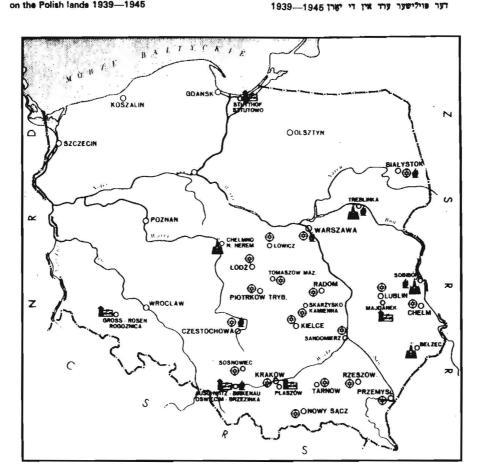
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A page written by a prisoner in the so-called "Sonderkommando" describing the terrible events. The manuscript was found after the war buried in a jar near the crematorium at Auschwitz concentration camp.



Dedicated to the memory of our most beloved families who perished in the Holocaust: The Solonojc's, The Kulbis's and The Nemzers of Vilna

By JULIAN SOLONITZ

How can anyone squeeze a lifetime of memories and pain into one small page? . . . It's unthinkable. But our devotion to our past, the past before the Greatest Tragedy, is so strong, so vivid, that I'll try to do the impossible.

Some 75 members of our families lived and carried on the rich traditions of "Vilner Yiddishkayt" for innumerable years. With God's help and personal perseverance our families weren't strangers in Jewish community, till . . .

June 22, 1941. A shower of bombs signalled for us all the beginning of the real Holocaust. . . . And nobody could believe it. The next day, the date of June 23, I carried with me through the darkest moments of my life.

It was a scene of my last moment with my mother, my father and brother. Due to my high governmental position I realized that staying behind would mean certain suicide. . . . There was no other choice for me and my wife.

We had an unusual opportunity to evacuate our parents. But our mothers, blessed be their souls, made the most tragic decision of their live. . . . They didn't accept the chance, they refused to leave the homes. And so on this most memorable day we hugged and kissed our beloved parents.

We could never erase from our memory the tear-soaked faces of our mothers, blessed be their souls, made the most tragic decision of their lives.

"Don't lose hope," I begged, unable to stop the flow of tears, "we'll stop the Nazis and be back soon. . . ." It was so hard to believe, that our world is collapsing for good. . . .

With the Nazis on the western threshold of Vilna, under falling bombs, our truck was inching East toward the freedom and immense hardships of the war-years.

I and my wife survived the Holocaust. Totally 6 people out of 75 relatives witnessed the Victory and liberation from the grasps of death. . . .

Time is a healer—is a saying. Not always and not for all. As long as we will live we will have in front of our eyes the last images of our dear ones we had to leave behind. . . . How young they were, how beautiful and dear? . . . With them we lost part of our life, our total happiness and belief in mankind.

Life goes on, it is true, but it's not the same and never will be. . . . Unashamedly I let my tears fall in the blessed Land of America in memory of our family's blood spilled on the fields and cobblestones of Europe. . . .



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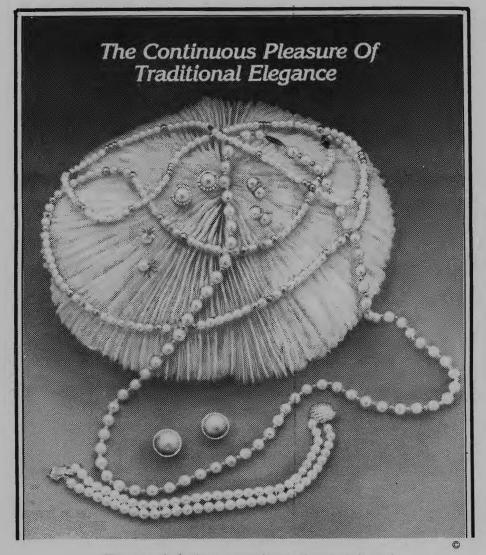
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This photo was taken in Bochkov, Czechoslovakia, before World War II, of the Family Wieder.

Standing from left to right: Julia, Jack, Esther.

Second row: Father LEISER MORDECHAI, mother Lea and Feige.

Chinka, Meyer, Suri, BARUCH MENDEL, Josef, far right back, neighbor Mendel Herman and Toni, missing from the photo, living in Cleveland, Ohio, also in Cleveland, Julia and Jack.



TRAGIC MEMORIES FROM WORLD WAR II — WARSAW GHETTO

Written by Mark S. Moss

Since World War I, WARSAW had a spiritual, economic and political center for JEWS or EASTERN EUROPE.

The main nerve of Jewry, Zionists, Bundists, Socialists, plenty of Yeshivoths, a flourishing Jewish and Hebrew Press, nevertheless antisemitism and economic discrimination against the Jew—continued to be a way of life.

After conquering Poland in 1939, Warsaw was selected as their "killing-ground" as a result, deadly-concentration-camps were built like: Auschwitz, Birkenau, Treblinka, Sobibor, Belzec, Majdanek, to exterminate Jews!

Next was cramming Jews into overcrowded Ghettos and starving them to death, Warsaw-Ghetto was used as a "Dumping-Place" for all European Jewry!

In October 1940, City-Governor LUDWIG FISCHER ordered a "Jewish Residential Area" into which all Jews must move or being shot! The Warsaw-Ghetto was sealed off by a 10-foot wall, 400,000 Jews were herded into the Ghetto, overcrowdings, few supplies, fatal epidemics, the death-rate was approaching 500 per month! The Nazis could wait no longer for the Jews to die naturally, they began transporting them into various camps to be gassed! Ninth of January 1943, Reichsfuhrer SS-HEINRICH HIMMLER visited the Ghetto in person, ordering further deportation to camps, he was expecting a bloodless triumph—he found himself embroiled against "Jewish Armed Resistance"—led by a 24-year-old: MORDECHAI ANIELEWICZ (Commander ZOB).

As soon as the SS moved in with heavy tanks—were thrown back and set on fire, retreating back to their units!

Brigadierfuhrer SS-JURGEN STROOP took control—preparing a battle of attricion! We're a passive-people, but witnessing the Horror how Jewish people are turned into soap and ashes to fertilize the soil, hair to be used for mattresses, forsaken babies shot in front of their mothers, fallen sons, widowed wives, that must come to an end . . . fight back and write Jewish History with our own blood! "CAIN, WHERE IS ABEL, THY BROTHERS? WHAT HAST THOU DONE?" (Gen. 4/8)

There comes a time, when your heart cries out—REVENGE—reminding the Biblical story of SAMSON, who took hold of the pillars of the Temple with all his strength, leaning against them—crying out, "LET ME DIE WITH THE PHILISTINES! (Judges 16/30).

A nation is being destroyed! A generation has been liquidated! Nobody cares! A town is burning—nobody seems to save it!

We hoped for a miracle, a MOSES would show up to deliver us from torture and agony, or an EMILE ZOLA, who saved the life of Cpt. ALFRED DREIFUS, who was the center of its published pamphlet "J'ACCUSE" pointing out; DREIFUS innocence of treason, thus pin-pointing the real spy—it was Major Ferdinand Esterhazy in the French Army! Capt. Alfred Dreifus was reinstated as a Major in the French Army! His exoneration represented a major victory over Anti-Semitism!

During the Nazi barbaric and atrocious behavior toward Jews, the world stood by silently, while Jews were murdered systematically in crematoriums!

The uprising lasted 5 weeks, total of Jews killed was 56,000. Many were blown-up by perishing into flames!

MORDECHAI ANIELEWICZ died on the 8th of May, 1943—fighting SS-Nazis, surrounding and demolishing the Commands—Bunker of the Jewish-Command Organization, situated at 18th MILA STREET. May His Memory Never Be Forgotten! Many of his staff members committed suicide, rather than be captured alive!



THE WARSAW-GHETTO WAS DESTROYED — IT DOES NOT EXIST ANY MORE! The Nazis exterminated its inhabitants, leveling it to the ground! For many years this area once was teeming with happy people—what was left—a vast field of rubble and junk, only a monument of GHETTO-FIGHTERS stood in the middle of DESOLATION!

Where is my Mother, where is my Father, where are my Sisters and Brothers, where are the little Children, too!

My heart keeps aching, I cannot find their stone? I see their faces so many times—how can I ever forget!

They did not want to die! I want the world—never to forget—those who managed to keep alive—only to be taken to the slaughterhouse! No graves, no tombstones, no markers!

You vanished in agony, smoke and flames, bereft and broken-hearteded!

In closing, a quote from a poem, written by Arnold L. Shay-

"TO MY PARENTS WITH ALL MY LOVE!"

The ones who families lost, paid the highest of a price! But even "men" of apathy, have given a slice! Because now all those "men" who still are alive, Have to live if they can, and with guilt to survive! Now as we all look at those years gone by, We shudder at the thought—we even sometimes do cry! Why is humanity so thoughtless without compassion? Is it always the other guy—when death takes possession! To the cruelty of power of a state of barbarians,—Where all meant so little—Jews and even Arians!

A well known and highly regarded personality—Mr. ADAM CZERNIAKOW, President of Warsaw-Ghetto "Judenrat," he was steady uninvited for conversations with HANS FRANK—Gov. General, asking and begging him; to stop transporting JEWS to death camps.

On July 22, 1942—SS-Sturmbannfuhrer, HERMAN HOFFLE called a meeting of the Judenrat Council informing them, all Jews regardless of age or sex, must resettle, there will be no appeal!

After failing his last effort to save the JEWS within Ghetto walls. They could suffer no more—five days later ADAM CZERNIAKOW committed suicide! MAY HE ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AMONG US!!!

Dr. JANUSZ KORCZAK, one of the most inspiring leaders in Warsaw-Ghetto, a brilliant, compassionate person, devoted to the care of children and orphans, he could have escaped deportation, admirers on the other side of the wall were willing to shelter him, instead he chose to go to Treblinka with the children he loved so much! WE BOW OUR HEADS IN RESPECT OF HIS MEMORY, HIS UNSELFISHNESS—SHALL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!!!

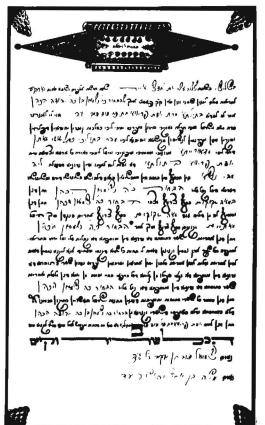
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- 1. HANS FRANK, Governor-General of occupied Poland, was sentenced at Nuremberg trials to die, transferred to Polish Authority, executed on 24th of February, 1947, in Warsaw.
- 2. LUDWIG FISHER, City Governor of Warsaw, was sentenced to die by Polish Authority, executed on 24th of February, 1947, in Warsaw.
- 3. JURGEN STROOP, Brig. General in charge of destruction Warsaw Ghetto, was sentenced to die by the American War Crimes Court at Dachau, on 22nd of March, 1947—he was handed over to Polish Authority for re-trial, sentenced and executed on the scene of his greatest crime in Warsaw, on 8th of September, 1951.
- 4. HERMAN HOFFLE, SS-Sturmbannfuhrer—in charge of combing out hidings—was sentenced and executed in Warsaw, 1945.
- 5. FRIEDRICK KRUGER, SS-in charge of Police in Warsaw—despite his enormous courage of mutilating, crippling innocent Jewish victims—though not brave enough to face the Judge! He committed suicide on the 9th of May, 1945, in front of the Police Station in Warsaw!

REMEMBER, DO NOT FORGET "AMALEK"!!!!







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"YOU SHALL BE A LIGHT UNTO THE NATIONS"

— Isaiah 49:6



DOBRZYN-GOLUB

By ELIAS CALA



Only a bridge over the river Drwenca separates the two towns: Dobrzyn and Golub, located in the northwestern part of Poland. Out of the 5000 population, 3000 were Jewish. Dobrzyn goes back to the 16th century, Golub to the times of the Crusaders; with a castle located high on a hill seen from afar. Now it is a museum.

Until W.W. I, Dobrzyn and Golub belonged to Russia while Golub to Germany. When Poland became independent, Dobrzyn and Golub remained individual cities. The Jewish population of both cities, however, belonged to the same organizations and shared many Jewish institutions. Both cities were blessed with a large generation of young people, who were active in the Zionist movement and other organizations. Many of them left illegally for Palestine to help build a Jewish homeland. Their children and grandchildren continue building and defending the Jewish State today.

Dobrzyn was a viable Jewish business community, with a market place and a lot of Jewish stores. In addition to the big beautiful Shul, there was a "Bait Hamedrosh," Chasidic Shtiblech, a mikvah, Jewish libraries, etc. Life was nice and peaceful, because the Catholic priest was a friend of the Jews. After he died, everything changed. The new priest, Barshewsky, was the head of the biggest antisemitic organization in Poland, "ENDEKY." Every Sunday he preached hatred of Jews. Even the churchgoers were surprised at the change and confided in us.

A short time later, pickets appeared in front of Jewish businesses. Older Jewish people walking alone were attacked. We could not expect much help from the authorities, because the Polish government gave permission to boycott Jewish establishments. About that time, Jews expelled from neighboring Germany crossed over to Poland. We realized that uncertainties lay ahead.

As the world looked on, Germany prepared for war. On September 1st, 1939, Germany attacked Poland. I was at the front lines with the Polish artillery. After a few days, Dobrzyn and Golub, being close by the border, were overrun by the Germans. By the time the Nazis came, most of the Jewish men left town, only to return at a later date.

The first day of Rosh Hashana, two large trucks with German soldiers stopped at the big Shul, also at the Gerer Chasidim Stibl, pulled out 230 Jewish men dressed in their Yom-Tov clothes and prayer shawls, and put them on the trucks. Among them were Bar-Mitzvah boys, and some men in their eighties. None of the men were seen or heard of again.

On November 9th, 1939, the anniversary of the Crystal-Nacht, the Germans told the Jewish population of both towns to bring a lot of money and valuables for permission to stay in our homes. After they collected all of it, they went from house to house, telling everybody to leave. The whole area was being incorporated into the Third Reich, where Jews were not allowed to live anymore. We could take only what we were able to carry with us. We left our homes without any given place to go to. Soon after, the Germans burned the Synagogue, destroyed all Jewish properties and turned the Jewish cemetery into a pasture. Out of the 3000 Dobrzyn-Golub Jews, only 55 survived.



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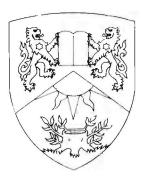
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The Origins and Experiences of Jewish People in Poland

This essay reviews the origins of Jewish migration to and settlement in Poland. Jewish life evolved in Poland over a period of close to a thousand years, contributing to the development of modern Jewish traditions. culture and heritage. The Nazi regime and its collaborators brought to an end Jewish life all over Europe including Poland.

Even before the Polish King accepted Christianity, Jews with Spanish and German sounding names arrived in Poland.

King Mieszko I ruled Poland from 963 to 992. Christiandom split into east and west catholicism. The Russians chose Bizantium; Poland became Roman Catholic.

After the Tatar invasion in 1240 the Polish Kings encouraged immigration from Germany. The Jews brought with them the then spoken German language, that became the Jidish of eastern Europe. Boleslaw Chrobry issued his famous "privelegium Libertatis" also known as the statutes of Kalish in the year of 1264 in which the Jews were granted legal protection and unrestricted freedom. At that time, German settlers appeared in Poland and regarded the Jews as rivals. King Casimir the Great reigned in the years 1333 to 1370. King Casimir refined Bolelaw Chrobry's charter and improved on the privileges afforded to Jews. While elsewhere in Europe Jews lived in terror, in Poland they lived in relative prosperity and peace. The edict of King Zygmund August in the year of 1551 granted the Jews self government. Self government was exercised through the "Vaad Arba Arzot," which had the legitimation of both government and supreme court. In those days one could rarely find a Jew who was illiterate. This may be accounted for by the Talmud saying, "He who has knowledge has everything, he who lacks knowledge lacks everything."

In 1575 Stefan Batory gained the Polish throne, and reigned from 1575 to 1586. His regime was also bereficial for Jews in Poland. During the reign of King Zygmund III from 1587 to 1632, the Jewish community initiated and instituted meetings of rabbis and their students at special occasions (called fairs), where important religious issues were deliberated on and discussed.

The year of 1648 saw the end of the 30-year war, but a great ca'amity befell the Jewish population. Bogdan Chmielnitski, a Kozak leader, fought the Polish rule in the Ukraine. This uprising brought about the destruction of hnudreds of Jewish communities and the killing of 200,000 Jews.

In 1650, King Jan Kasimir started negotiations with Chmielnicki. At the same time Charles the Tenth of Sweden overran Poland and one year later he withdrew from Poland. Immediately after the withdrawal of Sweden, pogroms against the Jews were started by the Po'es, which resulted in the destruction of large numbers of the Jewish communities in Poland. Between 1648 and 1658, many Jewish communities were destroyed and a half million Jews were killed.



Jewish people continued their religious practices and delved into the study of Talmud and Caballah. They embraced Chasidism founded in Poland by Rabbi Bal Shemtov and followed by many rabbis like Rabbi Elimelech or Lezaisk and his brother Zusia. Poland was partitioned in 1772 and 1793 between Prussia, Russia and Austria. Under the reign of Maria Theresa. Jews were treated as social outcasts. Joseph II mounted the throne of Austria and on October 13, 1781. Joseph II issued the edict of toleration in which he extended privileges to the Jewish population. 1794 was the beginning of uprisings in Poland. Not since the revolt of Bar Kochba, did Jews realize that in order to gain freedom it was necessary to fight. Events that had shaken Europe were the triumphs of two revolutions, in the American colonies in 1776 and in France in 1789. Carriers of this exciting news of freedom and equality were Polish officers who fought in the American Revo'ution under the leadership of General Tadeus Kosciuszko. General Kosciuszko gave the authority to Colonel Berek Yose!owitz to form a Jewish legion. During 1814-1815, the Congress of Vienna under Prince Metternich robbed the Jews of Europe of most of the rights and privileges which they previously enjoyed.

In the revolt of 1830-1831 Joseph Yoselowicz, son of Berek Yoselowicz. formed a Jewish legion called the "beardlings." They distinguished themselves in battle by such outstanding acts of bravery that General Ostrowsky declared in a proclamation that the sacrifice of the Jewish militia men. made for Poland, should convince everyone "how much we have sinned against our Jewish Brethern."

The liberal revolution in 1848, part of the "Spring of Nations" in Europe, led to the establishment of a constitutional monarch by Frantz Joseph I. and in 1876 the Jewish emancipation became a permanent law.

In 1881 new waves of violence befell the Jewish population of Poland. Streams of pogroms against Jewish communities were recurrent in various parts of Poland and Russia from 1880 to 1914, when the first World War broke out. The Jews suffered from the outbreak of violence from the hands of Russians, Ukrainians and Poles. They had to flee their homes and run for their lives, facts which brought about the beginning of Jewish immigration to Western Europe, the United States, other parts of the world and Palestine.

The Po'ish Republic, on November 11, 1918, declared its formal establishment. Many Jews fought in General Joseph Pilsudsky's Po'ish legions of liberation. He seized power by a coup-de-etat in 1926. He formally abolished all anti-Jewish laws.

New waves of antisemitism erupted in Poland, following the end of World War I, most notably in professional circles and in Universities. A major factor in these agitations were the "endeks."

Jewish communal life in the larger cities of Poland, between the two world wars, had a great deal of progressive character. While the "Kahal" continued to be the major administrative organ in the Jewish community, a variety of Jewish political parties, educational institutions, and cultural organizations evolved during this period. Many Jewish communities, in addition to the traditional religious education, established their own elementary and secondary school systems. By 1939, when the Nazi assault on Jewish existence erupted in Europe, Poland had a Jewish population of 3,351,000.



Vilna, "Jerusalem of Lithuania," Died Also in the Holocaust . . .

By Julian Solonitz, 3755 Mayfield Road. Ceveland Heights. Ohio 44121

There were thousands of Jewish communities all over Europe before the war where our people planted their roots for many hundreds of years. Each one of them developed its own traditions and way of life.

But of the thousands of places scattered across the vast expanses of desolation and tragedy of Jewish Europe, only one city will stay alive in the memory as "Jerusalem of Lithuania." This is the city of Vilna, today the capital of Soviet Lithuania, Vilnius, the place of my birth and the place from where some 75 members of our families, the Solonojc', the Kulbis' and the Nemzers were forced to take their last route. . . .

This city was the "Princess" among the provinces of Jewish Europe for the past 600 years of our history.

The influence of Vilna shone down from the ascetic face of the famed Vilna Gaon. It was the seat of Jewish learning, of Talmud with its commentaries, of irreligious Haskala literature and various political shadings.

Here Bialik arriving from his Volynia, overshadowed with his talent other writers and poets. Here Theodor Herzl was given the Torah. Writers: A. Lebenson, Yehuda Leib Gordon, Zalman Reizin, Chaim Grade or Avrohom Suckever lived and created in Vilna.

The world famous fiddler, Yasha Cheifetz, was a son of Vilna. So was the father of socialistic Bund, Arkadi Kremer.

The YIVO, the Jewish Scientific Institute in New York, was born in Vilna and in 1940 under the directorship of Dr. Max Weinreich transferred to the States, just in time to save it from Holocaust.

The city smelled with Jewishness. Its roughly 80 thousand Jews exhibited their Yiddishkeit in the highest degree. Yiddish was the main language of the masses. Businessmen, doctors, lawyers had often their shingles also in Yiddish.

The Hebrew Tarbut net embraced a teacher's college, two high schools, some 14 public schools, many kindergartens and evening schools.

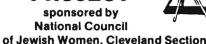
The Yiddishists had also three high schools, a teacher's college, a high level Technicum and public schools and kindergartens. The city had the famous "Vilner Troupe" theater, the Vilbig Choir, the Trade School. Vilna was vibrating with Jewish life seven days a week, be it religious, cultural or political, with all sorts of political organizations and a rich sports activity.

The Strashun Library or Rom's Publishings House was known far away in the Jewish world. The children of the wealthy and educated were brought up in the same schools with the children of the poor. It created a composition of a knit, cultural community full of tradition and devotion to Judaism and one's fellow man. This was Vilna. . . .

Left are bitter memories of the past. The physical Vilna is dead. Along with other Jewish centers we can only mourn and cherish its memory. This piece of writing I dedicate to the blessed memory and glory to my home-town, Vilna.









This major new project will involve videotaping testimonies of Clevelanders who are Holocaust survivors, righteous Gentiles, or concentration camp liberators. The tapes will be preserved for history in local archives and at Yale University.

HOLOCAUST ARCHIVE PROJECT PROFILES

- Over 200 volunteers from the NCJW and the general community have devoted countless hours during the past two years toward launching the Holocaust Archive Project and developing a model that can be duplicated by other cities.
- Over 67 survivors and liberators of concentration camps have been interviewed on videotape at the WEWS-TV studios. Additional interviews are scheduled.
- Lynn Schmelzer, co-chairwoman of the Holocaust Archive Project, has been invited to attend an international

seminar at the Yale University Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies in October to discuss the Cleveland project.

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You filled us with grand hopes for tomorrow, and through you goodness taught us right from wrong; instilling in us your knowledge, beliefs, and everlasting faith.

You live on in us, your wife, children, and loved ones. We will always cherish and remember what you stood for and most of all how you loved us.

Our love for you will live on forever!

By his loving wife, Rose Mother-in-law, Helen Weiszner Children, Julie Paplow Rita Nadler David Belleli

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You owe it to yourself to participate in this assembly and help us to shape the national movement of Holocaust Survivors and to develop and advance its goals and objectives.

Please transmit this information to your friends and all Holocaust Survivors and members of the Second Generation in your area.

It is our obligation to stand together and to remember together!

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For me it was an unusual two days respite from battles for Warsaw. For both of us it was a sleepless night filled with horror stories that for all survivors are so familiar.

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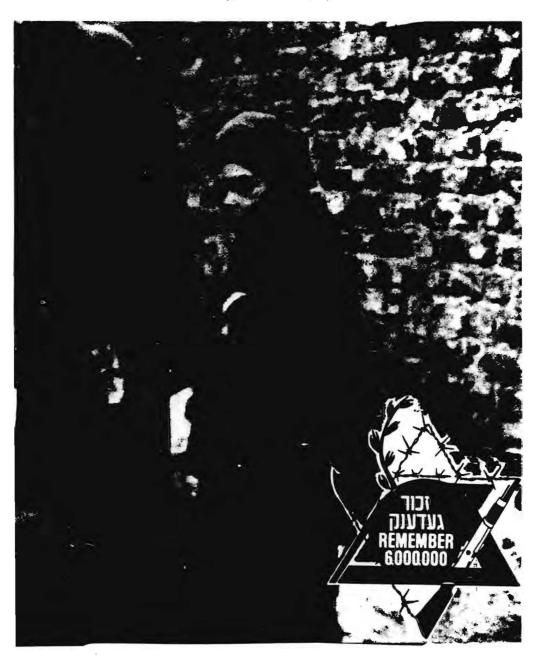
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LET US REMEMBER

When the world remained mute, as we saw our brothers and sisters, our parents and grandparents perish in the Nazi death camps, behind the walls of the ghettos and in the forests;—those of us who survived, made a promise to ourselves and in memory of our lost families and friends—never to forget and never to forgive.



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THE HOLOCAUST YEARS

Jack Hennenberg

On September 1, 1939, the Nazi hordes invaded Poland. The Polish army, in which thousands of Jews fought and died, offered desperate but successful resistance. The German high command reported 35,000 Jewish soldiers killed; 61,000 taken prisoner. Then there was the partition of Poland between Germany and Russia. Many Jews escaped to Russian occupied territories and joined the Anders army and Polish army units under Russian Control. During the Nazi attrocities 6,000,000 Jews, including the majority of Poland's Jewish Community, suffered martyrdom in places like Auschwitz (Oswiecim), Treblinka, Warsaw, Lodz, Chelmno. Maidanek, Sobibor and many other places too many to mention. May they rest in peace.

Jewish revolts 1942-1945 despite the overwhelming military strength of the Nazi forces. Many Jews, while weakened by hunger and being terrorized rose in revolt against their enemy. The following list represents the dates and locations where uprisings and fights against the Nazi regimes took place.

Date	Ghetto
September 3, 1942	Ghetto Tuchin
September 9, 1942	Ghetto Kremenetz
December 17, 1942	Ghetto Krushin
July 22, 1942	Ghetto Neswiesz
October 12, 1942	Ghetto Luydk
August 9, 1942	Ghetto Mir
September 3, 1942	Ghetto Lazhva
September 1, 1943	Ghetto Vilna
August 16, 1943	Ghetto Bialystok
March 25, 1943	Ghetto Kuldichvo
July 21, 1943	Ghetto Kletsk
August 2, 1943	Death Camp Treblinka
April 19, 1943	Ghetto Warsaw
January 10, 1943	Ghetto Minsk Mazowiecki
November 3, 1943	Ghetto Lublin
October 14, 1943	Death Camp Sobibor
October 25, 1943	Ghetto Chestochowa
May 17, 1943	Ghetto Brody
August 3, 1943	Ghetto Bendzin
September 1, 1943	Ghetto Tarnow
June 1, 1943	Ghetto Lvov
April 28, 1943	Ghetto Stryj
May 19, 1944	Death Camp Ponary
October 7, 1944	Death Camp Auschwitz
January 17, 1945	Death Camp Chelmno



In Warsaw, the first military underground organization, SWIT, was formed in December 1939 by Jewish veterans of the Polish army. In 1942. a second fighting organization emerged, created by four Zionist groups Poaley Zion Hashomer Hatzair, the Zionist movement and the Socialist movement. The Bund did not join the block but created its own fighting organization "Samo Obrona." The leaders of the underground movement appraised the situation. At their first meeting, they decided to create the Jewish fighting organization "Zydowska Organizacjon Bojowa" ZOB, and to take active steps to oppose further deportation. A few members of the underground managed to escape from Treb'inka. The second wave of deportation from Warsaw began on January 18, 1943. The underground organizations were ill-equipped and ill-prepared, nevertheless, they engaged in armed resistance, which turned into four days of fighting. This was the first case of armed resistance by Jews in occupied Poland. After this action, walking in the street was punishable by death. Mordechai Anielewicz now headed the Jewish fighting organization, ZOB. On April 19, 1943, a German force equipped with tanks and artillery, under the command of Col. Sammern-Frankennegg entered the ghetto. The Germans were repulsed from the ghetto. Sammern-Frankennegg was relieved of his command and General Juergen Stroop was appointed to take his place. The Jewish fighting group continued to fight the Nazis until May 8, 1943, when the ZOB headquarters was destroyed by the Nazi forces. More than one hundred Jewish fighters including Anielewicz died in this battle. Armed resistance lasted until June, 1943, with the help of the Polish "Armia Ludowa." Some fifty ghetto fighters escaped from the ghetto and continued to fight the Germans in the forests as a partisan group named after Mordechai Anielewicz. The Warsaw ghetto uprising had an enormous effect upon the morale of the Jews and non-Jews throughout the world.

On May 16, 1943, Stroop reported to his superiors the complete liquidation of the Warsaw ghetto. When the Polish uprising in Warsaw broke out on August 1, 1944, over 1,000 Jews in hiding volunteered to fight the Germans, among them a member of the high command of the Peoples Army, Matywiecki. In addition, survivors of ZOB under the command of Antek Cukierman participated in the uprising.

The official unconditional surrender of German forces to the Allied Forces was on May 9, 1945. Six million Jewish people were killed by the Nazis, mostly by mass executions, including in concentration camps.

By June 15, 1945, 55,509 Jewish people had registered with the Central Committee of Polish Jews. To this number must be added 13,000 Jews in the Polish army formed in the U.S.S.R. The total sum of surviving Polish Jews is estimated at 369,000, 11% of the prewar population.

Among the Six Million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, there were more than a million children. This page is dedicated to the unfulfilled promise of their youth. For them, our grief is especially profound.



IN REMEMBRANCE LIES THE SECRET OF REDEMPTION (BAA'L SHEM TOV)





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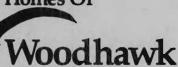
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I was extremely moved and touched by the beautiful memorial service the Kol Israel had Sunday, Sept. 30 in honor of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. The service was most dignified and meaningful and made me realize even more fully what an extraordinary and dedicated group of people make up Cleveland Kol Israel. They make us all proud to be Jews and affiliated in kinship with them. Hopefully more members of our community will take the time to visit the impressive memorial that these survivors have dedicated for their brethren who did not survive.

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Lask, the town where I lived was located in Lodz Province of Central Poland. The Jewish population of Lask numbered about six thousand people. We had well developed institutions, synagogues, two Jewish libraries, a Yeshiva, preform cheder, a Beth Jacob school, and several Zionist groups and organizations served our community.

Lask was occupied by the Germans in 1939. Synagogue officials and secular Jewish leaders were immediately jailed, a number of whom were then executed. Our homes and places of work were seized and expropriated. The synagogues defiled and put to use as horse stables. Jews, young and old, were abused and forced to perform degrading and humiliating acts at any time but specifically and especially on the High Holidays. We were systematically persecuted and methodically killed.

A Ghetto was established in stages. First a few streets were allowed for Jewish habitation; then the Germans gradually constructed that area, finally on November 18, 1940, they forced the entire Jewish population into one small terribly overcrowded section.

The ghetto was liquidated in August of 1942. We were surrounded by tanks and soldiers. The Gestapo forced everybody from their houses, those who were to ill to move were shot in their beds. Men, women, children, a total of about 3,500 were locked inside a church that was located just outside of town. We were kept there several days without food, water or proper sanitation. Conditions were unspeakable and inhuman.

The chief of the Gestapo, a Hans Bibof, selected 500 people to be sent to the Ghetto in Lodz. Our remaining brethren were sent to the extermination camp at Chelmno. They were never seen again.

After the war, we found that from a Jewish population of 6,000 who had lived in Lask only 123 had survived.

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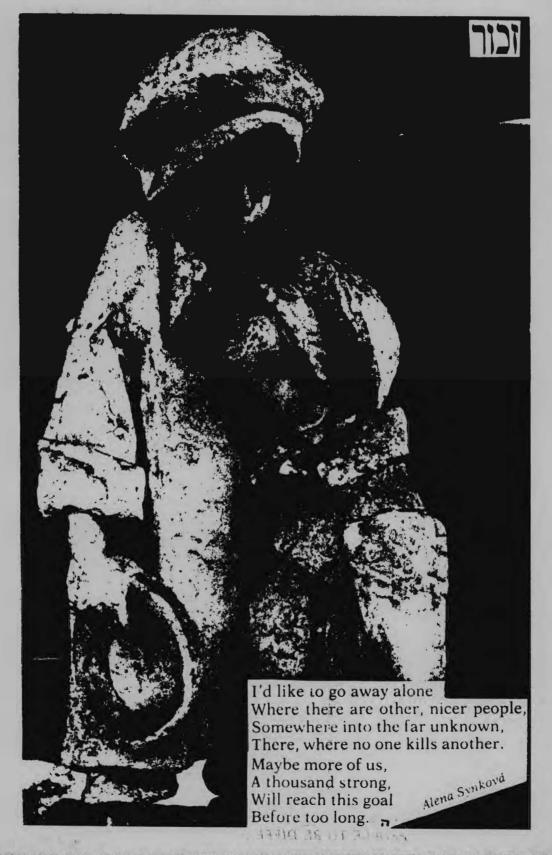
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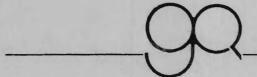
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We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to members of the committee, our donors, patrons, advertisers, and members for their help and contibutions in making this, our 25th anniversary, one to be remembered.

As we finish twenty-five years of existence, we hope not to rest on our past accomplishments, but to go further in our activities, programs and contributions to the Jewish people and the State of Israel. We hope that the coming years will be productive ones in which we can work together.

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