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KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION

40th Anniversary Celebration

Opening - Jack Baigelman, Chairman 40th Anniversary

Kol Israel Flag - Past KIF Presidents National Anthem Hatikva

Honoring KIF Founders

40th Anniversary Book - Jack Hennenberg, Book Editor

Greetings -

Bob Goldberg, President Cleveland Jewish Community Federation Simon Fixler, President Kol Israel Foundation Eva Wieder, President Kol Israel Sisterhood Art Rosenfeld, President Second Generation Kol Israel

Hamotzi - Henry Miller, Social Chairman, Kol Israel Foundation

Dinner

Grace Joe Pearl, President, Green Road Synagogue

Introduction of Keynote Speaker - Jack Baigelman, Chairman 40th Anniversary

Keynote Address - Ernest Michell

Closing Remarks - Zev Harel, Co-chair 40th Anniversary

Music&Dance

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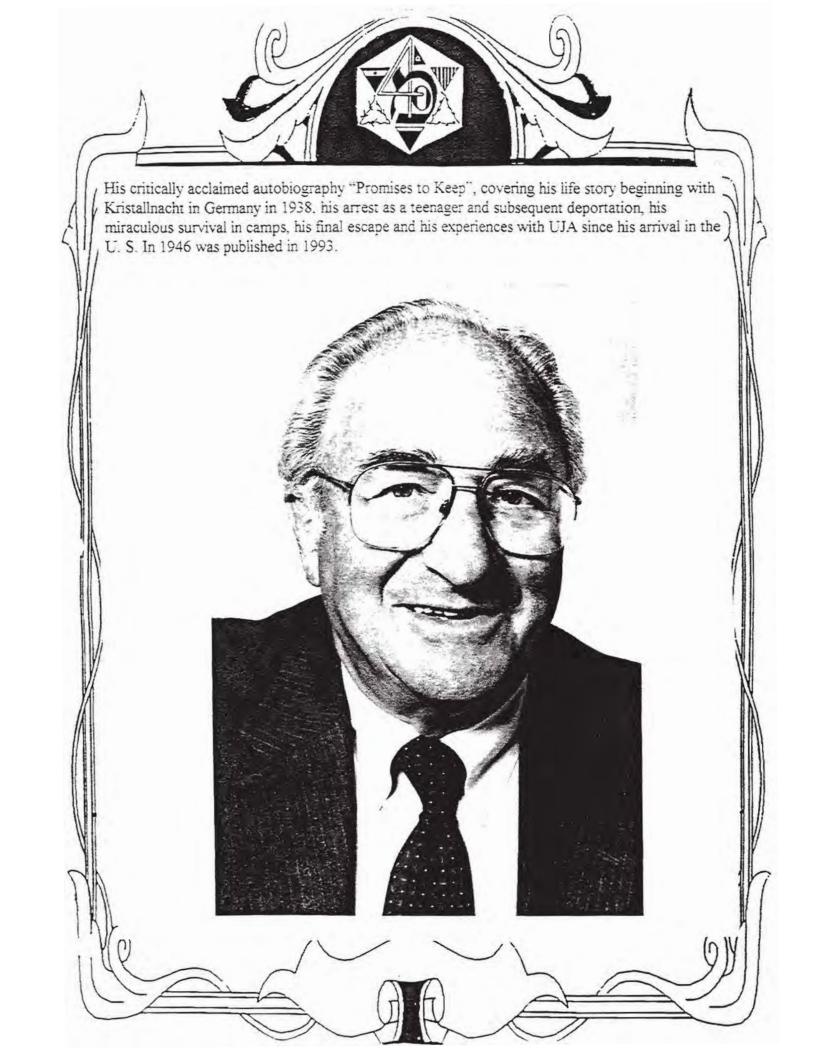
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Ernest W. Michel . . . Biographical Profile

Ernest W. Michel, Holocaust survivor, author, lecturer and community leader served as Executive Vice President of the UJA-Federation of New York from 1970 to 1989. He continues his active involvement in the organization as Consultant and Executive Vice President Emeritus.

Mr. Michel arrived in the United States as a DP in 1946 with the aid of UJA funds. After a brief stint as a reporter and columnist for the Port Huron Times Herald, he began his 50 plus year career with the UJA, first as a speaker and beginning in 1947 as a member of its staff. His career culminated in his position as the CEO of UJA-Federation, the largest citywide fundraising organization in the United States.

Born in Germany, Mr. Michel was sent to his first camp at age 16 in 1939. After almost six years in some of the most notorious Nazi concentration camps - Auschwitz, Birkenau, Buna-Monowoitz, Buchenwald, Berga - just to mention a few, he escaped from a death march before the end of World War II.

After working briefly for the United states Military Government, he became a special correspondent for the German News Agency DANA at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial. His articles, carrying the byline "Auschwitz Survivor #104995" appeared in all German newspapers. In 1960, as Chairman of the first Auschwitz Survivors Dinner held in this country, he was invited to meet President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the White House.

From 1967 to 1970, at the invitation of Baron Elie de Rothschild, Mr. Michel went to France to help organize the French UJA.

Appearing frequently on TV, Mr. Michel is in great demand as a speaker and has been honored by many major Jewish organizations. The only Holocaust survivor to become a senior professional in UJA-Federation, he has been involved in most of the major events in Jewish history since the end of World War II and has traveled extensively to communities all over the world.

He was the initiator and chairman of the highly publicized World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Israel in 1981 which brought together, for the first and only time, 6,000 survivors and their families from 23 countries and 4 continents.

In 1995, Mr. Michel successfully negotiated with the Mormon Church for the withdrawal of almost 400,000 names of Jewish Holocaust victims from the church records who were posthumously baptized by the Mormon Church. As a direct result of his initiative, United States Senator Orrin G. Hatch, U. S. Congressmen Benjamin A. Gilman and Tom Lantos introduced a resolution in both Houses of Congress which "deplores the persistent and malicious efforts by persons in this country and abroad who deny the historic reality of the Holocaust". A copy of the resolution signed by all sponsoring members of the U. S. Congress was presented to Mr. Michel by Senator Hatch and Congressman Gilman at a special ceremony in Washington.

ABC-TV, in a major TV documentary, covering the major events of the 20th century, features Mr. Michel, describing his Auschwitz experience and survival. He is also prominently featured in the companion book "The Century".











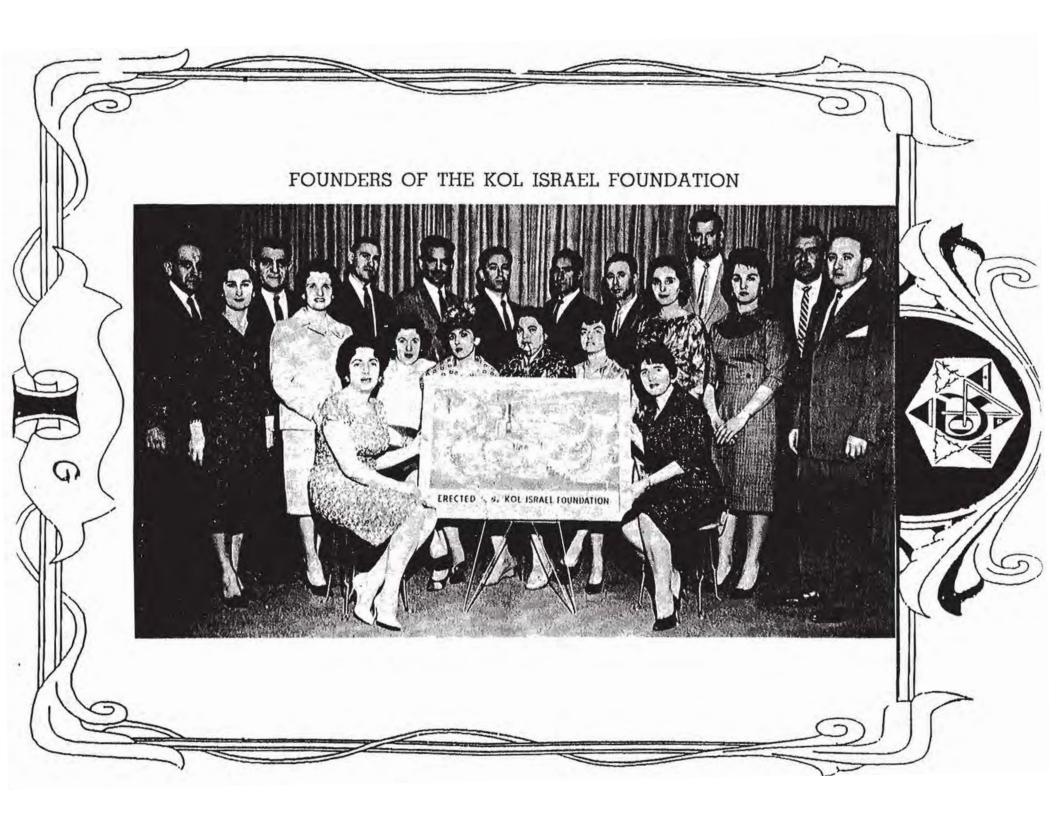




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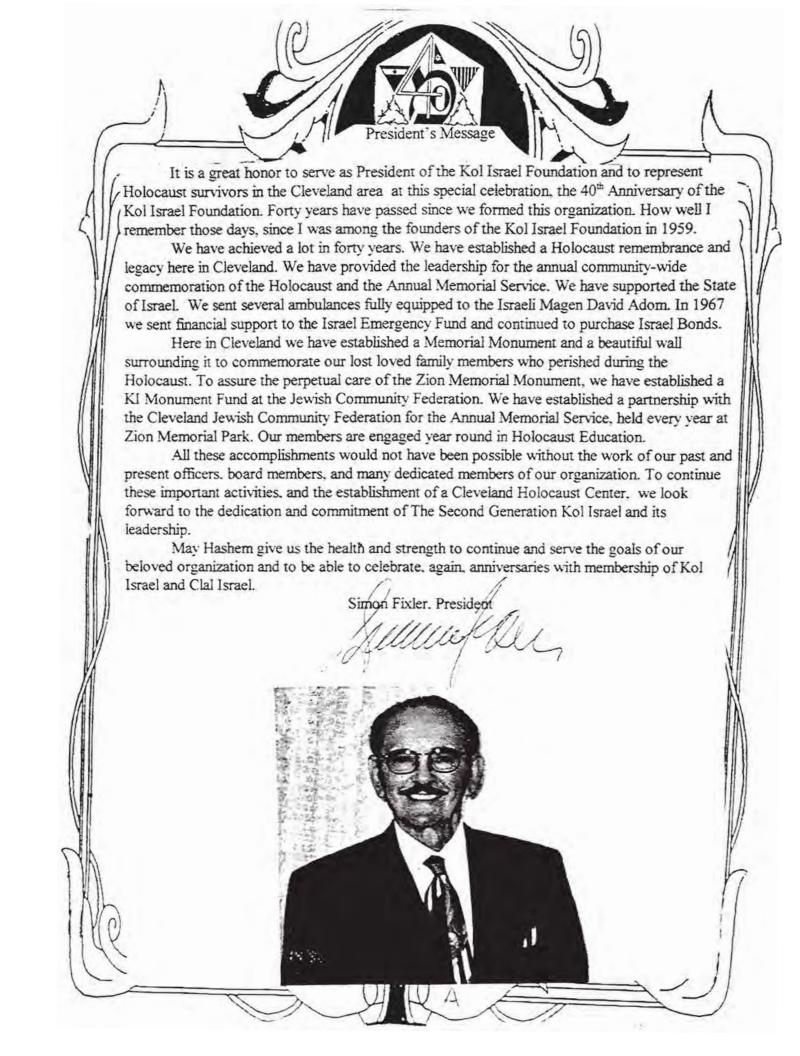
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JACK WIEDER, JOE PERL, HENRY MILLER SIMON FIXLER,

JULIAN SOLONITZ, LEO SILBERMAN, PHILIP GREEN, HERMAN FRANK THIRD ROW FROM RIGHT TO LEFT

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MIKE FRUM, JACOB HENNENBERG, DR. ZEV HAREL, HERMAN FRANK







PRESIDENT OF THE SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

Dear Friends.

As president of the Kol Israel Sisterhood, I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to the Kol Israel Foundation, celebrating a monumental 40 years since their founding.

It makes me very proud to look upon this organization that has grown so much and has shown so many accomplishments to the cause of the remembrance of the Holocaust. Just last year, the Foundation gave the Cleveland area Holocaust survivors a great addition to our Holocaust monument—a memorial wall giving all the opportunity to inscribe the names of the loved ones they lost during those terrible years. May they never, ever be forgotten.

The Sisterhood was also very proud to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, which we hold dear to our hearts. It is our hope that our children will follow in our footsteps to always support the State of Israel the way that we have, and hopefully always will.

Yes, we have come a long way, but our task is a never-ending one. As long as there is doubt in the world as to the occurrences of the darkest chapter in the history of mankind, we must continuously strive for our words to be heard. We must preserve the memory of the 6 million who perished and of those who fought and helped us to survive.

The Sisterhood joins with the Jewish community in saluting the Kol Israel Foundation on their noble achievements, and we hope that we have instilled enough importance to the 2nd Generation to carry the torch of remembrance.

Eva Wieder, President Kol Israel Sisterhood









President's Message

It is with a great deal of pride that I wish the members of Kol Israel Foundation a happy 40th Anniversary. Their many accomplishments over the years create a challenge for Second Generation to uphold.

We as second and third generation have a valuable resource that we should take advantage of, "our parents and grandparents". Their memories are our greatest source of information about our heritage. Please take advantage of the knowledge that they can give us. It is our responsibility to keep the memories alive.

Second Generation just celebrated our 20th Anniversary this year. The success of Second Generation and the Kol Israel Foundation is due to the dedication of its members. With the combined efforts of our organizations, we can look forward to many great events and programs in the future. Hopefully, one of those programs will be to build a permanent structure to be a home for Holocaust Remembrance, Education and Awareness

Second Generation Kol Israel President

Arthur Rosenfeld

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Back Row from Left Susan Saltzman, Anne Lukas, Avi Goldman Arthur Rosenfeld, Cindy Feuer

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ON OUR 55TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WE AND THE FIXLER FAMILY WISH THE KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION MANY MORE SUCCESSFUL YEARS



















Rabbi Barry J. Konovitch הרב יעקב ברוך קנוביץ



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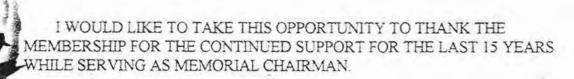
How nice of you to help our synagogue continue to serve our people with your fine donation. I only wish everyone had a heart like you do. Bless you.

Best wishes for good health and peace.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Barry J. Konovitch

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OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS WE HAVE ALL EXPERIENCED CHANGES 1 WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALY ADRESS THE CHANGES REGARDING THE MONUMENT AT ZION MEMORIAL CEMETARY. AS YOU KNOW THE CIRCULAR WALL SURROUNDING THE MONUMENT WITH THE NAMES INSCRIBED FOR EVERYONE TO REMEMBER THEIR LOVED ONES.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMEMORATE THOSE THAT HAVE NO MATZEVA, OR THOSE WITH MATZEVAHS FAR AWAY, THIS GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SURVIVORS THAT LIVE IN THE CLEVELAND AREA TO SAY KADISH IN THEIR MEMORY.

FORTUNATELY I AM ABLE TO VISIT AND SAY A PRAYER AT MY PARENT'S GRAVES ANUALLY.

I AM VERY THANKFUL TO ALL THOSE THAT HAVE HELPED TO CREATE THIS REMEMBERANCE WALL AND MAINTAINNING IT. WITH THE 40th ANNIVERSARY APROACHING, I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND WISH THEM "CHAZAK VEMATZ" ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY AND MYSELF, I HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE 45th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. HERMAN FRANK







AS HISTORIAN OF THE KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION,I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK TO MAKE THIS 40th ANNIVERSARY

A SUCCSESS, INCLUDING THE PRODUCTION OF THE ANNIVERSARY BOOK

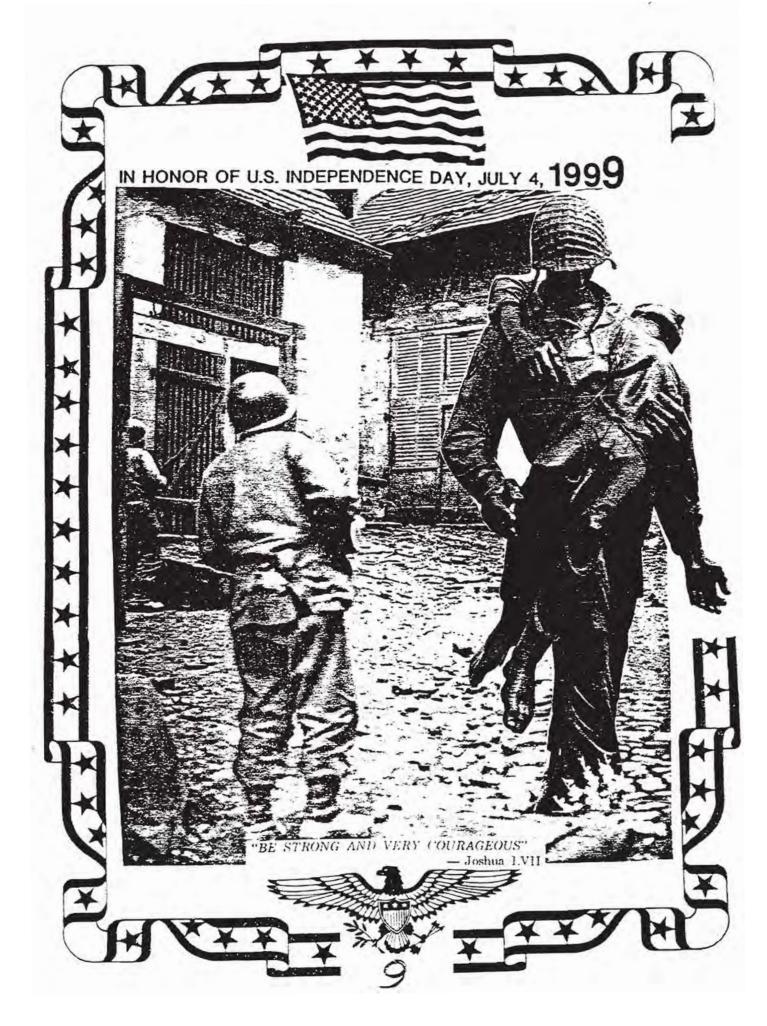
I ALSO APPRECIATE THE ONGOING COMMITMENT, DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF OUR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO THE CAUSES AND ACTIVITIES OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

MAY WE ALL ENJOY GOOD HEALTH TO BE PRESENT AT OUR 45th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

JACOB HENNENBERG HISTORIAN K.I.F.









KOL ISRAEL AT 30

BY JACOB HENNENBERG HISTORIAN

A unique organization in Cleveland, Kol Israel Foundation, survivors of the Holocaust, will celebrate it's 30th anniversary this year.

Kol Israel represents the uniting of man and women who underwent the horrors of the Holocaust. When the victorious allied armies entered the concentration camps in 1944 - 1945. It was difficult for them to grasp the unspeakable brutalities that had been perpetrated behind the barbed wire fences. In all the concentration camps of Europe, only 500,000 Jews were found alive out of the millions who has been transported there.

A tiny remnant of once flourishing Jewish communities made it's way to Israel, the United States of America, Canada and other countries. About 92,000 survivors came to the U.S. where they tried to carve out a new life for themselves and their families.

They made enormous adjustments. Most of them were the sole survivors of their family members. All had to I earn to live with their painful memories. All sought to find a way to recover their integrity as human beings. The extraordinary thing is that virtually all succeeded. Hundreds of survivors arrived in Cleveland in the early post war years. They were helped by friends, relatives, and the organized Jewish community. Later the earlier emigres helped the newcomers. In a relatively short time the survivors learned a new language, and entered into every occupation field available to them. They adapted themselves to the American Jewish way of life, They achieved financial independence.

In February, 1959, a small group of Cleveland survivors met to form an organization representing the Holocaust survivors in this area. The organization was given the name

"Kol Israel" meaning

"All of Israel".

To those who had suffered in the Holocaust, Kol Israel became a refuge where they could get together with others sharing a common past, and who now faced similar problems. The foundation provided the warmth, sympathy, and understanding of a close knit family to its founders and members.

In June, 1960, the leaders of Kol Israel decided to build a monument in memory of the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

On May 28, 1961, the monument was unveiled in Zion Memorial Park.

The ashes of victims from three concentration camps were given an honorary burial. Every year since, a memorial service is held at the site. Over the years, the Kol Israel Foundation has provided funds for the benefit of the State of Israel through contributions to the Israel Emergency Fund, the Jewish National Fund and Israel Bonds. It has provided ambulances through the Magen David Adom.

In 1981, a large contingent of Kol Israel members attended the world gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors in Israel. They brought with them a fully equipped ambulance and dedicated it at the Western Wall. The group also took along a book prepared by the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation called "Eydut Lechaim" (Witness to life) providing testimonies of survivors, and given to "Yad Vashem".

When the American gathering took place in Washington D.C. in 1983, the Kol Israel Foundation again was represented. Another "Eydut Lechaim" book was presented to the United States Memorial Council.

On June 27, 1989, a Kol Israel Journey of Conscious travelled to Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Israel. Everywhere they laid flowers on Holocaust victims graves, and at each spot read poems and said prayers. A large donation was given to Yad Vashem in Israel.



On November 11, 1989, Kol Israel Foundation had their 30th Anniversary Banquet. The highlight of the anniversary is a Memorial Book inspired, compiled, and edited by Jacob Hennenberg.

This book is in memory of those Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust. Hennenberg, an historian for the Kol Israel Foundation, had the idea for a living memorial, written by the survivors, honoring their beloved departed victims and reflecting on their experience during the Holocaust. He spent many months contacting people, getting testimonials, photographs, and historical matter for this book.

It was a long, large undertaking, and as the living memorial proves, a great project. We hope that projects like this one inspire further efforts to remember and learn from the past, and grow into the future. Thanks and congratulations to Hennenberg for all this worthwhile work!

Recently, 26 members of our local Kol Israel organization (of Holocaust survivors) joined with almost 400 others from various communities to make Yom Hashoa at the annual Ohio commemoration of this sad occasion. The very touching candle lighting ceremony took place in the rotunda of the Capitol Building in Columbus.

We are proud to love in a state that has such a commemoration and appreciate the sensitivity of Ohio Governor Richard Celeste, as well as the efforts to State Senator Lee Fisher in making this an annual event.

This year's Holocaust memorial service, held annually on the Sunday between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, will include a special commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Nazi atrocities at Babi Yar. The one-hour ceremony will be Sunday, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m. at Zion Memorial Park, 5461 Northfield Rd.

The annual service in memory of six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust is sponsored by Kol Israel Foundation, the local organization of Holocaust survivors. The ceremony will be held at the Commemorative Monument installed by Kol Israel members 30 years ago.

Participation in the ceremony, in addition to Kol Israel leaders, will be State Sen. Eric D. Fingerhut, Rabbi Armond E. Cohen and Cantor Simon Spiro of Park Synagogue, and Max R. Friedman, president of the Jewish Community Federation, Reuben Silver, director of dramatic arts at Cleveland State University, will read the poem "Babi Yar" by Yevgeni Yevtushenko.

The Jewish Community Federation, in cooperation with the Kol Israel Foundation, sent out 14,000 invitations signed by the president of the Federation, Max R. Friedman, describing the purpose of our gathering last Sunday at Zion Memorial Park. It was to show solidarity with the survivors of the Holocaust by attending a Holocaust memorial service and, at the same time, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the terrible tragedy at Babi Yar. In addition to the invitation, the Kol Israel Foundation had two large advertisements in the Cleveland Jewish News announcing this event. Not even 1% of the 14,000 attended our commemoration.

Does the Cleveland Jewish community not realize the words of President Abraham Lincoln, that "United we stand and divided we fall"? Do we need a better lesson than the Holocaust?

This is particularly true now, with the \$10 billion loan guarantees for Israel pending and President Bush threatening to veto those guarantees if the Senate votes in favor.

We feel betrayed by the Cleveland Jewish community. We still stand alone.

A year of activities to raise funds in support of a wide range of programs in Israel was culminated by the recent family picnic of Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood and Kol Israel. All three are composed primarily of survivors of the Holocaust.

Beneficiaries of foundation efforts include Bet HaLohem, the respite and recreation facility for wounded Israeli soldiers and their families, and projects to aid absorption of Soviet and Ethiopian olim. The sisterhood's efforts supported the Operation Solomon campaign to rescue Ethiopian Jewry.

Kol Israel has donated six ambulances to Israel through the Magen David Adom organization. They have supported the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem, the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors Annual Teachers' Training Seminar in Israel, Jewish National Fund and the Ohio Council on Holocaust education.

Locally, Kol Israel, the sisterhood and foundation members travel throughout Ohio and beyond, speaking on the Holocaust to school assemblies, community church and Jewish groups. Kol Israel and Second Generation, whose membership includes the children of survivors, presented special Holocaust Humanitarian Award Scholarships to certain graduates of Cleveland Heights High School.

Shaarey Tikvah Congregation, 26811 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood, will host a special community event Sunday, Nov. 1, on behalf of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

The Kol Israel Foundation, Sisterhood and Second Generation are co-hosting the program, set for 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Albert Ratner, Jewish communal leader, business and civic figure and member of the founding body of the Museum, will present a progress update.

Our activities during the last year included organizing the Annual Memorial Service; participation at the Annual Commemoration of the Holocaust, social activities, including a Chanukah party, celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the State of Israel, and participation at the dedication of the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. We are extremely proud of our contributions of \$5,000 to the U.S. Holocaust Museum, \$1,000 to Yad Vashem in Israel, and awards to students who provided leadership in Holocaust education activities.

The current leadership of the KIF is in its second year and every elected and appointed officer is working hard to accomplish the purposes of our organization. Our functions are well attended and most effectively organized. The commitment and dedication of every Board member of the KIF is outstanding. Simon Fixler, Vice President, is also our musical expert, master of ceremonies, and helps with everything as needed.

Mike Frum, our Chairman, assures that we have peaceful and productive meetings. He is first to arrive and the last one to leave, assuring that everything is done well.

Julian Solonitz, our good natured Secretary, takes and reports minutes, and helps with promotion and publicity.

Elias Cala, our "money man," takes good care of our finances, and assures that we are in good standing with the IRS.

Henry Miller, our dedicated Social Chairman, has been faithfully planning and organizing all our social functions.

Jacob Hennenberg, is our historian. His contributions to Holocaust education and commemoration are most valuable.

William Burstyn takes good care of our membership and also serves as our Associate Treasurer.

Herman Frank, Memorial Chairman, chairs the Annual Memorial Service and the Candle Lighting at the Annual Commemoration of the Holocaust. He tries to assure that the memory of our lost loved ones not be forgotten.

Betty Berliner serves as Associate Secretary and as liaison to the KI Sisterhood and offers willingly help as needed.

Steve Slomowitz, our expert "latke maker', is Associate Social Chairman and helps taking care of our social functions.

Phillip Green is our Sunshine Chairman. He sends cards to members at various occasions as appropriate.

Meyer Blecher serves as Associate Sunshine Chairman and offers willingly help as needed.

Phillip Wexberg is involved one way or another in most of our functions, setting up the music, fixing electricity, and helping with every event.

Leo Silverman, recently joined our KIF Board, helped with our Annual Picnic.

Ann Lukas, our newest member, will work on promotions and publicity.

Former Presidents Bob Birnbaum and Jack Wieder serve on our Board, sharing their expertise and experience. They both help plan and work on every KIF event. Our KIF Board also benefits from the presence of Rose Kaplowitz KI Sisterhood President and Avi Goldman, President of Second Generation Kol Israel. Our three survivor organizations work very well.

The traditional Annual Memorial Service for victims of the Holocaust will be held on September 19, 1993 - 2:00 p.m. at Zion Cemetery. This Annual Memorial Service is chaired by Herman Frank, KIF Memorial Chairman. The program consists of the traditional color presentation by Jewish War Veterans, the lighting of candles by survivors in memory of the six million Jewish who perished at the hands of the Nazi murderers, the reading and chanting of memorial prayers, the presentations by leaders of the survivor organizations and the Jewish community.

On behalf of the Kol Israel Foundation Board of Trustees and the 35th Anniversary Committee, I am happy to inform you that on October 16, 1994, we will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary. As part of this important mile-stone in our history, an anniversary book will be published. The book will include personal histories of our members, commemorative pages and congratulatory messages. We are convinced that it is of utmost importance and very timely that personal stories of survivorship be written and preserved in as many places as possible.

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One of the brightest pictures to emerge from the history of World War II, was the actions of the Danish people to save the Jewish citizens in their country. This heroic deed was recognized at a special event by the Kol Israel Foundation, the Kol Israel Sisterhood and the Second Generation Kol Israel, in cooperation with the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation, at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah on October 3, 1993. Mr. Preben Munch Nielsen, a high school student and member of "Sundets Venner", a Danish underground rescue group which was formed then, and his wife Sonja were present at this event. The speakers publicly thanked them and their fellow Danish Rescuers who considered to be the right thing to do. Mr. Preben Munch Nielsen was presented with a plaque honoring him personally and the Sundets Venner organization.

On June 12, 1994, the Kol Israel Foundation held its Membership meeting and Election of Officers at Green Road Synagogue. The meeting was opened by Mr. Mike Frum, KIF Chairman, with a tribute of silence for departed members. The agenda included reports from Dr. Zev Harel, KIF President, and Mr. Elias Cala, KIF Treasurer. Mr. Cala answered questions concerning the financial status and Mr. Bob Birnbaum stated that the profits from the annual picnic are split equally between KIF and SGKI. Following the reports, Mr. Bob Birnbaum presided over the elections. Mrs. Betty Berliner presented on behalf of the Nominating Committee, which was chaired by the late Ike Goldstein, the following slate of officers:

President - Dr. Zev Harel,
Vice-President - Mr. Simon Fixler,
Secretary - Mr. Julian Solonitz,
Treasurer - Mr. Elias Cala,
Chairman - Mr. Mike Frum,
Social Chairman - Mr. Henry Miller, and
Historian - Mr. Jack Hennenberg

Following a motion by Mr. Jack Wieder, seconded by Mr. Richard Widman, and a brief discussion, the slate of officers was voted on an unanimously for a two year term. Dr. Zev Harel thanked members for their vote of confidence and the Board of Directors for their work. He asked members to help with the forthcoming activities: a) the annual picnic, on July 3, 1994, including transportation for those who need it; b) the KIF 35th Anniversary which will be held on October 16, 1994; and c) protest demonstrations at Seven Hills against the presence of John Demjanuk there, which are organized by Mr. Bob Birnbaum. The meeting was followed by lunch, which was organized by Mr. Steve Slomovitz and Mr. Henry Miller.

The traditional Annual Memorial Service for victims of the Holocaust is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 1994 - 2:00 p.m. at Zion Memorial Cemetery. This Annual Memorial Service will be co-chaired by Mr. Herman Frank and Mr. Avi Goldman. The planning of the program is in process. As part of the Memorial Service, members of the allied forces that fought in World War II, including the fallen heroes, will also be recognized and honored.

Each year, the Kol Israel Foundation, Sisterhood and Second Generation hold a memorial service at which survivors and the Jewish community honor the memory of the six million Holocaust victims. This year, in addition to honoring victims of the Holocaust, the survivor community will pay special tribute to members of the Allied forces who helped defeat Nazi Germany.

Accordingly, the memorial service will include presentation of colors by the Jewish War Veterans and by the U.S. Joint Service Color Guard, and presentation of the flags of countries that fought against the Nazis and liberated survivors at various concentration camps.

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The memorial service is one of several activities planned for 1994/95 in which survivors and the Jewish community-at-large will pay tribute to the Allied forces' acts of bravery.

Allied governments, including the U.S., did very little to save Jews during World War II. Nonetheless, survivors are eternally thankful to those brave individuals, groups and communities who helped them survive during World War II, often at great risk to themselves.

Special tribute will be paid to those who liberated survivors at various death camps and concentration camps. In all, survivors were liberated in more than 70 camps. Liberators included soldiers from the U.S., the former Soviet Union, Poland, Yugoslavia, France, Italy, Great Britain, Canada and New Zealand, as well as those in Western European resistance movements.

Survivors also want to recognize the brave acts of Jews who were members of various underground and resistance movements, and those who served with the Jewish Brigade. The 32 Jews from Eretz Israel who parachuted into Nazi-occupied Europe to help save Jews, and especially the seven who fell there - Enzo Chayim Sereni, the group leader; Zvi Ben Yaakov, Abba Berditchev, Peretz Goldstein, Haviva Reich, Raphael Reiss, and Chana Senesch - also deserve special recognition.

We denounce those who masterminded and participated in the murderous Nazi assaults against Jewish life and culture and pay tribute to those who aided our struggle and made our survival possible. To those who are alive today, we say thank you from the depth of our hearts. For those who lost their lives while fighting or attempting to save and rescue Jews, we honor your blessed memories along with the memories of our lost loved ones.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. at the commemorative monument at Zion Cemetery, 5461 Northfield Rd,

KOL ISRAEL AT 35

JACOB HENNENBERG HISTORIAN

October 16, 1994 the 35th Anniversary Banquet took place at the Green Road Synagogue. 230 persons attended the banquet, including Congressman Eric Fingerhut and Beachwood Mayor Harvey Friedman. Chairman Simon Fixler opened the ceremony by asking for one minute of silence in memory of the members of the Kol Israel Foundation that are no longer with us. Jacob Hennenberg introduced the commemorative book. Rose Kaplowitz, President of the Sisterhood, and Avi Goldman, President of the Second Generation, spoke. Bob Birnbaum, Chairman, recognized the honorees. Special recognition was given to:

Rabbi Avi Weiss -

for exemplary leadership, dedication and actions in areas of concern to Holocaust survivors; and for friendship and support for our organization, the Kol Israel Foundation

Mr. Raymond Vasvary -

for dedication and leadership in civil liberties and justice; and for extensive legal work to assure our rights to demonstrate at Seven Hills

Mr. Charles Caputo -

for dedication and relentless work in the development and organization of Holocaust education at the high school level

Rabbi Isidore Pickholtz -

for leadership in the development of Holocaust education in Cleveland and for friendship and support for our organization, the Kol Israel Foundation

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky -

for exemplary dedication and leadership in Holocaust education and commemoration; for leadership in the development and organization of journeys of conscience; and for dedication and relentless work to establish a Holocaust Education Center in Cleveland

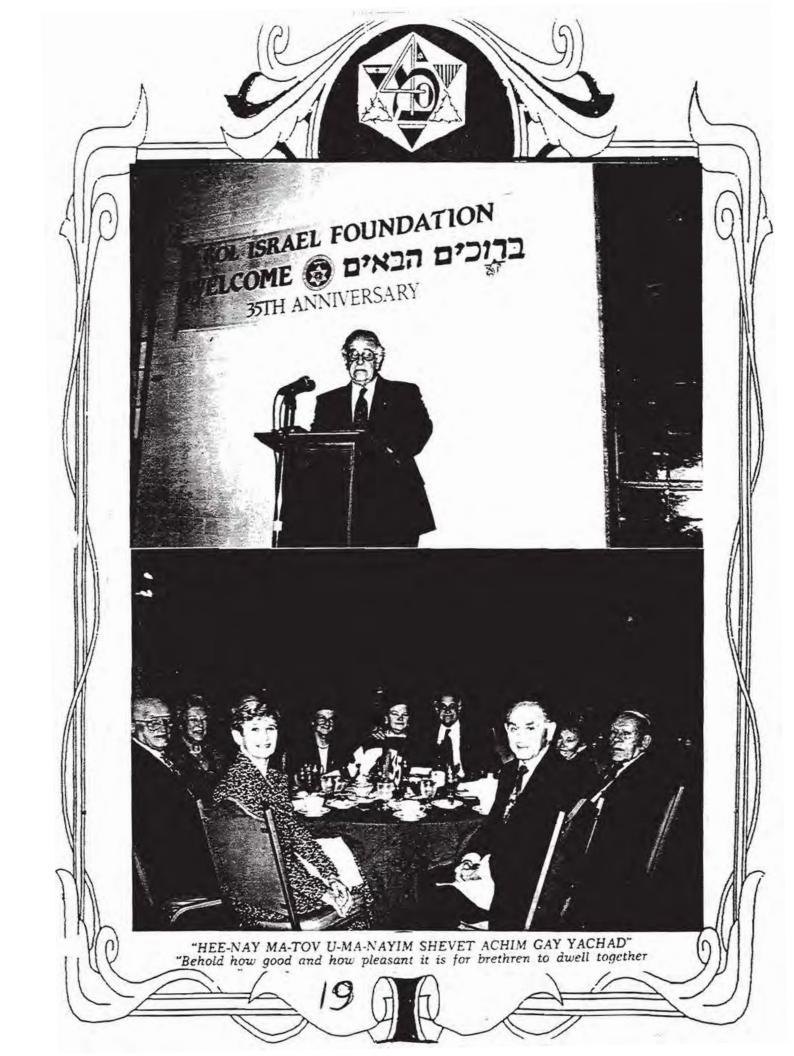
Mrs. Bea Stadtler -

for exemplary dedication and leadership in Holocaust education and commemoration; and for dedication and relentless work to establish a Holocaust Education Center in Cleveland.

Jack Wieder introduced the key note speaker, Albert Ratner, C.E.O., Forest City Enterprises, Inc. The music was terrific, and everyone had a good time.

Dr. Zev Harel, President, The Kol Israel Foundation, with his closing remarks, gave credit to all for making this event a huge success.





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July 28, 1994

Dr. Zev Harel
President
Kol Israel Foundation
P.O. Box 21146
Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Dear Dr. Harel:

On behalf of the citizens of the 19th Congressional District, it is my honor and privilege to be able to extend greetings to the Kol Israel Foundation on the occasion of its 35th Anniversary Celebration.

Your dedication to the meaning of the Holocaust and to the support of its survivors is well known. Your commitment will help ensure that such a tragedy never happens again. May you go from strength to strength.

Sincerelyyour

ERIC D. FINGERHUY

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INSIGHT

Kol Israel's unique banquet

Touching tributes, poignant photos, searing memories, and the minutiae of daily life fill these journals.

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etters from George Bush, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, President Kaatzir of Israel, Howard Metzenbaum and Elie Wiesel.

A picture of General Dwight Eisenhower at a concentration camp.

Family memorials to Itchak and Mindle Frank, Sam Berry, the Kahn family, Leon Bergrin, Chaim Kuricki, Marcel Friedman, and many other Holocaust survivors.

A Cry of Anguish To Our President: "That Place, Mr. President, Is Not Your Place!" (a reference to President Ronald Reagan's much-criticized visit to the cemetery at Bitburg, Germany, where many SS are buried).

An essay about Jews by Mark Twain.

The places and dates of concentration camp revolts.

All of the above and much more are contained in an impressive commemorative paperback book recently issued by the Kol Israel Foundation, an organization founded in Cleveland in 1959 by survivors of the Holocaust.

The publication, distributed at Kol Israel's 35th anniversary banquet, is not like run-of-the-mill fund-raising patron books usually distributed at banquets. It is in a larger format than most patron booklets and 500 pages long! It is like a giant scrapbook full of individual memorials to deceased family members, clippings of current articles related to Jewish affairs, notes about Jewish life in various European cities, letters from public figures, and reports of contributions Kol Israel made to Israel.

The cover is decorated with a specially designed logo by Jacob Hennenberg, who is Kol Israel historian, editor of the four memorial books to date, and author of many of the historical articles.



"From the start I had an agreement with Kol Israel that if I edited the journals, they must have worthwhile content in them, not just commercial ads," says Hennenberg, the driving force behind the publications, which he calls journals.



Hennenberg has spoken more than 100 times about his experiences in the Holocaust to local schools and colleges. Born in the city of Oswiecim, renamed Auschwitz by the Nazis, Hennenberg and his family were ghettoized in 1939 when he was 17. Of his parents and his four sisters, only he and one sister survived. He was brought to this country by Eugene and Mina Freedheim, the late parents of Donald Freedheim, president of the CJN board of trustees.

In the process of editing the first journal, Hennenberg became convinced that the journals could serve not only as records of past atrocities and current Jewish affairs, but as memorials to some of the millions of Holocaust victims whose graves remain unmarked. To this end, he has urged that Kol Israel members and others buy pages

An impressive commemorative 500-page book recently issued by the Kol Israel Foundation.

in the journals to memorialize their loved ones. The current journal is supported almost entirely by such tributes.

The first journal, published on the occasion of Kol Israel's 18th anniversary in 1980, is a slim edition with greetings from many local merchants. But there are also items such as "The History of Oswiecim-Auschwitz," a thank-you letter from American Red Magen David for Israel to Kol Israel for the gift of an ambulance, pictures of Cleveland area survivors praying at the Western Wall, and of the Memorial to Jewish Martyrs erected by Kol Israel at Mt. Zion Cemetery in May 1961.

The second book, which celebrates the organization's 21st anniversary, more fully realizes Hennenberg's goal. There are fewer commercial ads and more historical articles, news clippings (many from the CJN) and tributes. The Aaron and Lola Glicksman family, for example, recalls some kindnesses paid their parents at the Bensburg ghetto in 1941. There are tributes to the Akst and Gips families, to Abe Eliezzer and Taubcia Hennenberg, Joshua Cyncynatus, Benjamin and Bertha Schreiber, and many others.

Among the many items in the second edition are a picture of the "symbolic" cemetery for 750,000 Jews at Treblinka; an article about the Polish city of Czestochowa, which had a Jewish population of over 28,000 in 1939, but by 1943 counted "only those few who succeeded in hiding from the murdering rampages of the departing Nazis until they were liberated by the advancing Russian army." Also included is the story of what happened to the Jews of Lodz, Poland, who numbered 233,000 at the beginning of World War II.

"When the Russian army arrived on Jan. 19, 1945, they found 870 Jews in the city ..."

At the 30th anniversary banquet in 1989, the third edition of the book appeared. This one is larger in size and contains twice as many pages as the first two books. It includes memorials to the Wieder family, to Itchak and Mindle Frank, Mordechi and Liba Gelbart, Issac and Regina Greenwald, Mark Moss, and many others. The story of the Jews of Krakow, Poland, by Clevelander William Burstyn, describes how the city's Jews were reduced by 60,000 in 1938 to 4,000 in 1955. There are highlights in Jewish history, protests against Ronald Reagan's tribute at Bitburg, the Plain Dealer's editorial on the subject, and a plaintive poem by Herman Taube. It refers to one hair in a pile of hair taken from gaschamber victims. The poem reads in part:

Forgive me for being personal, sir have you someone dear Who has long hair? Please, when you see them Touch them.
Think of me, remember me.
A little hair
In the corner
Of a showcase
In Auschwitz.

For financial reasons, the fourth book wasn't printed on glossy paper, so the pictures are not as clear as one would wish.

The journals are not the work of professionals. There is no apparent order to the collection and the first three journals didn't even have numbered pages. But they are full of surprises – touching tributes, poignant photos, searing memories.

Overall, the journals don't convey feelings of defeat or self-pity. They are filled with articles about protests and picketing (many related to accused Nazi John Demjanjuk of Seven Hills), and marches against anything that smells of Holocaust revisionism or the rise of new fascist threats.

Perhaps the feeling conveyed by the journals is best summarized by an inscription on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, Germany, where Jews hid from the Nazis:

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining

I believe in love when feeling it not

I believe in God even when He is silent.

And, throughout the journals, there are minutes of meetings, announcements of picnics and banquets – as life goes on.

Meanwhile, Hennenberg is working on Journal Five which, he says with a smile, may contain 1,000 pages.



Aguardians of 2mory

A half-century after the Nazi genocide, the Cleveland Holocaust Center will ensure the lessons aren't lost to future generations.

by Michael von Glahn, photography by Herbert Ascherman Jr.

he logo of the Holocaust Memorial.' seum in Washington, D.C. includes motto: "For the dead and the living must bear witness." That is the goal of Cleveland Holocaust Center Inc., an organtion with the goal of creating for the Clevel area a central resource facility for educat about the Holocaust.

Next year will mark the fiftieth anniv sary of the end of World War II, the fiftieth niversary of the liberation of the death car. As the ranks of the soldiers have thin with time, so have the numbers of Holoca survivors



The prime movers behind the Cleveland Holocaust Center: (L to R) Dr. Zev Harel, CHC president Irving Bergrin and Leatrice Rabinsky, Cleveland Heights High School teacher who has conducted seminars in teaching the Holocaust for Northern Ohio educate



זכרונם לברכה

HONORING THE MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

JOSEF AND BERTA HERSKOVITS

OUR GRANDPARENTS

MR. AND MRS. MORRIS HERSKOVITS and MR. AND MRS. MOSHE GROSFELD,

and Other Members of the

HERSKOVITS AND GROSSFELD FAMILIES

Who were killed by the Nazis and their collaborators

AND RECENTLY DEPARTED UNCLE AND BROTHER MORRIS HERSKOVITS

BERNICE AND ZEV HAREL
(Herskovits)

AND DAUGHTERS, HADASS AND NAOMI

"ליבי במזרח ־ ואני בסוף מערב" "My heart is in the east - yet I find myself in the far west."

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

October 11, 1994

I am delighted to honor the Kol Israel Foundation as you celebrate your thirty-fifth anniversary.

One of the most rewarding of human experiences is coming together with people who share common experiences and interests. For thirty-five years, the Kol Israel Foundation has maintained and built upon the ideals of understanding and mutual respect. The strength of your organization today is a testament to the community spirit of your founders and to your ongoing commitment to your shared goals.

I congratulate you on your achievement, and I extend best wishes for many years of continuing success.





זכרונם לברכה

IN MEMORY OF MY PARENTS

- A Psein to David Adonos is ins shephere, I shall face nothing a in lush pastures me nuses me lie. beside tranquit waters. He leads me 5 My wul, He resores. He circus ine in pains of righteousness for the sake of His Name 4 Though | walk in the valles of the Miadow of death. I will lear no evil for you are with me. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me 5 his prepare a table for me on the full presence of my enemies. You announce my head with on me cup overflows w. Mass only good and kindness pursue me and the cars of my me. and I shall dwell in the House of Adonos for lone care

א מומור קור יהוה רכי לא אחקרו ב בנאות בשא ווביקה עליםי שמות ישבעי: ב ;פשי ישוכב במוני בפשלי בים לבען שכו: - ta c... x21 ביא גנבניי לא־אירא דב כראפה בסד שבטו ומשאנקי הקה (אוקני) ה משרך לפני שלמו עד צונד רשנה בשכן ראשי ביכי רבה: נ אַדְּוֹ סוב וַקַּפַר יודיפוני בליים חניי ושבת בביה יהנה לארד נסים:



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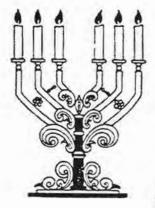


HENOCH HENNENBERG



יהוה רעי לא אחקר: ב בנאות דֶשא יוְבִיצְּדְי צליםי כנחות ישקלני: ב. נפשי ישובב בחני בקעולייצוק לכען שכו: ד נם כראלף בניא צלקנה לא־אַירָא רָע כּי־אָתָה עַסְּרִי שבשך ומשענתר תפה ינחפני: ה מערף לפני שלחן עד צרך רשנת בשכן ראשי בוסי רויה: אף ו סוב החסד ירדפוני בלייםי חיי ושבתי בבית־יהוה לאַרֶדְ יָפִים:

א. מוכור לדוד





נמטר בשט בן פת שנה יב אייו

חנוך הלך למרומים בזקנתו הדריך בני ביתו בישרתו עניים ורלים סמך בחמלתו נבון וחכם ה' כל ימי היותו קוגנו בניו ונכדיו על מותו כל ימיו רבק בצריקים באמונתו

וואולקאן

This stone was found on July 25, 1979, in the Jewish Cemetery in Oswiecim (Auschwitz), Poland.

אייביק וועלן מיר געדעוקען



אייביק וועלן מיר געדעוקען ... די גיבורים און קדושים פון אונדזער פאלק... זכרונם לברכה



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



If you do not respect your parents, your children will not respect you. (Maimonides)



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We are privileged to organize a unique lifetime pilgrimage, a Journey of Conscience, Sunday, June 25, 1995 to Sunday, July 16, 1995. This journey will trave to sites of the Holocaust in Europe and to Israel, Land of Rebirth. For survivors of the Holocaust and their adult children the triumph of this visit is the acknowledgment the "Mir Zinen Doh"-"We are Here." For students and for all of us the journey is the fulfillment of the legacy, "Zachor,"-"Remember." The visit to Israel is the ultimate expression of renewal.

Our itinerary includes Holland, Denmark, Austria, Czech Republic, Poland ar Israel. Enclosed is a tentative itinerary. Cedar Center Travel is arranging our itinerary. The Journey of Conscience will be limited to thirty people. Cost of the Journey, which includes air and land arrangements, hotel and breakfast is \$4,400.00.

Early registration will insure maximum consideration. To reserve your place c this Journey of Conscience please send a deposit check for \$350.00 by February 13, 199 to:

Journey of Conscience Cedar Center Travel 13882 Cedar Road University Heights, Ohio 44118

Please make checks payable to Cedar Center Travel. Fill in the enclosed car and return with your remittance.

The importance of the Journey of Conscience is what we are doing for ourselv and for future generations, "to free mankind from ignorance, to remind the world of the oppressor's brutality which enslaved us and still threatens mankind, but to come face face with hope and renewal which was sown by the victims of oppression and which may yet save the new generations from another Holocaust."

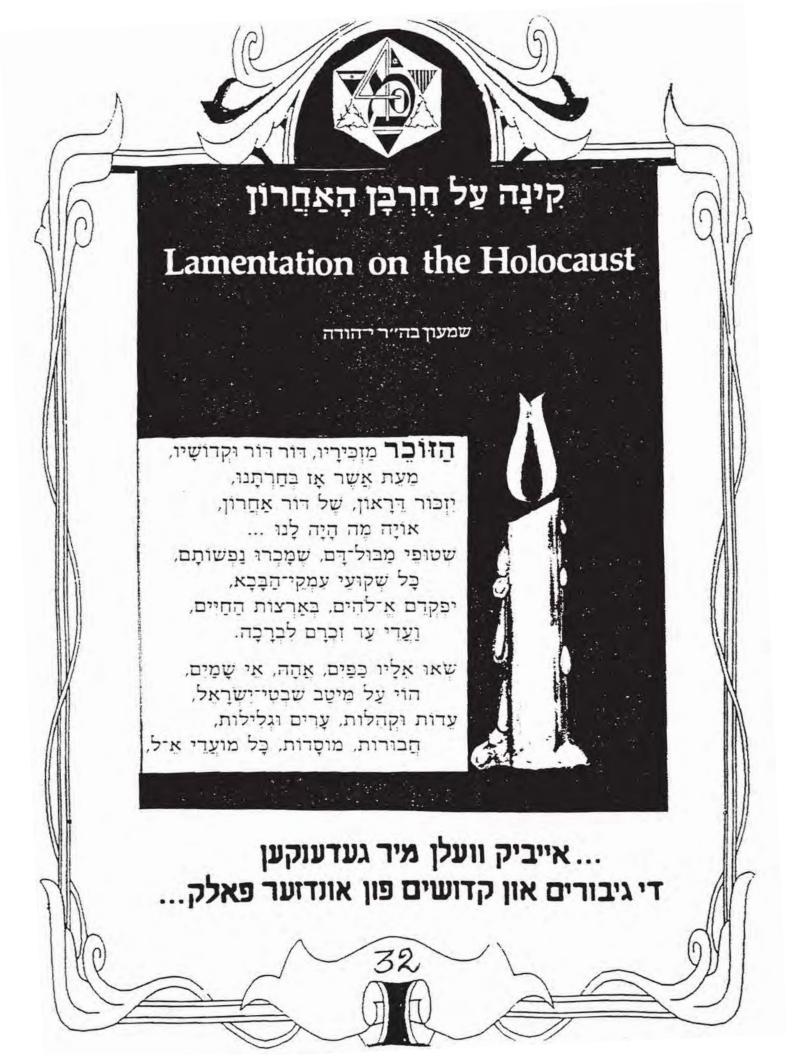
With warm good wishes,

Leatrice B. Rabinsky, Ph.D. Journey Organizer, Leader

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Suppose they killed

By JOSEPH F. KELLY

Recently I received in the mail a pamphlet by an anonymous author who attacked the establishment of the new Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., and then criticized American Jewish groups for promoting interest in the Nazi massacre of the Jews while ignoring other similar tragedies. Toward the end of the pamphlet the author pulled out the last stop, namely, that she or he did not believe that the Holocaust had ever occurred or, if it did, the number of victims involved was far less than the 6 million commonly supposed.

The pamphlet received a place in the waste basket, but it led me to think that such a work gains currency not just because it plays upon some people's fears and prejudice, but also because it seems to raise "legitimate" questions, such as, are the victims' numbers correct and why does one terrible event command so much publicity compared to others.

Clearly one professor cannot do much to stem a tide of prejudice or ignorance, but I, as a non-Jew, would like to address these questions which Jewish authors can address only by running the risk of looking partisan.

Most scholars ignore the Holocaust revisionists, considering them to be a fringe group, but my friend and colleague, Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, assured me that many Jews worry that the revisionists' views may attain some credibility precisely because so few people do answer them. To meet this, Arthur and I decided he should offer a course on the Holocaust in our department at John Carroll University, which would make it clear that we take the Holocaust seriously and believe that our students should know about it.

To be sure, almost everyone be-

lieves that the Holocaust did occur, but what about the numbers — cannot they be inflated? We must realize that this is primarily a defensive argument by the revisionists. If they cannot convince people that the Holocaust did not happen, maybe they can convince them that it was not as extensive. But even if it is a defensive argument, might it not yet be true?

The only answer can be that this is not a real question or even a relevant one. The revisionists are not interested in numerical accuracy but rather in diminishing the Holocaust, and that demonstrates the sheer vileness of this approach.

Let us assume that future generations of Holocaust scholars conclude that the numbers were excessive; let us go further and assume that the numbers were off by 50 percent, that is, there were 3 million victims instead of 6 million. Does this mean that the Nazis were less horrible or the magnitude of the act less criminal because they killed only 3 million Jews?

The sheer obscenity of the question obviates the need for an answer. The revisionist position has no claim to scholarship; it is an anti-Semitic sham.

What of the other half of the argument, why the Nazi massacre is so well known while other similar events are not? There are several reasons for this, not the least of which is the extraordinary documentation available for the Holocaust and the desire of Jews to make this event known and remembered. While I believe that no deed of this nature, for example, the genocide in Rwanda, should ever be forgotten, there is good reason for Gentiles, and especially Christians, to remember the Holocaust.

r'ew Americans know much history

OUR GREATEST GLORY CONSISTS NOT IN NEVER FALLING, BUT IN RISING EVERY TIME WE FALL.



Not even a name remained soci

RALPH E LOEWE Freelance Writer

know him only as an acquaintance from the men's locker room at the Jewish Community Center.

He's short, square-built, bald, with an Eastern Eur-

opean accent. He likes to tell jokes and to talk about women. He's looking for just the right woman. Been looking since his wife died about 10 years ago.

As I walked into the locker room the other day, I overheard him concluding a conversation with another man. "If the Red Cross hadn't left a message for me, I wouldn't have thought nothing about it."

The other man left, and I asked my acquaintance what had happened.

"Somebody told me that the Red Cross helps you find lost relatives," he said. "That's the first time I ever heard they did it. So I called them a couple of weeks ago and told them about my brother. We lived in the Ukraine. It

"I thought maybe, maybe, they could have some word of him, even if he was dead."

was in 1941. My brother got drafted in the Russian army just before the Nazis came. The Nazis encouraged the Ukrainians they should have a pogrom, and I saw some Ukrainians go into my neighbors' home and throw their bodies on the street. I don't know why they didn't come for us.

"There were seven of us in my family. I was the youngest. The Nazis shot my sister. She was 16. They took my mother and father, my brothers and me. They all died in the camps. I almost died more than once.

"I asked the Red Cross to look for my brother. Years ago I looked at the lists in Israel. I looked and asked everywhere for my brother in those days.

"I found a message on my tape last night to call the Red Cross. I got so exited. Why did they leave a message if they didn't have something to tell me? I got so excited I was up all night. I thought maybe, maybe, they could have some word of him, even if he was dead. I even thought about the party I would throw (if he was alive).

"This morning I called them. They said they couldn't even find his name no place." He shook his head despairingly from side to side."

"It was 53 years ago," I said.

"Not even a name," he replied as he walked away.
"Not even a name."

Social Evening

December 24, 1994, 8:00 p.m.

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Featuring 10th Anniversary Banquet Movie of the Kol Israel and Sisterhood members

Food will be served.

Call Simon Fixler, 473-5373 or Steve Slomovitz, 292-7621.

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Jacob Hennenberg
Survivor of Seven Concentration and Labor Camps
Holocaust Archivist, Lecturer, Philatelist





Mr. Hennenberg shares Challah and Matzoh covers he commissioned to to be made from army flour sacks after the war.

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EVERLASTING FAITH

THE HOLOCAUST AND HALACHA

Mr. Hennenberg at "Ohel" of his great grandfather, Rabbi Solomon Bochner, b. 1757, first Rabbi of Chrzanow, Poland

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City of Cleveland

MICHAEL R. WHITE, MAYOR

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY

GREETINGS:

I am honored to join with the citizens of our All-America City to extend this warm expression of recognition to the officers and members of the Kol Israel Foundation on the occasion of their 35th anniversary. The Kol Israel Foundation has worked tirelessly to remind all our citizens of the atrocities committed by Nazi Germany and their collaborators and to remind us that each of us must remain eternally vigilant against hatred and inhumanity.

It is important that all of us in the Greater Cleveland community join with our Jewish brothers and sisters in supporting the noble goals of the Kol Israel Foundation. The organization serves as a reminder that we must honor the memory of those who perished and work together to ensure that we learn from the tragic lessons of the past.

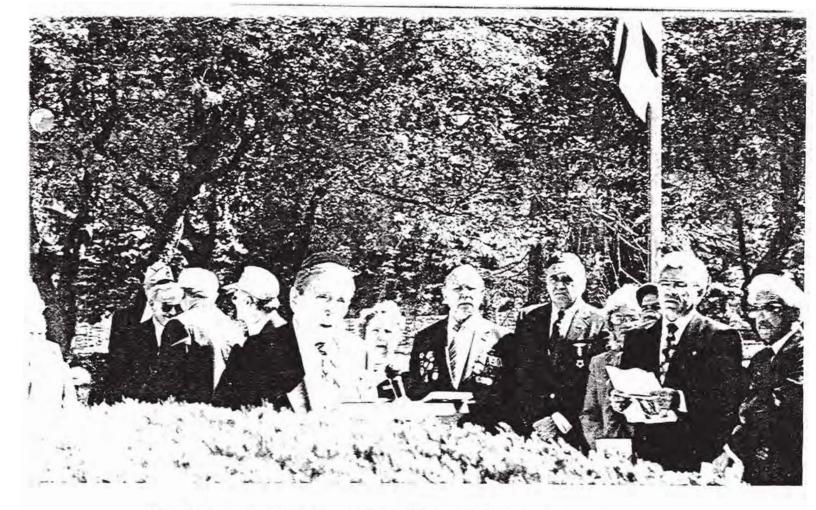
I am delighted to salute Zev. Harel, Ph.D., President, and all members of the Kol Israel Foundation on this special day. It is my hope that, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust we will strive always to overcome prejudice and cruelty through education, vigilance and resistance.

Sincerely,

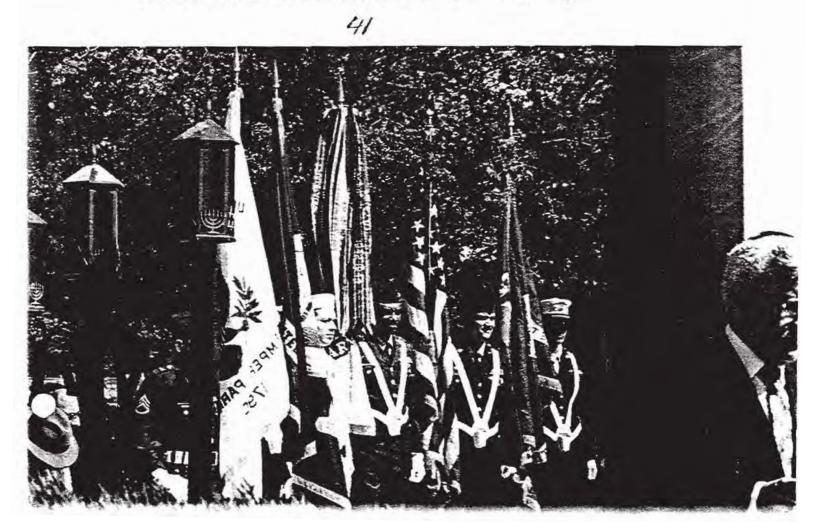
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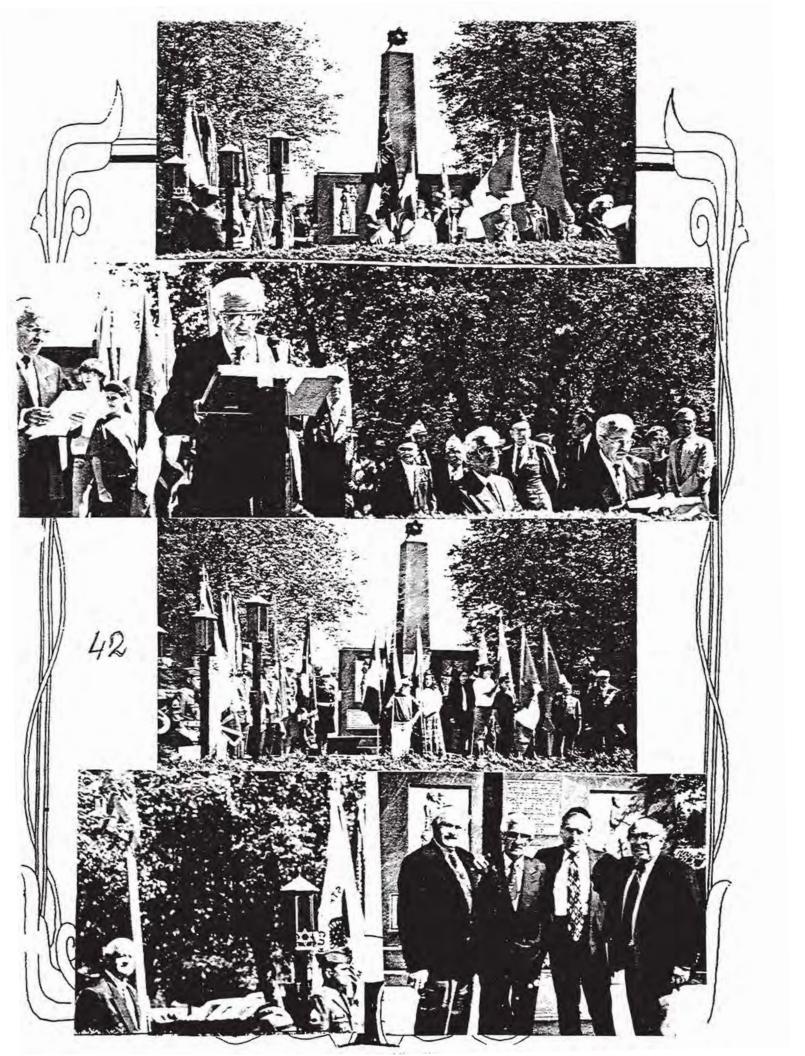
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1994 Memorial Service at Zion Memorial Cemetery.

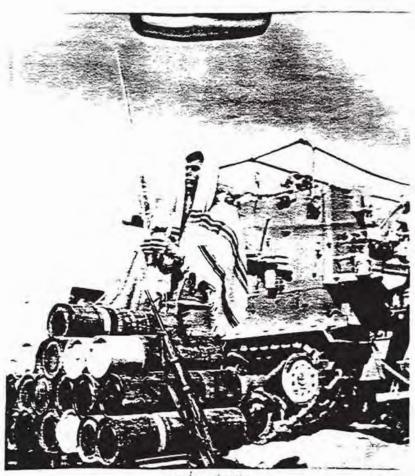






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מוסור לדוד

יָהוָה רעי לא אָחְסָר:

בָּנְאוֹת דֶשָּׁא יַרְבִּיצָנִי עַלֹּ־מֵי מְנָחוֹת יְנַהַלְנִי:

יַנְחַנִי בְּמַעְנָלִי־צֶרָק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ: נַפשי ישובב

נַם כִּי אַלַךְ בְּנֵיא צַלְּמֶנָת לֹא אִירָא רָע כִּי אַחָּה עִמְּדִי

שַּׁבְשְׁד וּמִשְׁעַנְתָּך הַמְּשׁבְיָב בְּשְׁבִין:

תַּצֵרֹךְ לְפָנֵי שֶׁלְחָן נֵגָד צרְרָי

דַשַּׂנְתָּ בַשֵּׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי כּוֹסִי רְוָיָה:

אַך טוֹב וָחֶסֶד וִרְדְפּוּנִי כָּל־יְמֵי חַיָּי

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of . . ."



In Memoriam

לברבה ה זכרונו

IN MEMORY OF A DEAR HUSBAND.

FATHER AND GRANDFATHER,

LEON MEYER

. A Psaint to David. Adonov is one shepherd, I shall lack nothing.

> t. In lush passures He makes me he. beside tranquil waters. He leads me. 3. My soul. He restores.

He directs ine in paths of righteousness for the sake of His Name

4. Though I walk in the valley of the sliadow of death. will tear no ent tor You are with me. Your rod and Your stati, they comton me 5. Sinu prepare a table for me its the tall presence at my enemies.

o (Mari only good and kindness pursue me

ב נפשי ישובב בשנה בסמוני בוק יסען שמו: 17K -- 12 --כניא גלקוח לא־אירַא רַע כּ־אָתָה צַּמְּרַי

א. מומור לנה

יהנה רעי לא אחסר:

ב בנאות דקא יודינו פליםי סבחות יהילף:

בכסך וכשענון השה ההקליו: ה משרך לפני ו שלחו

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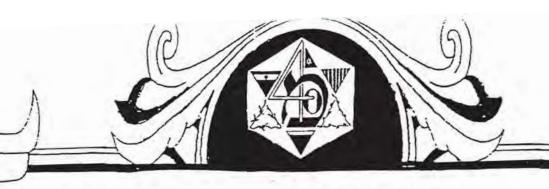
ב אדו סוב חוסד ידדפורי

כלייםי חד ושבתי בבית יהוה

לאנד יםים:

WIFE PAULA SON HENRY DAUGHTER LEA SON-IN-LAW HARVEY HORWITZ GRANDCHILDREN

House and wealth are inherited from our fathers: but a sensible wife (Proverbs 19:14) is a gift from the Lord.



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Demjanjuk protest case goes to court of appeals

Clevelanders who either support or oppose the right of accused Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk to remain in this country should be able to demonstrate in front of his Seven Hills home at the same time. This is what American Civil Liberties Union cooperating attorney Raymond Vasvari argued yesterday (Thursday) during oral arguments in front of a three-judge panel of the Eighth District Court of Appeals.

In December 1993, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge Daniel Gaul found a city of Seven Hills ordinance banning all picketing in residential areas to be unconstitutional. At the time, however, the judge placed restrictions on the public demonstrations in front of Demjanjuk's home. The restrictions include no simultaneous protesting by pro- and anti-Demjanjuk groups; picketing during two, two-hour time slots; and a limit of 25 protestors at any one time. These remain in place today.

The ACLU, representing New York ac-

tivist Rabbi Avi Weiss, who spearheaded the protests in front of the Demjanjuk home, was generally pleased with Gaul's decision overturning the Seven Hills ordinance.

However, "We think that the trial judge overstepped his constitutional boundaries" in forbidding simultaneous protesting," the ACLU's Vasvari told the CJN this week.

The city of Seven Hills appealed Judge Gaul's ruling in an effort to keep the picketing ordinance on its books. A decision by the appeals court will be issued within the next two months.

When Demjanjuk returned to Cleveland on Sept. 22, 1993, daily, and then weekly, protests by about a dozen protestors occurred. Demonstrations continue about once every other week, although protestors, many of whom are elderly Holocaust survivors, take a hiatus during the cold winter months, according to Zev Harel, president of Kol Israel Foundation.

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NCSY will honor Malcmachers

Dr. Louis and Chanie Malcmacher and Dr. Malcmacher's parents, Lola and Morry Malcmacher, will be honored at a champagne brunch sponsored by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. at Green Road Synagogue.

Dr. Malcmacher served as Central East regional president of NCSY as a senior in high school and has maintained his involvement in the organization. He is a graduate of Yeshiva University and has continued to study the Torah while managing his dental practice. Chanie Malcmacher worked for NCSY before her marriage and has remained active in NCSY.

The Malcmachers will be presented with the Scroll of Honor Award during the event. Rabbi Hosson Scherman will be the keynote speaker.

Morry and Judy Weiss chair the brunch. The tribute committee is chaired by Dr. Zelig Schur. Members are Dr. Mark Berkowitz, Reuven Dessler, Jonathan Heifetz, Calvin Kirchick and Gary Weiss. Call 382-9650.



Morry and Lola Malcmacher, and children, Chanie and Dr. Louis Malcmacher, will be honored by NCSY at a brunch on Feb. 5.

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Almost 50 years have past until I have been able to write my story of how I survived the holocaust. Even writing it now is very hard, but I want to let future generations know how horrible the holocaust was and how I survived. Even so, this writing is only a very small part of what I endured during the holocaust. I have enough stories and memories to fill up a book.

In 1939, when Germany took over Poland, I was living in a village called Pysznica. This had been my home since birth and at the time of the war I was living in a nice home with my mother, a brother and a sister. I was the youngest of seven children. My oldest brothers and sisters were married with families living elsewhere; two brothers were in the Land of Israel, a sister in Germany, and a sister in Ulanov, Poland. My father had died shortly after I was born.

We lived under German occupation from 1939 to 1942. All the Jewish children were forced to do hard labor for the Germans, such as digging ditches and shoveling snow on the highways. All we had to eat was a slice of bread daily. Everyday at least one person or family was killed from among the Jews.

In 1942, there was Judenfri and the Jewish people that were left in the district were ordered to go to Treblinka. We were told to

leave everything behind and had to walk there without food and water. When we reached the woods the first night I knew that I had to escape to save my life. I took my sister Ryfka and we ran away from the group. My mother had died at home in 1940, and my brother, Itcha, had been captured trying to join the underground and taken to a labor camp. My older sister Frimid, from Ulanov, was with us on the way to Treblinka, but she would not leave her son to escape. She urged us to leave.

My sister, Ryfka, and I walked through farms and villages until we reached a town called Rozwadow. We found that all the Jews there had been killed. We continued walking for about two days until we reached a Jewish ghetto, Sandomierz. We had to cross the river, Wisla, on boat to get there. Before crossing the river I was stopped by the Gestapo. After much discussion, I was able to convince them that I was a Polish farmer. My sister was walking farther behind so as not to draw attention to ourselves, and luckily they did not see her.

We arrived in the Sandomierz ghetto before Sukkot. Even in the Ghetto preparations were being made for the holiday. The talk amongst the people was that everyone from the ghetto was going to be taken out and killed. We had gone from the frying pan to the fire.

We remained in the ghetto for about a week. There we slept 20

people to a room. Once again I knew we had to leave if we were to save our lives. In Pysznica there had been talk that those Jews who were able to volunteer for labor for the Germans would survive.

Somehow, I bought a Baptism certificate.

The Baptism certificate was of a woman from a town, Osimiec, that had been taken over from the Germans. All the Poles from this town were forced to leave. I took the Baptism certificate and went to the Gestapo that was stationed on the outskirts of town. Using my new identity, I told them that I was homeless and so I wanted to work for the Germans. After much discussion, I was given a permit to go to Czestochowa on the train where I was to join a gathering of laborers.

I went back to the ghetto to get my sister, Ryfka. We did not have another certificate, so we decided that she would assume the name of a Polish neighbor in Pysznica. We went to the Gestapo together. I said that she was a friend, and she wanted to work also. They gave her a permit, and we were given a date to depart. A few of our friends from the ghetto escaped with us in this manner.

In Czestochowa, there was a huge Polish army base, that had been taken over by the Germans. After many tests, questions, and examinations we were put into different groups. After a week, our group was told we were going to go to Austria through Czechoslovakia.

Ryvka was in the same group as me.

In Austria we stopped at a concentration camp. There were more exams and questions. I was then sent to a sugar factory for a short while and then to the Heinrich Schmitenberg in Vienna. this had been a Jewish textile factory that had been converted for parts for the German army. Once again my sister was also sent there.

We learned how to operate huge machines. The work on the machines was very hard. We always lived with the fear of being discovered. Many things pointed to our being Jewish. We never received mail from our families like the other Polish girls, and we didn't have a home to go to on leave. One time when I had a fever I was talking in Yiddish in my sleep before a friend woke me up and told me I was talking in a foreign language. Several times we were accused of being Jewish and we had to fight both verbally and physically. My sister was transferred to work nearby but I stayed at the factory until the Russians liberated us in spring of 1945.

After the war it was very difficult under the Russians. I still did not tell anyone I was Jewish. In the fall, I wanted to go back to Poland to see what happened to the rest of our family. We took a train but the train stopped in Budapest. It was not able to go any further due to the bombing. In Budapest, I saw the Red Cross at the station, and told

them I was Jewish.

I stayed in Budapest for two years. I met my husband, Leon, who was also a Holocaust survivor. He had spent part of the war hidden in Budapest by a farmer, after his unit in the Polish Brigade was dispersed. The talk in Budapest, was that those Jews, who wanted to leave should do so soon because Hungary was becoming communist, and would be a closed country. My husband, Ryfka, and I took one of the last transports out of the country back to Austria.

We lived in Vienna for several years. Our oldest son, Henry, was born there. We received papers to America and arrived in Cleveland in 1949. Our daughter Leah was born in Cleveland a few years later.

Not all members of my family were so fortunate. My sister

Frimid and her family were killed in Treblinka. My sister Gitel and
two of her children were sent to the Warsaw Ghetto and were later
killed in Auschwitz. My brother Itcha, died in a labor camp of
typhus. Two of my brothers were in Israel, one of them still had a
wife and daughter in Germany and they were killed.

Today, I am proud that I have four grandchildren who are proud to be Jewish.

Paula Meyer

Town struggles to reconcile anti--Semitism, Jewish tradition

By Frank Bajak

Associated Press

OSWIECIM, Poland — In the desolate January snow, at this place the Germans call Auschwitz, the barking of dogs from nearby homes echoes over the remains of crematoria.

"I can't believe people actually live here," says a young French visitor, gazing at houses just outside the barbed-wire perimeter of the former Nazi death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau

Few visitors notice the town in the shadow of the concentration camp complex, a cemetery for 1.5 million mostly Jewish souls where human ashes still rise to the surface of ponds with spring's thaw.

The camp museum doesn't tell visitors that the Final Solution, which aimed to wipe out European Jews, was a success in Oswiecim, whose prewar population of 10,000 to 15,000 was more than half Jewish.

Today, the town has grown to 50,000 but has just one Jew, a paranoid recluse who survived three concentration camps.

Ceremonies Jan. 26-27 marking the 50th anniversary of the Auschwitz camp's liberation will take place in a city far from being at peace with its past. In much of Poland hostility remains against "outsiders" who would settle here.

Gypsies who came here in the 1960s under orders by Communist authorities were driven out in 1981 by a riotous mob that torched some Gypsy cars and rolled others into the Sola river.

"They shouted 'Gypsy on the pyre and burn!" recalled Roman Kwiatkowski, one of just a handful of Gypsies who have come back. About 20,000 Gypsies were killed at Birkenau.

Local anti-Semitism was aggravated after unrelenting complaints by international Jewish groups finally prompted the Roman Catholic church to remove nuns in 1991 from a convent established next to the former camp.

In 1941, the Nazis moved all Jews out of Oswiecim, where Jews and Poles had coexisted for more than half a millenium.

Many local Jews, like Jacob Hennenberg's father and three of his sisters, would later be transported back and killed at the Hennenberg, a retired Cleveland businessman who survived Nazi labor camps, heads one of two formerly prominent families of Oswiecim Jews trying to regain lost property here.

During the Nazi occupation, the murder taking place across the river was well known to Oswiecim's townsfolk, many of whom worked in the German-built I.G. "His bro him to move operates today."

"You can't describe the stench of burning humans," said Wladislaw Kaminski, 67, who toiled at a Nazi factory and now works at an international youth center paid for with German funds.

Townsfolk washed with soap the Germans made from the fat of humans killed at the camp and stamped with RJF for "Reines Judisches Fett" — pure Jewish fat. Many knew exactly where it came from. But there was no other soap.

Some took noble risks, feeding emaciated prisoners or joining underground resistance cells.

But a 1988-89 study led by Andrzej Paluch of Jagiellonian University in Krakow and Jonathan Webber, director of Judaic Studies at Oxford University, found strong anti-Semitism among more than half of the 70 older residents they interviewed.

All the interviewees, who were at least 15 when the Nazis invaded Poland, knew murder was going on but most didn't differentiate between the Final Solution and the overall horror of the camps.

Decades of Communist propaganda understating the Jewish genocide and distortion by anti-Semitic Catholic clergymen further skewed these people's understanding of what really happened, Paluch said.

Most of the estimated 250,000 Polish Jews who survived the war emigrated to Israel or the United States, frightened after 42 Jews were hacked to death in Kielce, Poland in 1946 in what became known as Europe's last pogrom.

"There were also small pogroms in many towns, including Krakow, with one or two killed. And the fear spread very rapidly that Jews would be killed if they tried to get back their property." Webber said in a telephone interview.

Toperty here. In Oswiecim, Poles moved into During the Nazi occupation, the the homes of their Jewish

Only Szymon Klinger came back

"His brother keeps trying to get him to move to America but he refuses. He says, 'I was born here. I will die here." said 84-year-old Stanislaw Neuman, one of just four people Oswiecim's lone Jew

Even so, there is change in the

speaks to.

In 1992, Miroslaw Ganobis founded a Polish-Israeli friendship society. As a child, the 24-year-old Ganobis had heard tales of friendly prewar Jewish-Polish relations from his grandmother but never

met a Jew.

With only membership fees for funding, the group has been restoring an old yeshiva, where they discovered sodden and frayed Hebrew holy books stashed under attic floorboards.

It also wants to resurrect a prayer house now used as a rug wholesale outlet and renovate the prewar Jewish cemetery.

Los Angeles attorney Stephen



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Traffic passes a dilapidated tenement building in Oswiecim, Poland, which is in the shadow of the notorious Nazi Auschwitz-Birkenau deathcamp.



Dr. Zev Harel and Jacob Hennenberg speaking of the 50th anniversary of the Liberation of the K.Z. Auschwitz on T.V. Newscenter 8.

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Wexberg and Gray named to lead 1995 Yom Yashoa







Gray

Marcia J. Wexberg and Anita Gray have been named co-chairpersons of the 1995 Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration of the Holocaust and Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The 52nd annual commemoration will be held Wednesday, April 26, at Park Synagogue.

Wexberg, co-chairperson of last year's program, is an attorney, author, and lecturer. She serves on the board of trustees of the Benjamin Rose Institute, Anshe Chesed-Fairmount Temple, and the Cleveland Holocaust Center, and volunteers with the Women's Community Founda-

tion, the Red Cross and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

Gray is general co-chairperson of the Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal and former chairperson of JCF's Community Relations Committee. In 1991, she assisted at Operation Solomon when 14,200 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel in one day, and recently accompanied almost 200 people to Israel from Uzbekistan, a region of Russia.

Recipient of JCF's Kane Young Leadership Award in 1985 and the Weiner Young Campaigner of the Year in 1988, she is the vice chairperson of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, serves on the board of governors of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and is a leader in the United Jewish Appeal and Council of Jewish Federations.

The Yom Hashoa program is coordinated each year by the Jewish Community Center, and is co-sponsored by more than 50 area organizations.

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Things I remember about PASSOVER

PASSOVER ALONG THE RAILROAD TRACKS BETWEEN BUCHENWALD AND DACHAU

It was on my birthday, Dec. 7, 1944, that the order came from the Germans to evacuate all labor camps from Budapest.

They marched us to the Ferenc Varosi (freight train) station; the Hungarian gendarmes pushing us into the cattle cars with their machine guns. The journey took some 18 days until we finally arrived at Buchenwald. Of the 82 men in our car, I was among the 35 who were strong enough to leave on our own. The rest were pulled out by their feet by the sonder commando.

We got our hair cut and showered with disinfectant, which took about 15 minutes. We were dressed in striped uniforms, each with a number. Mine was 27536.

Five days later they again put us into cattle cars, and a week later, we arrived in Ofenburg. A sergeant came to our train asking for shoemakers, carpenters, tailors. I said, "Ich bin ein schumacher" and so I became "der schuster" (the shoemaker). The rest of them, about 350, worked at the railroad tracks. The labor was very hard, 18 hours a day for a little soup and a slice of bread.

 Every morning, the American planes dropped bombs; many in our group died from the bombs, as well as from starvation.

In the broken cattle car wagons were sacks of wheat. Everybody filled his pockets with wheat. Some ate it raw; some cooked it.

One in our group was an older man from my hometown, Sighet. I knew him very well. His name was Itzik Maier, a very religious man. He took small amounts of wheat in a cloth and crushed the wheat with a stone against the train rails to make flour.

Itzik Maier approached me to say that Pesach was near -- just three days away. He said, "Since you have privileges to walk freely, I beg you to bring me from the kitchen any vegetables you can get."

I was furious. I told him, "I am afraid. If they catch me, I will be shot." But Itzik did not give up. He showered me with blessings and begged.
"Please, I want to make a seder, please."

So the next day, I took the sack in which I usually carried material or shoes, and went to the kitchen. I filled my sack with beets, carrots, and potatoes.

As Passover drew closer, the train rails were all repaired. We moved along. Everybody was tired from the hard labor, and most of us were asleep. But not Itzik Maier. He was busy. It was the night of the first seder.

Itzik carefully spread out on the table the cooked potatoes, beets, raw carrots -- and three matzos that he had baked on the belly stove in our train car. He covered them with a white piece of cloth.

Itzik started to recite the Haggadah by heart. When he came to the part, "Avodim hoyanu" -- ("We were slaves of Pharoah in Egypt, and the Eternal God brought us from there with a strong arm"), everybody was in tears.



Otto Fuchs, a German artist, painted Sol Feuer in 1945. Feuer met Fuchs in Dachau after the liberation.

Indeed, this night was different from all other nights.

Three days later, the train stopped in Regensburg, Germany, where the station was in ruins. After three days of marching, we arrived at Dachau on April 27. On April 29, 1945, the American angels liberated us.

Only a small number of us survived. The rest died in the march -- including my friend, Itzlk Maier.

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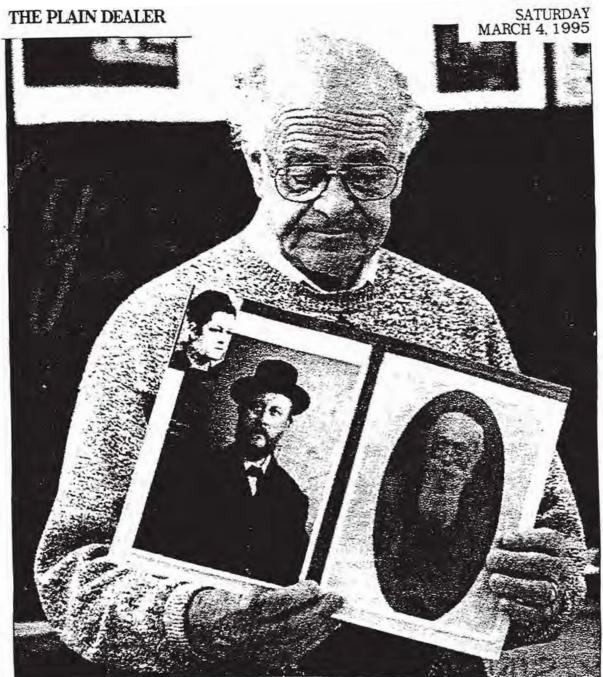
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The Holocaust gets personal

For students, the massacre of millions of Jews in World War II becomes vivid in survivors' words

By AFI-ODELIA E. SCRUGGS
PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS —
Corey Lichtman's family always viewed the Holocaust
from a distance, through documentaries and books, even
though her grandfather's uncle
survived Hitler's massacre of 6
million Jews.

"I never heard his story, even though he escaped," said Lichtman, 17, a senior at Cleveland Heights High School. "We just never talked about it."

But Lichtman, who lost several relatives in the death camps, is taking a class that has opened her eyes. She and other students are spending the semester studying the horror in a special English class called "Literature of the Holocaust."

"I feel privileged to have this experience and to take this class," she said. "I feel that I'm learning what happened to my family that perished."

The course is the brainchild of English teacher Leatrice Rabinsky, who has been teaching it at the high school since 1973.

Rabinsky also co-edited a Holocaust curriculum with Carol Danks, who teaches at T.R. Roosevelt High School in Kent. The curriculum has become the state-approved model for English and social studies classes and is being distributed nationally this year.

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Survivors' words show Holocaust

HOLOCAUST FROM 1-B

The 10 lessons are designed to show the Holocaust was the "result of a carefully-drawn genocidal plan of the legally established government of Germany," according to the introduction. The class shows how that plan led to the deaths of Jews and other so-called undesirables: Gypsies, gays and those who resisted the Nazis.

Rabinsky's high school course addresses those issues through literature of the time and oral history from survivors.

Like her students, Rabinsky experienced the Holocaust through stories of survivors.

This happened to him at our age. It makes me think how one little thing could impact the rest of your life.'

COREY LICHTMAN, student

During World War II, she was a student at Cleveland's Glenville High School. She was not touched personally until the end of the war, when a refugee family settled in Cleveland and she befriended one of the girls.

"I couldn't understand why it happened to her and not to me," Rabinsky said.

Now, 50 years later, Lichtman has similar thoughts when she listens to survivors like Jacob Hennenberg, who visited the class recently.

"This happened to him at our age," she said. "It makes me think how one little thing could impact the rest of your life."

In fact, it was one little thing that probably saved Hennenberg's life.



SCOTT SHAW / PLAIN DEALER PHOTOGRAPHER

Corey Lichtman, a 17-year-old senior at Cleveland Heights High School, examines a picture of Holocaust survivor Jacob Hennenberg when he was working with a German labor camp crew during World War II.

He was 17. His family and other Polish Jews had been moved from their home town, Auschwitz, to a ghetto in Chrzanow.

One day an armed policeman came to arrest Hennenberg's father. While his father was getting dressed, he spoke to the soldier.

"I talked to him in German," Hennenberg, now 70, told the students. "I said 'Why don't you take me instead?"

The policeman complied. Hennenberg never saw his father again.

He later learned, however, that

his father and three of his four sisters had been returned to Auschwitz, where they died in the concentration camp on Feb. 21, 1943. His mother had died in 1937, two years before the war started.

Hennenberg himself worked in six labor camps before he was finally taken to a concentration camp in Waldenburg, Germany.

While at a labor camp in Klettendorf, he bribed a policeman to take a picture of the entire work crew shoveling snow off the Autobahn highway.

The policeman sent the picture hind me," he said.

to Hennenberg's sister in Poland, who kept it many years. About three years ago, during a Florida vacation, Hennenberg ran into a man who had also been at Klettenberg.

"I asked him if he knew Leon Ramer [an acquaintance in the camp]. He looked at me and said, 'I'm Leo Ramer.'"

Hennenberg showed the old picture to the class.

"Here I am, and here he is behind me." he said.

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SECOND GENERATION KOLISRAEL

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On Sunday, February 26th SGKI will hold its General Meeting at 7:00 PM, followed by the program "Who Are My Relatives? A Dilemma For Holocaust Survivors and Families". Speakers will be Alene Blank Rich, President of the Jewish Geneological Society of Cleveland, Jacob Hennenberg, Holocaust survivor, and a representative of the American Red Cross.



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LUDWIG PLAUT

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2. In lush pastures He makes me lie, beside tranqual waters. He leads me.
3. My soul. He restores. He directs the m paths of righteousness for the sake of His Name.

4. Though I walk
in the valley of the shadow of death.
I will lear no evil for You are with me.
Your rud and Your staff, they comfort me
5. You prepare a table for me
in the full presence of my enemies.

You announced inv head with oil my cup overflows.

 |Max| only good and kindness pursue me all the days of my life.

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ושבתי בבית־יְהנָה

לאנד ימים:

In Memory of my beloved husband, father and grandfather, wife Zita daughter Gene, son-in-law George granddaughter Alison granddaughter Sandy and Geof

House and wealth are inherited from our fathers: but a sensible wife is a gift from the Lord.

(Proverbs 19:14)



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Demjanjuk protest planned

A protest demonstration calling for the federal courts to complete deportation proceedings against accused Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk will be held on Wednesday, March 22, at 11 a.m. in front of the United States Federal Court building, 201 Superior Ave., near Public Square. The demonstration is sponsored by Kol Israel Foundation, survivors of the Holocaust.

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Why single out Poland?

This is in reference to Edward Haas' letter, "Don't help Jews of Poland live Jewishly" (CJN, March 24). We have a duty to help any Jewish person return to their heritage, if they so wish, in any country. So why single out Poland? Didn't Polish Jews suffer enough during the Holocaust?

We have no right to tell Jewish people where they should settle. Rabbi Schudrich is doing a terrific job because he is helping Polish people who so desire return to their Jewish roots.

JACOB HENNENBERG Cleveland

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Frankel



Waxman



Wolstein

Four named to head State of Israel Bonds Campaign

Kenny Cohen, Rina Frankel, Judith Stern Waxman and Scott Wolstein have been named associate chairmen for the 1995 Greater Cleveland State of Israel Bonds Campaign.

Kenny Cohen has been involved in leadership capacities with several divisions of Bonds, including the Prime Minister's Club, Israeli Division, and Commerce and Industry areas.

Rina Frankel is the immediate past Israel Bonds Women's Division chairperson and holds a number of leadership positions with Jewish organizations, including the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies and Park Synagogue.

Judith Stern Waxman is a former cochairperson of Bonds New Leadership and is involved with ORT, Mt. Sinai Auxiliary and Junior League.

Scott Wolstein has served on several boards, including United Cerebral Palsy, Anti-Defamation League, Great Lakes Theater and the board of overseers, and Case Western Reserve University athletic department.





א וואגן שיך פון אברהם סוצקעווער

א, זאגט מיר, שיך, דעם אמת, וואו זיינען זיי, די פיס?

די פיס פון יענע טופל מיט קנעפעלעך ווי טוי, -און דא - וואו איז דאס גופל, און דארט וואו איז די פרוי?

אין קינדערשיך אין אלע וואס זע איך ניט קיין קינד? וואס טוט ניט אן די כלה די שיבעלעך אצינד?

דורך קינדערשיך און שקראבעס כ'דערקען מיין מאמעס שיך! זי פלעגט זיי בלויז אויף שבת ארויפציען אויף זיך.

און ס'קלאפן די אפצאסן: וואוהין, וואוהין, וואוהין? פון אלטע ווילנער גאסן מע טרייבט אונדו קיין בערלין. די רעדער יאגן, יאגן, וואס ברענגען זיי מיט זיך? זיי ברענגען מיר א וואגן מיט צאפלענדיקע שיך.

דער וואגן ווי א חופה אין אוונטיקן גלאנץ; די שיך - א פולע קופע ווי מענטשן אין א טאנץ.

א חתונה? א יום-טוב? צי האט מיך ווער פארבלענדט? די שיך - אזוינע נאנטע אויפסניי איך האב דערקענט.

עס קלאפן די אפצאסן: וואוהין, וואוהין, וואוהין? פון אלטע ווילנער גאסן מע טרייבט אונדז קיין בערלין.

איך דארף ניט פרעגן וועמעס נאר ס'טוט אין הארץ א ריס:



Roza Robota was instrumental in helping to blow up a crematorium in Auschwitz by supplying explosives.

DEDICATED BY MRS. BETTY BERRY

אייביק וועלן מיר געדעוקען ... די גיבורים און קדושים פון אונדזער פאלק.



By FRAN HENRY PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

Any affection Irvin Kalski and Peter Phillips may have felt for their homeland was crushed and killed by a weight of gigantic proportion — it was made of anti-Semitism, ghettos, extermination camps and the deaths of family members, who were among the 6 million Jewish victims of the Nazi death machine.

"I have no feelings for Poland," said Phillips, 66, of Lyndhurst. "I never felt it was my home."

He was 16 when the Nazis gave him and his family 20 minutes to pack up and leave Lubraniec. After many hellish months of hardship in the Lodz Ghetto and

aircraft, Phillips, his father and others ran into the woods, and eventually got to a farm, and hid in the barn. They were flushed out by the Germans and sent away, amazingly, unharmed.

"My father and I walked to another farm, where we saw strange soldiers. They were Americans. We were liberated," said Phillips.

Three years later he immigrated to the United States, sponsored by relatives.

Kalski, too, more or less seized his opportunity for liberation. He was at a labor camp in Allach, near Munich, which was in the middle of a battle between the Germans and the Americans.

"When the firing subsided after

subcamps of Dachau, he was liberated by the 7th Division of the Third Army.

Kalski and his sister were moved from the Ozorkow ghetto to Lodz, well after their parents and baby brother were killed at Chelmno. His sister died in Lodz. Phillips and Kalski were mere boys, forced to cope not only with hideous living conditions, hunger and lice-infested clothing, but with seeing fellow prisoners die day after day.

"One guy screamed all night that his bread was stolen," Phillips recalled. "By daylight, his screams stopped. He was dead."

Kalski finds it painful to recall

about 20 hours, a few of us said, 'Now is the time to make a move. Let's get out of camp.' We crawled on our bellies so the Nazis wouldn't shoot us.

"When we came close to a house, a woman came out and she said, 'Go over there. Those are American troops.' So we crawled over to the fence and listened to the soldiers." They indeed were Americans, who gave them food, chocolate and cigarettes.

Kalski, sole survivor of his family, was sponsored to immigrate to the United States by Jewish Welfare in Louisville, Ky.

Each later served in the U.S. Army, and though they were each newly married when drafted, they served willingly and happily,







his years. "We were living like animals. Worse than animals. We were only interested in how to get food."

Phillips was liberated while being shuffled by train between subcamps of Dachau, as the Germans tried to avoid Allied troops. During a strafing by American

so grateful were they to their lib-

The two met in Cleveland at Solomon's Deli, at E. 123rd St. and Durant Ave. "It was where survivors went to find friends," said Kalski, of Mentor.

Last September, nearly 50 years after liberation, the pair traveled to Poland to walk through their hometowns — this time in safety. Kalski's wife Jean and Phillips' wife Beverly stayed home.

They paid bittersweet visits to their hometowns, where they found familiar buildings in sad repair

"When I walked into the town of my birth," said Phillips, "it was like walking into a cemetery. All the Jews were gone."

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WORLD WAR II AS WE LIVED IT

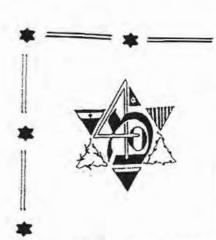
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כָּל הָעוֹלָם כָּלוֹ גָשֶׁר צָר מאר

The entire world is a narrow bridge הָּצִיקָר לֹא לְפָתַד כָּלֹל But the main thing is not to fear

(Likutev Moharan 2-28)









IN MEMORY OF SAM BERRY BY BETTY BERRY

Sam Berry was born Schmuel Berlinski in Sendiczow, Poland, in 1910. He died in January, 1982, in Cleveland, Ohio. Sam and I were married in February of 1939 in Sosnowitz, Poland. That September the Nazi army invaded Poland, World War II began, and all our lives were forever changed.

For the next three years, our Jewish community in Sosnowitz was made to suffer more and worse outrages. We were crouded and overcrowded, and gradually forced from our homes into a ghetto. In 1941 a son was born to Sam and me. However, he was taken from our bunker hiding place by the Nazi SS along with other Jewish children in 1943, and we never saw our son again.

In 1944 the Germans closed the ghetto and took all the remaining Jews to Birkenau and to Auswitz. Sam and I were seperated at Auswitz. There life was really living hell. Even though we tried to get in touch with each other, we had no communication until after the war. Thinking back on it now, it seems impossible that people went through such terrible treatment and survived at all.

After the Liberation, Sam learned throu the Unra that I was back in Sosnowitz, Poland. He came back from Dachau, Germany, and we were happily reunited. That was one of the most joyous days of our lives. From Poland we moved to Regensberg, W. Germany in 1946, where we waited for immigration visas to the U.S.A. In Regensberg I was the Vice-President of the Jewish Gemeinde, and President of the Women's WIZO. Our Daughter was born in 1948, and in 1950 we immegrated to America and settled in Cleveland.

In the United States we began rebuilding our lives. Sam worked hard, went into business for himself and owned several restaurants. I became a Supervisor at the Montefiore Jewish Nursing Home. Some of the few relatives who survived the Holocost also moved to the Cleveland area. However, all our nearest family and most sides of our relatives were killed during the war. After the Liberation came, we hoped that some of us would remain to tell the world what the Nazis had done.

I hope that the suffering and sacrafice which the Jews in Europe endured during the war led to the creation of Isreal, and will lead to the prevention of such terrible deeds ever happening to anybody ever again.

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LOLA AND HER THREE CHILDREN

Imagine for a moment being hunted. Not by one person or by a group of people, but by a city, a country and indeed an entire continent! Hunted by every policeman, soldier and inhabitant. No place is safe.

Imagine also that you are alone. Your family, husband, mother, father, sisters, brothers, cousins, nieces and nephews are all taken away from you. You are alone, but for your three children, a boy 7 and 6-month old twins. If captured certain death follows, for you and your children. For the pursuers are efficient. Millions already have been caught and millions - men, women and children - have been put to death. This is not a game.

What do you do? Who do you trust? Any mistake or slight error in judgment is fatal. How do you feed yourself and your three children. And, where do you hide?

This was the situation my mother found herself in - in Budapest, Hungary in late 1944. My mother came from a comfortable home. She had three sisters, one brother and loving and doting parents. Now she was the hunted.

I could recount daily incidents of bravery such as a Jewess travelling behind German lines in a vain effort to save her captured husband, or her confronting an accusing soldier with, "How dare you call me a Jew. I'll have you reported to your superiors." This was no time for fear.

I could recount the tales of daily survival such as scrounging for food or trading her mother's gold ring - for an egg. But, I like to believe that it was not only the individual acts of bravery that delivered my mother through these times, but rather the indomitable spirit of our Jewish people. The spirit that overcame the Spanish Inquisition and the pogroms of the ages. I would like to believe that the defenders of Jerusalem and Massada bequeathed with their dying breaths the spirit of survival to the future generations.

My mother was not captured. She along with her three children defied all odds and live today in America. My mother's name is Lucia Hoffman. The little boy's name is Edwin and the twins, Agnes and Thomas. They are adults and there are four grandchildren - Vanessa, now 21; Alexis, 20; Jimmy, 13 and Elizabeth, 8.

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NOW GO AND WRITE IT DOWN IN A BOOK
THAT IT MAY BE BEFORE THEM FOR EVER AND EVER
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LOLA AND HER THREE CHILDREN



Jeh schail auswie Rathen und doch bin ich Rein mädchen!

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The man who saved us.

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sponse to his column of Oct. 5 on John Demjanjuk:

I was appalled. How could a reporter, a columnist of Feagler's stature and experience, write such a one-sided, biased column, repeating what Demjanjuk's son-in-law, Ed Nishnic, publicizes and not looking for all the facts? Demjanjuk was found guilty in U.S. District Judge Frank Battisti's court of entering this country illegally by hiding the fact that he was a member of the SS, as proven by the Trawniki ID card with his name, birthdate and picture on it, and by a tattoo under his arm. Trawniki was a training ground for death camp guards. There were more than 100 people at my sister's wedding in 1938, and not one person, except me, survived the Holocaust. I am the only survivor.

Demjanjuk was to be deported because he was a Nazi death camp guard. Whether he served at Sobibor or Flossenburg or Treblinka makes no difference. Under U.S. law he would never have been allowed into this country. He got in only by lying about his wartime past. He claimed that he was a German prisoner of war, but never produced a single witness to substantiate his claim. In fact, at the very time that he claimed to have been a German prisoner in a prisoner of war camp in Poland, military history shows us that there were no Germans and no German prisoners in that city in Poland - because the Russians had overtaken that area months earlier.

Nothing that happened in Israel affects the basic findings of the U.S. court that Demjanjuk was trained and served as a Nazi SS death-camp guard.

Israel asked for him to be extradited to stand trial for being Ivan the Terrible. The Israeli courts found him guilty and last year overturned their verdict based on "reasonable doubt," the slight possibility that he was not Ivan the Terrible.

in the former Soviet Union. No U.S. court would ever allow this material in as any kind of evidence. But the Israeli courts bent over backwards because of a possibility of doubt.

Feagler calls him "only a symbol." To me he is the person on the Trawniki I.D. card, the I.D. issued to Nazi SS guards. After reading your biased article, Mr. Feagler, I woke up at 3 a.m., my palms sweating and my body shaking, all exhausted. I am sure. Mr. Feagler, you have heard about the post-traumatic Vietnam syndrome. All through the 50 years since my liberation by American soldiers in Nordhausen, I have experienced what you may call an Auschwitz syndrome, running and hiding from the likes of your Demjanjuk "symbol," and whenever I think of my family, whom I last saw alive when I was a teenager, I get depressed and angry. No, Mr. Feagler, I cannot let John Demjanjuk ". stay peacefully in Seven Hills. I walked. in front of his house in the rain and snow, thinking of my family, and I will continue to march until he is deported. Whether or not he is Ivan the Terrible, he is a Terrible Ivan.

> PHILIP WEXBERG Cleveland

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The Kol Israel Foundation Spring Newsletter - March 1995

Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz Ms. Anne Lukas and Mr. Julian Solonitz

WINTER 1995 ACTIVITIES:

Kol Israel Foundation Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue, December 3, 1994

Kol Israel Foundation Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue, December 24, 1994

Kol Israel Foundation Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue, January 28, 1995

1995 SPRING & SUMMER CALENDAR

Yom Hashoa V'hagvurah Commemoration

Park Synagogue - April 26, 1995

Kol Israel Foundation Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue - March 19, 1995

Kol Israel Sisterhood Luncheon

Beachwood Library - May 8, 1995

Kol Israel Foundation 50th Anniversary Liberation Celebration

Green Road Synagogue - June 11, 1995

Journey of Conscience 1995 - Led by Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

Europe and Israel - June 26 - July 17, 1995

Kol Israel Foundation & 2nd Generation Kol Israel Annual Picnic Anisfield Park - July 2, 1995

For the dead and the Living - We Must Remember

Honoring World War II Heroes

The 1994 Memorial Service was one of a number of activities planned for 1994/95 in which the survivor community paid tribute to members of the Allied Forces who fought against and brought about the surrender of Nazi Germany and, thus, saved the world from Nazi tyranny.

The annual commemoration of Yom Hashoah V'hagvurah will also focus on stories of liberators and liberated survivors. Details of the program follow

Yom Hashoah V'hagvurah -1995 Marcia Wexberg, Co-chair

Our 1995 Yom Hashoa Vhagvurah Commemoration will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 1995, at Park Synagogue, Mayfield Road at 7:30 p.m. The program is cochaired by Anita Gray and Marcia Wexberg.

As always, we will honor the Six
Million Jewish martyrs with a candlelighting ceremony introduced by Herman
Frank, and including survivors and their
families who will light the memorial candles.
The March of the Generations and the
Presentation of Colors will include the flags
of the nations that were part of the Allied
Forces that defeated the Nazis and helped
liberate Europe. A children's choir led by
Cantor Ofer Barnoy of Park Synagogue will
sing traditional songs

Jacob Hennenberg will display his Holocaust artifacts, and welcomes any additions to the display from area survivors. Winning children's poetry will be read and art will be displayed.

Because this year marks the 50th Anniversary of Liberation, our program will honor the Liberators and Fallen Heroes. Leatrice Rabinsky and Anne Lukas, co-chairs of the Program Committee, have organized two separate parts of this year's event. Dr. Rabinsky is writing a narrative of liberation, including first-hand survivor and liberator accounts, and archival material, which will be shown as a videotape.

Anne Lukas is organizing an art exhibit entitled "Engrained Forever", by artist Mimi Schiff, consisting of two dozen large panels depicting Holocaust themes. The exhibit will be displayed at Park Synagogue for over a week, including the night of our Commemoration. We are indebted to Kol Israel Foundation and other area groups for their extra contributions this year that have made the art exhibit possible. We look forward to seeing you there.

Renovations at the Zion Cemetery Memorial Monument

The Memorial Monument at Zion Cemetery has been in need of renovation. There are two areas that need major renovations. The floor in front of the monument will be strengthened by a foundation, for the tiles to be more secure and better anchored.

The shrubs that surround the monument have outlived their usefulness and close the view for those who are in attendance at our memorial services. Plans are to remove the shrubs and replace them with a masonry wall which will be 36 inches high in the frontal section and will rise gradually from 3 feet in the middle section to ofeet in the back.

Following the completion of the renovation work, it will be possible to have names of lost loved ones inscribed on the back part of the wall. Details about procedures and cost will follow at a later date.

The renovation work will be rather costly. Members of our organizations are asked to please send, along with the membership renewal dues, contributions to the Kol Israel Memorial Fund, which will be used to pay for the renovation work.

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Membership Renewal Notices and Regular and Life Membership

While it has been possible to acquire life membership in our association, in recent years we have not promoted this option. The Board of Trustees, at the last meeting which was held on March 12, 1995, decided to make available and offer our members, again, the life membership option. Cost of life membership is \$250.

Membership renewal notices for regular and/or life membership will be in the mail by mid April.

Journey to Mauthausen, Melk Gunskirchen and Ebensee -

Mr. Andrew Sternberg a member of our organization and a survivor of Auschwitz, Mauthausen, Melk and Ebensee camps, will lead a group of survivors and liberators to the 50th Anniversary ceremonies marking the liberation of these camps.

The ceremonies will take place at the camp sites May 2 - 8, 1995. Survivors interested in joining this journey, should call Mr. Andrew Sternberg at Meteor Heating (Phone 621-5452).

50th Anniversary of Liberation and the end of World War II - Gala Celebration Green Road Synagogue - June 11, 1995

The Board of Directors of the Kol Israel Foundation has decided to organize a gala celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Liberation from concentration camps and the final Surrender of Nazi Germany. The Gala Celebration is planned for June 11, 1995, at Green Road Synagogue. Mark your calendars and look for your invitations. The invitations have been printed and will be mailed out in early May. We look forward to your presence and participation at this

memorable historical event for all of us survivors.

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Honored The National Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland Section, has selected a dear friend and supporter of our organization - Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, a nationally and internationally recognized Holocaust educator, as one of three women honorees for the "Women Who Dared" Award.

The award luncheon was held on Wednesday, February 25, 1995, at Landerhaven.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Sam Zelvin for being honored as Man of the Year by the Taylor Road Synagogue Mens Club.

Congratulations are also in order to Mr. (former President) & Mrs. Morry
Malcmacher and to Dr. Louis and Chanie
Malcmacher for being honored by the
National Council of Synagogue Youth
(NCSY) with a Scroll of Honor at a
champagne brunch.

KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION 40th Anniversary Celebration. October 1999

The Board of Trustees of the Kol Israel Foundation, at its meeting on December 11, 1995, decided to begin plans for the 40th Anniversary celebration. Plans include a gala celebration and a 40th Anniversary book.

If you would like to contribute an advertisement or personal testimony to the Anniversary Book, please contact Mr. Jack Hennenberg (464-5149). If you would like assistance with the writing, please call Dr. Zev Harel (371-2536). The location of your contribution in the book will be determined by the date of reservation

Gathering of Holocaust Survivors at Miami Beach, Florida.

During the February 17-19, 1995, weekend, a gathering of Holocaust Survivors took place at Miami Beach, Florida, Over 2,500 survivors were in attendance at this very memorable occasion. The Kol Israel Foundation was well represented, as several members of our Board, including those who "snowbird" in Florida were in attendance.

Journey of Conscience 1995.

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, whose leadership in Holocaust education have been recognized not only locally but also on the national and international levels, is planning a Journey of Conscience - scheduled for June 26 to July 17, 1995.

Based on testimonies of those who participated in previous journeys, the 1995 Journey of Conscience promises, again, to be a very meaningful and worthwhile experience. There are still a few openings available for interested persons.

If you are interested in taking part in this journey, please contact Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky (321-7030).

Stories of Liberation

To mark the end of World War II in Europe and our Liberation from the Nazis, we would like our Summer, 1995 issue to include liberation stories of our members.

The next journal issue is scheduled for June 1995. Please, send us your liberation stories as soon as possible.

A Gathering of Sleepless Thoughts Julian Solonitz

By the time this issue will leave the printing press, the winter blahs should be behind us. The sun will come up higher and a fresh life will start to sprout after months of hibernation. It sometimes affects our minds. The warmth and sun have an invigorating power. Many of us recognized it long ago and, like summer birds, looked for greener pastures in Florida. Who can blame them?

But here in our home base, life also goes on. We live, work, relax, and some of us, belonging to organizations, are planning events and activities. The cycle of life goes on. As long as the mind works, there are thoughts and ideas.

I couldn't sleep last night. The quiet darkness of night brings opportunities to think. Often, thoughts go back to the Holocaust and our survival. It is probably a familiar experience to many of us survivors. Suddenly, my mind switched to another channel. I was thinking about the recent Gathering of Survivors, a noble idea and event, that took place in Miami Beach, Florida. There was an interview with Mr. Benjamin Meed, national survivors' leader, reported on by the press.

Personally, I was disappointed. There was talk in the press about the meaning of the Gathering, which was close to my heart. There was something that did not agree with my feelings. Mr. Meed was explaining that the gathering meant life, love and survivors' happiness to have overcome our great tragedy...

All of us have the right to have happy events, birth of babies, bar mitzvahs, or weddings. We sing, we dance and we rejoice at these events. It is normal for all of us. But, to me a Gathering of Survivors has a more somber meaning. It is a way to meet old friends, to remember and honor our martyrs, and to be with people who "graduated" from the same terrifying schools that we did... But, of course, Miami is a place to have good times and to drink "L'Chayim To Life."

FROM REFUGEE SHIP TO CITIZENSHIP

The very discovery of the new world had many Jewish overtones. There has been a great deal of discussion and conjecture about the possibility that Columbus was a Jew or, at least, of Marrano descent. Many facts point in this direction. In his personal notes, Columbus reckoned the age of the world according to the Jewish calendar. His signature was a curious mixture of Jewish prayer combined with a formal Christian formula. Originally, Columbus prepared to sail on August 2, 1492, but this date coincided with Tisha Ba-av which is observed as a fast day in memory of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and no Jew would begin any enterprise on that date. Strangely enough, Columbus postponed his sailing until August 3rd. One final note: as the last item in his will, he stipulated that a gold coin be given to the Jewish beggar who sat at the gate to the Lisbon Ghetto. These are but a few examples.

The first Jews to emigrate to what is now the United States came from South America. They numbered 23 persons escaping the Portuguese conquerers of the Dutch colonies in Brazil, and they settled in the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam in 1654. Prior to their arrival, some Jewish traders had come to the colony on commercial ventures and then had returned home to Holland. Among these was Jacob Barsimson. He arrived in August, 1654 and, as far as can be determined, was the first Jew to settle in what was to be the United States.

Jewish participation in the colonial and revolutionary period of the United States is well documented. South Carolina, in particular, was most favorably disposed to the Jews, and was the first government to give them the right to vote. Francis Salvador, of a prominent Jewish family in England, settled in South Carolina in 1773. He was very active in the agitation against King George, and his district appointed him the representative to the Provincial Congress in 1774. Thus, he was the

first Jew in American history to serve in an elective office. He was also one of three Jews to serve in such a body in Colonial America.

Hebrew was not an unknown language in the Colonies. In fact, every man who was graduated from Harvard College at that time was expected to be sufficiently fluent in Hebrew to read the Pentateuch in the original on sight. The currency of South Carolina had Hebrew letters, presumably to thwart efforts to counterfeit the money. These bills were printed by Peter Timothy who was also editor of the "Gazette of the State of South Carolina." Nothing specific has been found in the records describing these bills. However, because other colonial establishments are known to have had and to have used Hebrew type,

it is reasonable to assume that this might have been part of Peter Timothy's regular

printing equipment.

Many Jews distinguished themselves in the American struggle for independence as officers and enlisted men in the Continental Army. There were numerous captains, majors and colonels. However, an outstanding example of devotion to the cause of independence was performed by a Polish Jew, Haym Salomon. Salomon had arrived in the Colonies in 1772 and set himself up as a merchant. During the Revolution, he assisted Robert Morris, the Superintendent of Finance to the Continental Congress. He was instrumental in raising large sums of money for the Revolutionary cause.

Jews again took their place in American history in the Civil War period. Of an estimated 125,000 Jews in the U. S. at the time, some eight to ten thousand saw service in the armies of the North and South. They served from lowest rank to that of Major General. Seven were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor — the highest award for valor in battle.

Nearly 225,000 Jews served in all branches of the military during World War I. Eighteen thousand were officers, including 2 generals and an admiral. Over 1,000 awards for valor were bestowed upon Jewish soldiers, including 3 Congressional Medals of Honor.

World War II was the first war since the destruction of the Second Commonwealth that found Jews all fighting on the same side. Some 550,000 American Jewish men and women served in the conflict, and over 36,000 received awards ranging from the Purple Heart to the Medal of Honor. There were 23 generals and admirals among them. One of them, Major General Maurice Rose was the first army commander to invade Germany from the west since Napoleon. He commanded the 3rd Armored Division which was the first American unit to capture a German town.

In 1945, the unconditional surrender of Germany led to the liberation of thousands of inmates of the many concentration camps created by the Nazis for the systematic murder of millions of people. To alleviate the sufferings of these people, President Harry S. Truman requested Congress to pass a law permitting war refugees to come to the U. S. over and above normal quotas. This law was passed in 1948, and 205,000 displaced persons entered the U. S. within the next 2 years. A great number of these were Jews.

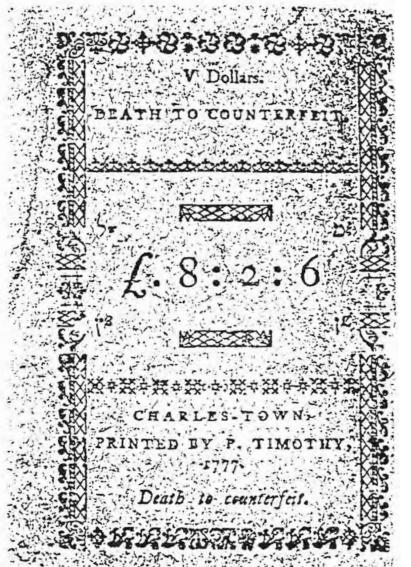
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In My Opinion - Sol Feuer

I wish to share my thoughts on the article written by Mr. Julian Solonitz one of the members of the Editorial Board of Voice of the Survivors, that appeared in the December, 1994 issue. I take umbrage to his reference to members of our association not being aware of anything more than "card games and bagels."

Does Mr. Solonitz know the history of how this great organization got its start? First of all, this organization asked for no assistance from our American brethren concerning what to do and how to do it; we did it all by ourselves. The Kol Israel Foundation was born on a Sunday afternoon, when a few of the survivors gathered for a card game and, after finishing the games, over a "nosh of herring and bagels" the idea of our organization was formulated. Most of the participants at that meeting had no education beyond the junior high school level, but what we did have were a lot of ideas mixed in with a great deal of common sense.

One of the founding members (anonymity protected) wrote the first check for \$500. We went to an attorney who helped us with the writing of the charter and the constitution. The Kol Israel Foundation was born in May 1961. We tried very hard to sign up members at six dollars person, many of the survivors refused to join. Despite all of our problems, disagreements and confusions, at times, we were the first ones in Cleveland and perhaps in the U.S. to build a Memorial Monument for the Shoa. We lit six candles at Sinai Synagogue, with the late Rabbi Porath as the guest speaker, at our commemoration of the Holocaust. Suddenly, we were noticed by the Jewish community and we went on to provide the leadership for the development of the annual program commemorating the Holocaust.

So the people who are herring and

bagels united to start, and contributed to the growth of our fine organization today - the Kol Israel Foundation. At that place and time, we were glad to come home after a hard day's work to our families and not to have to go on organized trips. We gathered on weekends and were happy to be with one another and play our card games and eat our herring and bagels. We held many celebrations on Purim, Simchat Torah and New Year's. We also had many good programs over the years with interesting topics and speakers.

One of the finer acts, which really speaks of who and what we are, occurred when our President, at that time, received a call from Rabbi Spiegelman about a fellow Jew who died at St. Vincent Charity Hospital and had no relatives or friends. The city provided him with a grave site at the West Side Cemetery and clergy was needed for the burial service. Our President made some phone calls and, in no time at all, we filled up four cars of our members and went to the cemetery to give a fellow Jew a proper Jewish burial. And, on the way home, we stopped at the President's house. We played some cards and, afterwards, we ate some bagels and drank some coffee.

From "Second Generation Kol Israel President's Message" - Avi Goldman

The 50th Anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps is upon us. Fifty years ago, a new era began - a new life for Holocaust survivors.

We the "Second Generation" of
Holocaust survivors must never forget what
our Jewish parents, brothers and sisters went
through. It is our duty to tell and teach our
children and the world about the horrors of
the Holocaust. We need to do more to
ensure our people and the world a better
future.

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YOM HASHOA V'HAGVURA

Community Commemoration of the Holocaust, Warsaw Ghetto Uprising & Tribute To World War II Liberators & Fallen Heroes

Sunday, April 26, 1995 * 7:30 P.M. PARK SYNAGOGUE 3300 Mayfield Road





To Betty Berry, a good friend who has stood behind us and the Party for many years. Thank you.

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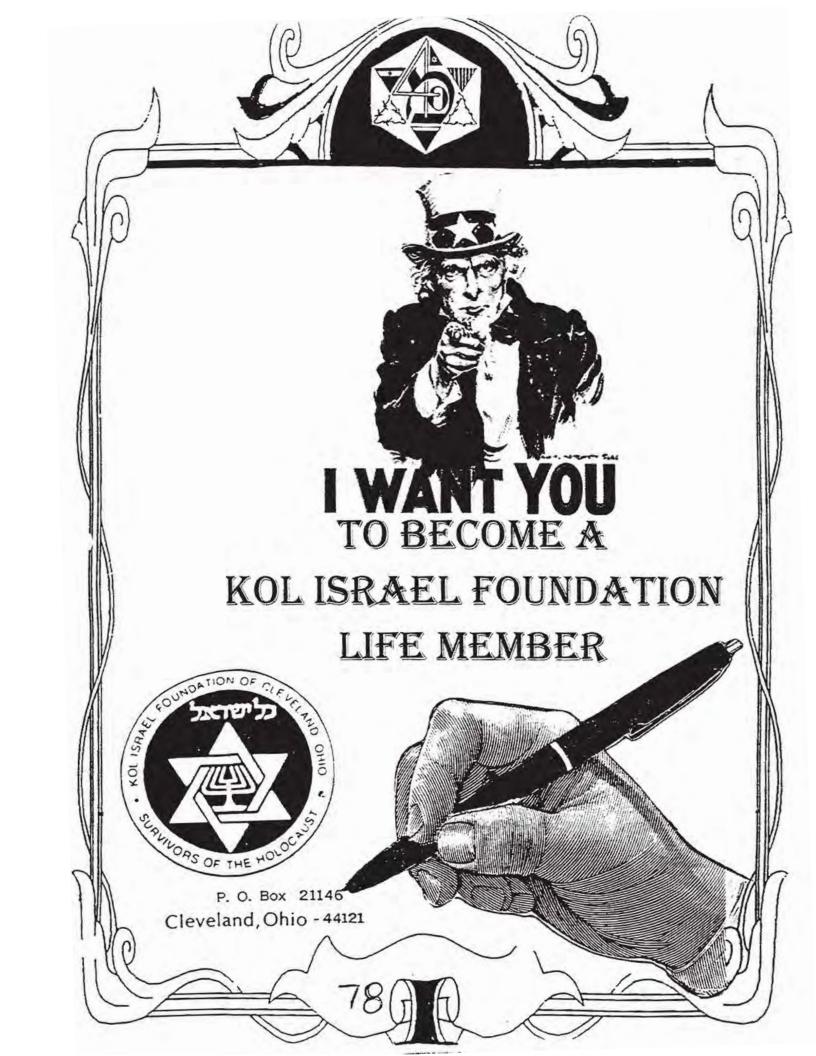
ON THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL OUR BELOVED DEPARTED WHO DIED DURING THE HOLOCAUST. THEY DID NOT DIE IN VAIN.

THEY WILL LIVE IN OUR HEARTS AND THEIR MEMORY WILL BE WITH US ALWAYS.

ISRAEL AROSE FROM THEIR SACRAFICE. WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT THE SUFFERING AND STRUGGLE OF THE JEWS IN EUROPE DURING WORLD WAR II WILL LEAD TO THE PREVENTION OF SUCH TERRIBLE DEEDS EVER HAPPENING AGAIN.

WE PRAY FOR PEACE NOW, AND IN THE FUTURE.

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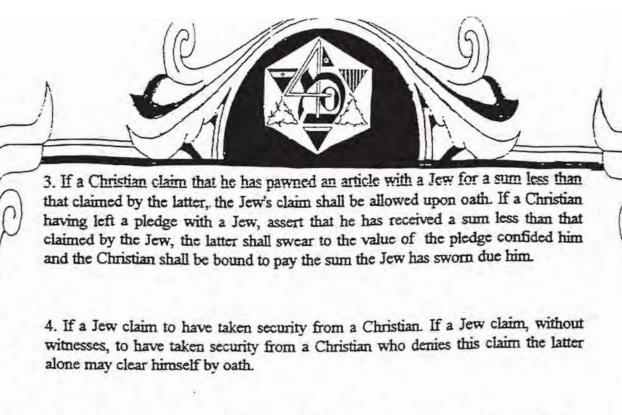


Che Statute of Kaliez

Charter of the privileges accorded to the Jews by Boleslaw the Pious, Grand Duke of Great Poland in 1264, confirmed by Casimir III, called the Great, in 1334, and by Casimir IV in 1447 and 1487. In the name of God Amen. Lest royal decrees fall into oblivion through the lapse of time, sages have assured their preservation through confiding them to written documents that will faithfully transmit their contents to posterity. Therefore, we, Casimir, by the grace of God King of Poland and the territories of Cracow, Sandomir, Siradia, Lancicia, and Cujavia and hereditary lord of Pomerania, declare by these presents and make known to our subjects now and for all time to come, that worthy missaries of our faithful subjects, the Jews, presented themselves before us in presence of our Barons, and showed us the noble charter of rights granted them by our well-beloved ancestor, of sainted memory, the Grand Duke Boleslaw of Great Poland, and have humbly besought us to proclaim anew and confirm this charter by our royal seal. The said charter reads textually as follows:

In the Name of God, Amen the deeds of man when unconfirmed by the voices of witnesses or by written documents, are bound to pass swiftly away and disappear from memory, because of this we Boleslaw, Grand Duke of Great Poland make known to our contemporaries as well as our descendants to whom this writing shall come down, that the Jews who have established themselves over the length and breadth of our land, have received from us the statutes and privileges which are contained textually, word for word, in the following enactments, in the form we have thought fitting for their promulgation.

- 1. A Christian cannot be accepted as witness against a Jew unless his testimony be accompanied by that of a Jewish witness. First and foremost, we ordain that in criminal cases and in cases concerning money and real or personal estate, involving the property or person of a Jew, no Christian can be admitted as a witness against a Jew unless the testimony of the Christian be accompanied by that of a Jew.
- 2. If a Christian assert that he has placed an article in pawn with a Jew, and the Jew deny it, the latter may clear himself by oath. Item if a Christian molest a Jew by insisting, despite his denials, that he has left a pledge with him, and refusing to believe the Jew's unsworn word, the latter may clear himself by oath, binding himself to the total value of the pledge.

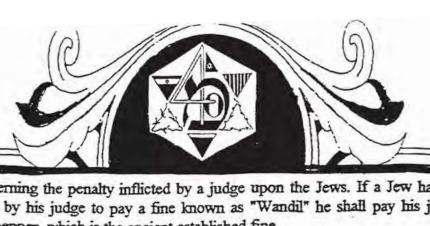


- 5. Jews may accept all goods as security for a loan, except sacred ornaments, and articles stained with food. A Jew may accept, by way of pledge, all goods offered him, whatever their (desig)nation, without further inquiry, except garments stained or spotted with blood or sacred ornaments, which he no wise may accept.
- 6. A Jew may clear himself against the accusation of a Christian, by swearing he did not know, upon accepting a pledge that it was stolen or robbed. If a Christian prosecute a Jew with the claim that a pledge found in the Jew's hand had been robbed or stolen from him the Jew may swear that when he received the pledge he was ignorant of the theft or robbery and may declare on oath that it was stolen or robbed. If a Christian prosecute a Jew with the claim that the pledge found in the Jew's hands had been robbed or stolen from him, the Jew may swear that when he received the pledge he was ignorant of the robbery and declare on oath the sum loaned against the pledge.
- 7. If a Christian pawn an article with a Jew who loses it together with the property of his own, the Jew by due oath may clear himself of the responsibility of the loss. If as a result of fire, thief or robbery at point of arms, a Jew lose his property together with articles pawned with him, and the facts have been duly verified, should a Christian owner of these pawned articles prosecute the Jew, the latter may clear himself by oath.
- 8. Municipal authorities shall have no jurisdiction in Jewish affairs which shall remain in the hands of the prince, or our court palatine excepting criminal cases which shall be judged by the prince alone. If Jews behave disorderly among

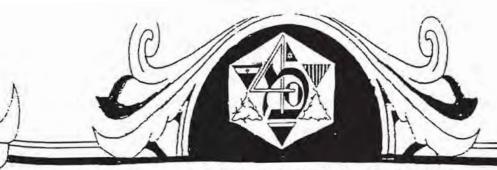


themselves or (?) by the gate in their own ranks, discord or civil disturbance the city courts shall have no jurisdiction over them.

- 9. For a wound inflicted on a Jew, a fine shall be the forfeit to the prince or court palatine, to the amount of they shall estimate, and the victim shall be indemnified for the expense involved in the injury...
- 10. For the murder of a Jew, all goods shall be confiscated and forfeit to the prince...
- 11. For blows not followed by bloodshed, penalty shall be exacted by the court palatine, and damages awarded the Jewish victim...
- 12. On taxes due from the Jews wherever in our dominions a Jew may find himself or choose to go, he shall not be molested, and neither let no hindrance shall be placed in his way; if he carry with him merchandise or other objects, he shall be to pay in each place the local taxes and duties bearing on his commerce, but he shall pay no taxes other than those laid upon the local citizens.
- 13. On Jewish funeral convoys: In obedience to their customs, the Jews transport their dead from one city to another, or one province or territory to another, it is our will that our tax collectors claim nothing from them, and should they do so they will be punished as a thief.
- 14. If a Christian commit a depredation in a Jewish cemetery or forcibly gain entrance there, it is our will that comfortable to the customs and laws of our land he be severely punished by the confiscation of all his goods, which shall be delivered into the hands of our court of justice.
- 15. Concerning attacks upon Jewish schools and synagogues Should a hothead attack a Jewish Synagogue with stones or missiles, it is our will that he be condemned to pay a talent of pepper to our court palatine.



- 16. Concerning the penalty inflicted by a judge upon the Jews. If a Jew has been convicted by his judge to pay a fine known as "Wandil" he shall pay his judge a talent of pepper, which is the ancient established fine.
- 17. On insubordinate Jews. If a Jew summoned by due process to appear before his judge, twice refused to do so, he shall become liable for each refusal to the customary established penalty, and if he default a third time he shall pay the judge the following fine.
- 18. If a Jew wound another Jew he shall be called upon to pay his judge the fine fixed by the customs of our land, and he shall not refuse to do so.
- 19. On the manner in which Jews shall take oath. We ordain the Jew shall swear upon sacred objects except in major cases which involve sums greater than fifty marks. Silver or cases which are brought before our person; nevertheless: in minor cases, he may take oath before the doorway of the Synagogue.
- 20. On the secret murder of a Jew if no one can bear witness the identity of the murderer, if certain Jews declare their suspicions, we as mediators in this suit of justice, grant these Jews the protection of the court.
- 21. On corporal violence against a Jew if a Christian assaults a Jew he shall be punished in accordance with the law of the land.
- 22. A judge for Jewish affairs may not summon befor(e) him a case in litigation between Jews unless he has received a plaint drawn up in due form. Jews shall be judged before their synagogues or in such places as they may select.
- 23. On compounding interest: if a Christian deem an article pawned with a Jew, but do not pay in full the accumulated interest, he shall be allowed one month to pay the balance, after which interest shall be charged on the interest due.



24. It is our will that no one shall accept hospitality in a Jewish home.

25. If a Jew loan money on real estate, or titles to real estate, and the owner of the estate prove his title, we ordain that the loan as well as the titles be seized from the Jew.

26. Concerning Jewish children - if any man or woman, lead astray or abduct a Jewish child, it is our will that he or she be punished as a thief.

27. On the power of a judge - An article pawned by a Christian with a Jew for a period of less than a year do not exceed the amount advanced on it, the Jew, after taking the article to his judge or to the court palatine, and it shall be found wanting, may sell it before the lapse of a year, but if the article has remained in the hands of the Jew for a year and a day, he shall become its rightful possessor.

28. We ordain that no one dare cite a Jew before court, in litigation concerning pawned property on such a day as Jews consider holy.

29. On the forcible removal of pawned property, any Christian forcibly removing an article pawned with a Jew, or exercising violence in his house, shall be severely punished as a violator of our justice.

30. Jews may be prosecuted only before their own courts or in places where Jews are customarily judged; exception alone is made in our favor and in favor of our court palatine who can always summon them before us.

31. In conformity with papal bulls and in the name of our Holy Father, we absolutely forbid the accusation of any and every Jew in our land of drinking human blood; the more so, since the Jews without exception, in conformity with their own law abstain from using any sort of blood. If, nevertheless a Jew is accused of the murder of a Christian child, such accusation must be proved by the testimony of three Christians and three Jews before the Jew can be condemned; if however, the said witnesses and the innocence of the accused reveal the falsity of



the charge the Christian accuser shall meetly suffer the punishment that would have awaited the Jew.

- 32. We ordain that whatever Jew has given him security, be it gold, silver or other money, shall be repaid him in full, together with accrued interest.
- 33. It is our will that Jews may receive all species and qualities of horses as security upon loans, provided they are pledged publicly and in open daylight. In case a Christian recognize a horse stolen from him among the horses pawned with a Jew, the latter may clear himself under oath by swearing he received the horses as security in the sight and knowledge of everyone on such and such day, from so and so, and that he did not know or believe the horse was stolen.
- 34. We forbid the officers of our mint, constituted in our domains, to proceed on their own initiative with the arrest or detention of Jews suspected of counterfeiting, without, that is, an order from us or our court palatine, or without information given them by responsible citizens.
- 35. We decree that in case a Jew in dire straits call for help in the night, and his Christian neighbors do not trouble themselves to succor him in his need, each of these Christian neighbors shall be fined.
- 36. To conclude: we decree that Jews shall be permitted to by (buy) and sell every sort of goods, and profit thereby, on the same footing as Christians; and any one interfering with them shall be condemned to pay a fine to our court palatine.

It is or will that the above ordinance remain valid for all time. The present charter, duly subscribed by our witnesses and invested with our seal, we give as pledge into the hands of the Jews themselves, to whom it will be a powerful shield. In witness thereof: ______.

A. S. The text is a true translation of the original Latin text, made in Paris in Oct. 1928.



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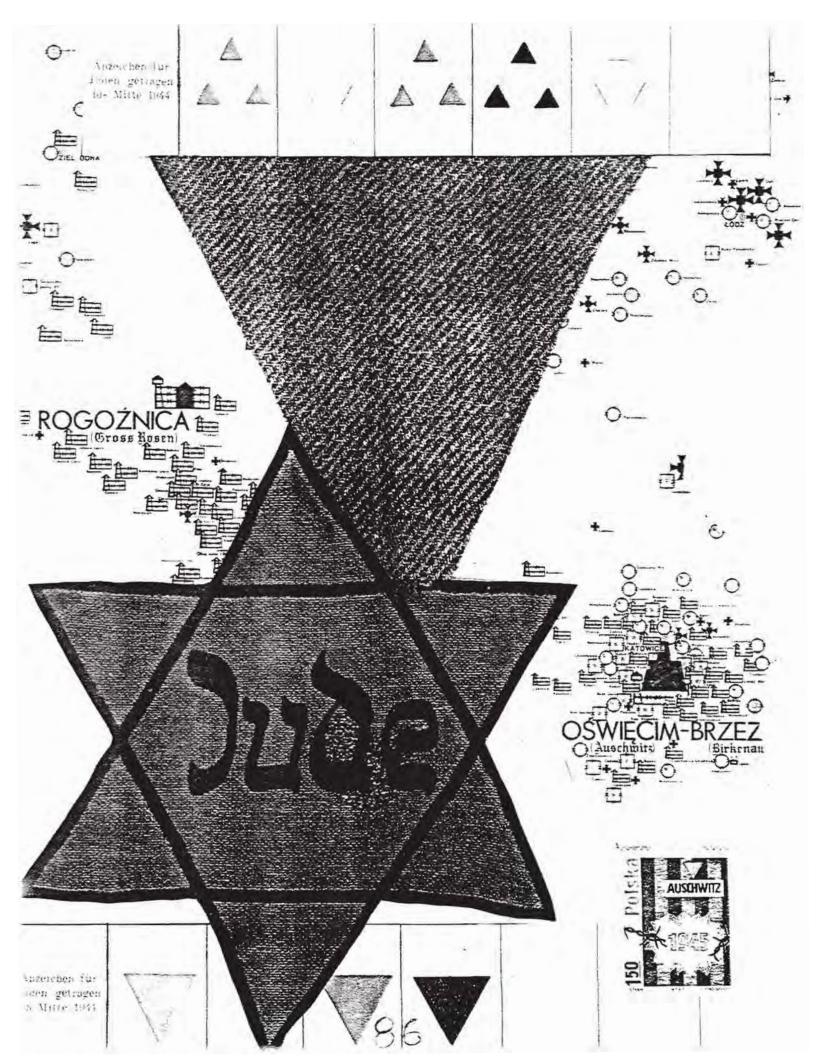
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Survivor: 'If I hadn't had religion ...'

By FRAN HENRY PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

Rose Ickowicz can't remember sleeping through the night since liberation.

"All these nightmares," she sighs. It is the same for her husband, Joseph, 74.

She is haunted by the words spoken by the camp commandant, whose upper arm was wrapped with a white band of surrender

"You will be liberated, but you'll not be grateful for being alive," he said.

And the frail, petite woman grants that he may have been right. "I often think of that," said Ickowicz, 71, of Beachwood. She shoves up her sleeve to reveal the pale blue tattoo on her forearm. It reads A10729.

Her story begins in Satu Mare, Romania, when the Nazis swept into town and put the Jews in a ghetto — March 9, 1944. Never again would she see most of her



Ickowicz

family, who lived in another town.

She had had a premonition of what would come.

"Jan. 20, 1944, I dreamed that my parents were on a very long train and I couldn't be on the same train. And that's how it happened. I lost my father and stepmother, three brothers, grand-

mother, cousin and uncle." Ickowicz's family had lived in Viso, Hungary.

The people of the Satu Mare ghetto were packed onto railroad cars May 29, 1944.

And in two or three miserable days, they arrived in Auschwitz, where a blanket for four people was a luxury, hunger was the rule, and it was worth working outdoors in freezing weather to be eligible for a shower.

"If I hadn't had religion, I wouldn't have survived," said Ickowicz. She had been transferred to a camp near Bergen-Belsen "when we felt liberation in the air."

And while they were locked in a barracks, they "heard" liberation — planes flying overhead, machine guns blasting. "Then they opened the barracks and loaded us into cattle trucks to take us back to Bergen-Belsen."

"My, oh, my, the smell. They were burning bodies. It was terrible. I found my best friend half-dead on a pile of bodies.

On April 15 or 25, 1945, finally

we were liberated. It was evening and we were standing outside the barracks — piles of bodies everywhere."

Then the commandant delivered his venomous benediction and disappeared.

"Planes flew overhead, dropping cans of biscuits. We had no can openers, so some girls were opening their cans with their teeth."

Ickowicz and a few friends built a small tent out of blankets and sticks, so they could vacate the barracks, and the next day they used rocks to pound open their biscuit cans.

She and many others got sick on the soup their liberators cooked. It was too rich after their meager diets.

"I could hardly make it to the bus to get to Belsen. I was so weak I couldn't walk anymore. My friends said, 'If you stay here, you're going to die.' Some girls pulled me to the truck and the soldiers helped me up."

At Belsen they were given beds, and Ickowicz crawled into hers, too weak to move. She was advised to ask the medic for opium tablets.

"But how can I go?" she asked. And the woman responded, "Get on your butt and slide."

She was given four opium tablets, and felt better after taking the first two.

"Would you believe I started walking to another German town? I wanted sour milk. I was so burnt out from sickness that I just wanted something cold. The diarrhea stopped and I never got sick again."

At her Displaced Persons camp, she recalls, "We were given oatmeal and I loved it. To this day, I always cook oatmeal for breakfast."

If you do not respect your parents, your children will not respect you. (Maimonides)



YOM HASHOA V'HAGVURA

Community Commemoration of the Holocaust & Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

April 26, 1995 7:30 p.m. Park Synagogue



HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE AND TRIBUTE TO THE LIBERATORS AND FALLEN HEROES REMEMBER - HONOR - REFLECT L'DOR V'DOR

REMEMBER

On April 20, 1945, the XV Corps of the American Army captured the city of Nuremberg. Ironically enough, the city fell on Hitler's birthday. Nuremberg was the site of the huge Zeppelin Stadium where Hitler had strutted and raved before the masses of the Nazi Party in pre-war days. It was at Nuremberg that the infamous laws which violated every concept of human decency and dignity were enacted. And it was in Nuremberg that a very significant event occurred on this day.

On Sunday, April 22, an American jeep with two Stars of David painted beneath its windshield proudly drove into the Zeppelin stadium, former home of the Nazi Party Congresses. It was in this stadium, a little less than ten years before, that 250,000 cheering Nazis had approved the enactment of the laws which ultimately resulted in the deaths of six million Jews. In the jeep were Chaplain David Max Eichorn, his assistant, a portable ark, and five Palestinian Jewish soldiers. These Jews had served with the British Army, been captured on Crete, and had been liberated from a nearby POW camp. In a second jeep were five American Jewish soldiers, infantrymen from the 45th Division, who had helped capture Nuremberg.

Slowly and solemnly, the little procession circled the stadium and halted in front of the speaker's rostrum. This rostrum, surmounted by a resplendent gold-leafed swastika, was the stand from which Hitler had so often fulminated against democracy and the Jews. The soldiers got out of the jeeps and, forming a guard of honor around the holy ark, carried it up the steps to the speaker's platform. Here the ark was opened and the Torah taken out. Songs and prayers of thanksgiving were offered up to the eternal God of Israel for having once more revealed to mankind the certainty of his justice and the timelessness of his love.

Shortly after this, units of the 3rd Infantry Division, which, together with the 45th Division, had captured Nuremberg, marched into the huge stadium. A military review was held; congratulations and praise were delivered by General Alexander Patch, commanding general of the Seventh Army, and military decorations were awarded to the soldiers. As a final gesture of contempt for the huge stadium, the Army engineers attached demolition charges to the huge glittering gold-leafed swastika atop the speaker's platform and blew it to bits. Amid the thousands of cheering onlookers, none perhaps was more deeply touched by mixed emotions of exaltation and humility than the little group of Jews clustered around the jeep with the two Stars of David.

Jacob Hennenberg

I'm Proud To Be A Jew

A badge was given to me the other day,
I was told to wear it to work or to play.
It was big, yellow, and the shape of a star,
Mama told me all Jews wore them near and far.
I couldn't read the letters, but I didn't have to ask,
The letters spelled "Jew," a man named Hitler had
done the task.

Mama and Papa hate to wear it, But I'm not ashamed of it a bit. I am proud of my heritage, I am proud of my religion, I am proud to be a Jew, And no one can change that!

Rachel Hutt Grade 6 Cleveland Hebrew Schools Honorable Mention, Elementary School

The Remembrance

An old man sits Alone with the memories Of a time long ago

Remembering the camps And what they did to him Thankful he's alive

He's tried to forget
Think only of the present and future
But the past comes back to haunt him

Because the number on his arm never forgets.

Andrew Kleinman Grade 7 Agnon School Honorable Mention, Jr. High School



בעדענק

דעם 20סטן אפריל, 1945, האט דער פֿופֿצעטער קארפוס פון דער אסעריקאנער ארמיי איינגענומען די שטאט נורענבערג. איראניש צו דערקלערן, איז די שטאט פֿארכאפט געווארן אין דעם געבוירנטאג פון היטלערן. נורענבערג איז געווען פֿארכאפט געווארן אין דעם געבוירנטאג פון היטלערן. נורענבערג איז געווען דאס פּלאץ פּון דעם ריזיקן צעפעלין סטאדיאן, ווו היטלער פֿלעגט זיך רימען און גוואלדעווען פֿאר די מאסן פֿון דער נאצי פּארטיי אין די טעג פֿאר דער מלחמה. ס'איז געווען אין נורענבערג וווי מע האט אנגענומען די פארנאנטע געזעצן וואס זיינען עובר געווען יעדן באגריף פון מענטשלעכער געזעצן וואס זיינען עובר געווען אין נורענבערג וואס א זייער באטרעפֿיק געשעעניש איז פֿארגעקומען אין יענעם טאג.

זונטיק, דעם 22סטן אפריל, האט אן אמעריקאנער דושיפ מיט צוויי מגןדודן אויסגעמאלט אונטער דער ווינטשויב אריינגעפֿארן אין דעם צעפעלין
סטאדיאן, דו פֿריערדיקע צענטראלע פֿון די נאצי פּארטיי קאנגרעסן. אין יענעם
סטאדיאן , א קנאפע צען יאר קריק , האבו 250,000 נאציס, שרייענדיק הורא,
באשטעטיקט דעם אננעמונג פֿון די געזעצן וואס האבו לסוף זיך אויסגעלאזן
מיט די טויטן פון זעקס מיליאן ינדן. אין יענעם דושיפ זיינען געווען דער
מיליטארישער ראביי דייוויד מאקס אייכארן, זיין אסיסטענט, א פארטאטיווער
ארון קודט, און פֿינף ארץ ישראלישע סאלדאטן. אט די ינדן האבן געדינט אין
דער בריטישער ארמיי, זיינען פארכאפט געווארן אין קרעט, און זיינען
באפֿרייט געווארן פֿון א דערבייקן קריגס-געפֿאנגענע לאגער. אין א צווייטן
דושיפ זיינען פֿינף אמעריקאנר יידישע סאלדאטן, אינפֿאנטעריסטן פון דער

פאוואליע און פֿייַערלעך האט די קליינע פראצעסיע ארומגערינגלט דעם סטאדיאן און זיך אפגעשטעלט פֿאר דער רעדנער-בימה. אט די בימה, באדעקט מיט א גלענצענדן באליישנטן האקנקרייץ, איז געווען דער ארט פֿון וואנעט היטלער פֿלעגט אפט מאל גוואלדעווען קעגן דער דעמאקראטיע און קעגן די ייַדן. די סאלדאטן זייַנעו ארויס פון די דזשיפס און פארמירנדיק אן ערנוואך ארום דעם ארון-קודש, האבן זיי עס ארויסגעטראגן אויף די טרעפ צום רעדנער- בימה. הארט האט מען געעפנט דעם ארון-קודש און ארויסגענומען די ספֿר תורה. מע רארט האט מען געעפנט דעם ארון-קודש און ארויסגענומען די ספֿר תורה. מע האט געהערט לידער און תפֿילות פֿון דאנקשאפּט צו דעם רבונו-של-עולם, וואס ער האט ווידער א מאל אנטפלעקט צו דער מענטשהייט די זיכערקייט פֿון זייַן ליבע.

באלד נאך דעם זייַנען סאלדאטן פון דער 3ער אינפאנטעריע דיוויזיע, וועלכע האט צוזאמען מיט דער 45-ער דיוויזיע נורענבערג פאראד איז אריינגעמארשירט אין דעם ריזיקן סטאדיאן. א מיליטערישן פאראד איז פארביידעפילירט; די ווינטשעוואניעס און שבחים זייַנען אפגעגעבן געווארן פון גענעראל אלעקסאנדער פעטש, דער קאמאנדיר פון דער זיבעטער ארמיי, און מע האט די סאלדאטן באלוינט מיט מעדאלן. ווי א לעצטגילטיגער צייכן אז מע האט דעם ריזיקן סטאדיאן אין דער אדמה, האבן מיליטער-אינזשענירן אוגעטשעפעט דעמאליר-אויפרייסווארג צו דעם גלענעצענדן באליישנטן אוגעטשעפעט דעמאליר-אויפרייסווארג צו דעם גלענעצענדן באליישנטן האקנקרייץ איבער דער רעדנער-בימה און האט עס אויפגעריסן צו ביסלעך, און צווישן די טויזענטע צוקוקערס שרייענדיק הורא זיינען קיינע אפּשר ניט געווען טיפער גערירט פון התלהבות געמישט מיט דער ענווה ווי די קליינע גרופע ינדן צונויפגעקליבן ארום דעם דושיפ מיט די צוויי מגן-דודן.

ЯКОВ ХЕННЕНБЕРГ

ПОМНИ

20 апреля 1945 года XV корпус Американской армии занял город Нюренберг. Довольно иронично, что город пал в день рождения Гитлера. Это в Нюренберге был расположен огромный стадион Цеппелин, где Гитлер маршировал и неистовствовал перед членами нацистской партии в довоенные дни. Это в Нюренберге вышел позорный закон, который нарушал все установленные понятия о нравственности и человечности. Это в Нюренберге произопло одно знаменательное событие.

22 апреля американский В воскресенье, джин с двумя звездами Давида, нарисованными на лобовых стеклах, гордо въехал на стадион бывшую резиденцию Ценпелин. Конгресса нацистской партии. Это стадион, на котором чуть менее 10 лет назад 250000 приветствующих нацистов утвердили свод законов, результатом которых явилась смерть шести миллионов евреев. В джипе находились капитан Давид Макс Айкори, его ассистент, переносная Арка и пять палестинских еврейских солдат. Эти евреи, служившие в Британской армии, были захвачены на Крите и освобождены из близлежащего лагеря для военнопленных. Во другом джине находились нять американских еврейских солдат, нехотинцев

45-ой дивизии, которые принимали участие в захвате Нюренберга.

Медленно и торжественно маленькая процессия объехала стадион и остановилась перед трибуной. Эта трибуна, с возвышающейся над ней сверкающей золотокрылой свастикой, была местом, с которого Гитлер неистово обрушивался на демократию и евреев. Солдаты вышли из джипов и, становясь в почетный эскорт вокруг Святой Арки, подняли се по ступеням на трубуну. Здесь Арка была открыта и из нее извлекли Тору. Песни и молитвы благодарения были вознесены Богу Израиля за то, что он еще раз подарил человечеству уверенность в своей бесконечной любви и в торжество правосудия.

Вскоре после этого отделения пехотной дивизии. которые совместно с 45-ой дивизией заняла Нюренберг, промаршировали на стадион. Были произведены военные поздравления и приветствия генералу Александру Пэтчу. командующему Седьмой армиси. вручены военные награды солдатам. И в заключение. выражая презрение к этому стадиону, армейские сы. инженеры прикрепили взрывчатку к сверкающей свастике и взорвали ее на мелкие кускочки. Среди многих тысяч зрителей никто, по-видимому, не был так глубоко задет смещанными чувствами восторга и смирения. как маленькая группка евреев, сгрудившаяся вокруг джина с двумя звездами Давида.

Translated by Elizabeth Zhitnik



MARCY OSTER Senior Staff Reporter

72-year-old Youngstown area man who admits to serving as a concentration camp guard has been on trial all this week in federal court here; attorneys from the U.S. Department of Justice have asked U.S. District Judge Ann Aldrich to strip him of his citizenship.

Retired factory worker George Lindert, of Canfield, Ohio, served in Mauthausen concentration camp and its subcamp Loibl Pass in Austria as a member of the Death's Head Battalion, an organization within Nazi Germany's Waffen-SS. Lindert says

Lindert could be stripped of his citizenship for lying about his Nazi past.

he served as a guard on the periphery of the camps, but never hurt or killed a prisoner.

According to the complaint filed by the Office of Special Investigations of the U.S. Justice Department, Lindert enlisted in the Nazi Waffen-SS in spring of 1942 and served as an armed guard in Austria, where his duties included overseeing work details. He rose to the rank of private first class in the Death's Head Battalion.

In 1954, Lindert began proceedings to immigrate to the United States. On his immigrant visa application, he listed his residence between 1942 and 1945 as "with German Army" and did not list his associations with the Nazi party. Lindert became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1962.

The Justice Department says that Lindert should be stripped of his citizenship for lying about his Nazi past on his immigration and naturalization papers, and because he has not been a person of good moral character owing to his participation in the Nazi program of persecution. Judge Aldrich is hearing the case without a jury.

At least 69,000 people, most of them Jews, died in Mauthausen by shooting, gassing, starvation, forced labor and other forms of killing.

Death's Head Battalion members, particularly those at Mauthausen, were known as the most brutal members of the SS, says CSU Professor Alan Rosenbaum, author of Prosecuting Nazi War Criminals and the forthcoming Perspectives on the Uniqueness of the Holocaust.

At Mauthausen, Rosenbaum says, "People were just summarily executed, even if they just looked the wrong way or took a step out of line. There was liberal use of guns."

Members of the Death's Head Battalion "were volunteers and they were trained accordingly. He (Lindert) was not drafted," he

Rosenbaum says that Lindert's claim that he guarded the periphery and did not brutalize prisoners does not change anything. "Even if he did not brutalize anyone, he prevented people from leaving and kept them there to go to their deaths; it still makes him an accessory to murder."

Cliff Savren, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, agrees. Lindert's admission that he served in the Wafen-SS "is an admission of complicity in genocide," he says.

Savren explains that since the United States does not have the means to try Nazi war criminals, the only option this country has is to take away their citizenship. If Lindert is guilty, he says, "he should not enjoy the privilege of citizenship."

Savren does not believe that the Lindert trial, which should run about two weeks with the judge ruling several weeks later, will reach the same pitch as the trial of John Demjanjuk. Demjanjuk was accused of being the sadistic Treblinka death camp guard Ivan the Terrible, a much more notonous figure.

Zev Harel, president of the Kol Israel Foundation, an organization of Holocaust survivors, says his group has not mobilized to picket the courthouse the same way they have picketed in front of Demjanjuk's Seven Hills home. "It takes energy," he admits, and the survivor community has placed much of their effort into the community-wide Yom Hashoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day) commemoration on April 26.

"We would like to see all those who committed atrocities during the war to face justice," says Harel, who laments the fact ' that there is no provision to punish Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

Harel was sent from Auschwitz to Mauthausen, where his father was killed. Harel spent only one week at the camp before being deported to Ebensee. He recalls the brutality of the guards who hit and kicked Jewish prisoners as he was marched from the railroad station to the top of the hill overlooking the camp.

South Euclid resident Izidore Malcmacher spent time at Mauthausen before being sent to several other camps in Austria and liberated at Ebensee. He says he never saw Lindert, or any other guard because "I always watched my head" to avoid getting hit. The trial, he adds, "reminds me of my pain."



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Yom Hashoa ceremony set for April 26 at Park

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura, the 52nd annual community commemoration of the Holocaust and Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, will be held Wednesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Park Synagogue Main. The program will feature a "Tribute to the Liberators and Fallen Heroes."

A special Holocaust exhibit by artist Mimi Schiff will be on display, and a personal collection of Holocaust memorabilia belonging to survivor Jacob Hennenberg.

The memorial candlelighting ceremony will be led by Kol Israel Holocaust survivors and their families. Children will participate in the traditional March of the Generations.

Herman Frank, Kol Israel Foundation, and the Children's Cooperative Choir led by Park Synagogue Cantor Ofer Barnoy will participate. Winners of the children's prose and poetry contest will read their selections, and winning entries in the children's art contest will be on display.

The free event is coordinated by the Jewish Community Center and co-sponsored by area agencies, congregations and organizations. Call 382-4000, ext. 203.

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Surviving in name and deed

I and approximately 3,000 other survivors attended the 50th anniversary reunion, "Life After the Holocaust," at the Fountainbleu Hotel in Miami Beach on Feb. 18, 1995. In the halls, voices rang out in greeting as many survivors recognized each other and were reunited after so many years. There were also tears shed for those who didn't survive and would not be reunited in this life.

The lights dimmed and on the podium the flags waved. Speakers and dignitaries addressed the gathering. As I stood among this special group of people, all of us bound by the web of fate and sharing similar experiences, yet each of us surviving individually, I was moved again. Each of us is unique. We had to rebuild our lives and families after the darkest days of human history. Each of us, myself and my husband included, had to go deep within ourselves to find the strength to carry on.

It was not enough to be a "survivor" in name only. We had to live, to continue. We each had to find strength, faith, will. And we had to again believe in the dignity of every person, in the divinity within every human being which gives them the inalienable right to exist. That is what we had come to reaffirm. No one, no country, no government, no religion can take away our human dignity, our rights, or our individual spark of divinity. That is what survival means and that is what our survival of the Holocaust symbolizes for all people everywhere and for all time.

BETTY BERRY Mayfield Heights For three months, a combined unit of Polish and Soviet forces could not break Germany's hold on the Bug River.

Julian Solonitz, a lieutenant in the Polish Army, worked as a topographer. It was his job, as well as that of other topographers in the massive force, to pinpoint German military positions for Allied artillery.

After gathering information behind enemy lines for two weeks, Solonitz and his team presented a plan of attack.



Julian Solonitz

In the middle of the night, on April 30, Polish and Soviet armies opened fire – with each gun responsible for hitting a tightly focused area along the river. The ensuing barrage lasted four hours and "lit the sky red," said Solonitz. It also cost him permanent hearing loss in his left ear.

The successful assault broke the German line, allowed the forces to advance toward Berlin and brought the war's end that much closer for the Cleveland Heights resident.

Consequently, for Solonitz, the war ended May 1.

When he heard the official V-E Day announcement, he said he was in bed, drunk from celebration. On that day he wrote a letter to his wife. It read, "If you receive this letter, I survived." Among his 65 family members, only he, his wife and father survived.



Taking us back to events of 50 years ago

MARCIA J. WEXBERG Special to the CJN

s I prepare for my part in this year's Yom Hashoa Commemoration, I am struck by a sense of time and place. So many things come full circle. Since last fall, news reports and magazines have taken us back to the historic events of 50 years ago. Fifty years since the invasion of Normandy. Fifty years since the liberation of Auschwitz. Fifty years since the bombing of



Wexberg

Dresden. And rapidly unfolding before us is the litany of names and places where Jewish bones lay scattered as the

Nazis hurriedly covered their crimes and retreated from the advancing Allies. Majdanek. Sobibor. Belzec. Mauthausen. Nordhausen. Buchenwald. Dachau. Gross-Rosen. Treblinka. Bergen-Belsen.

Now it is a list of names. Then it brought the Allies face to face with the horrors of war, as hardened combat veterans came to the gates of hell itself, not knowing what they would find.

Every veteran who liberated a concentration camp has a story to tell. Alvin Horwitz is one. Al was just 26 when he left his wife and young daughter to face down Hitler in Europe. He was with the 104th Infantry Division, known as "Timberwolves," when they entered Nordhausen. There followed three days of shock and

disbelief. Three days ministering to the ragged remnant of starving humanity still clinging to life among the piles of corpses left behind by the Nazis. Three days of the stench of the dead that filled the air even in the neighboring town.

Because Al spoke Yiddish and could be understood by the Germans, he was pressed into service as a translator when the mayor of that nearby town was questioned. But the mayor and the local townspeople claimed they didn't know ... they didn't know ...

Every survivor also has a story of liberation. Barely alive, their souls were still shackled, even if their bodies were free. But after liberation of the camps, some liberators showed such compassion and humanity that they brought the survivors they touched back to life and living.

Al Horwitz was so moved by his experiences that when he got back home to Cleveland, he and his wife, Bert, signed up to be foster parents to a Jewish war orphan. My father, Philip Wexberg, escaped from Nordhausen just days before Al Horwitz's unit arrived. And my mother, Miriam Gross, was the foster child the Horwitzes took into their home.

Marcia J. Wexberg and Anita Gray are co-chairpersons of this year's Yom Hashoa Commemoration. The Jewish community remembers the six million and honors the liberators and fallen heroes on Wednesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Park Synagogue. A special art exhibit, "Engrained Forever," by artist Mimi Schiff will be on display at Park Synagogue from April 19-30.

Every veteran who liberated a concentration camp has a story to tell.

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Treated again as human beings

We were liberated May 2, 1945, from a concentration camp in Germany. We were actually left by our captors who ran away from the Allies. The American Army marched through the region called Meklenburg, but was unaware of our existence. A few days later, it became the Russian zone, and soldiers in a drunken state, noisy and boisterous, were roaming the place. We knew we had to leave.

It was May 8, a beautiful spring day, when our little group of four, that included my mother, set out on a highway surrounded by woods. We were just getting used to our newly acquired freedom and luxuriating in hearing birds chirp and walking without anyone following us, when suddenly we heard shots echoing through the woods.

We cringed at those scary sounds that were too familiar to us for so long. Then soldiers in American uniforms ran out of the woods, noticed us, and saw how frightened we were. They calmed us by bringing the news that the war had just ended and that they were celebrating by shooting into the air. They escorted us to the next town, Ludwigslust, which was their headquarters. They found us housing, food, and some clothing.

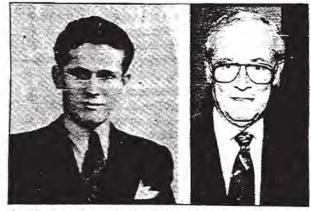
It was the first time after more than a year that we were treated as human beings. This was the day of our return to civilization. May 8 will always be a treasured memory.

SUSAN BEER Beachwood



DAVID I ANDERSEN / PLAIN DEALER PHOTOG

rvivors of the Holocaust and student essay winners from The Temple Religious School light six candles at The Temple East last nig membrance of the 6 million Jews killed by the Nazis. From left are student Ezekiel Hill, survivor Philip Waxberg, student Philip Wal rvivor Helga Miller, students Chloe Hill and Debra Kamin and survivor Roman Frayman.



Saul Gottlieb, left, was 17 when he was liberated on April 15, 1945, during a death march. At right, Saul Gottlieb today.

Hiding in straw to cheat death

It was Christmas Day, 1944, when I arrived in Buchenwald. I was 17 years old. A few months later, the Germans told us the Allied forces were advancing and the end of the war was coming. They treated us like dogs and took us on a month-long death march. We started with 2,000 people and maybe 300 survived. If somebody couldn't walk anymore, he was shot.

At one point I was crawling; I couldn't walk anymore. The Germans locked us in a barn about 9 p.m. near a small village, then returned two hours later. They started screaming at us and shooting their guns, and said we had to keep moving.

I fell into a pile of straw and didn't have the strength to go on. I didn't care if I died. The Germans didn't see me because I was hidden. The next morning the few of us who were still alive walked out of the barn and saw U.S. tanks. A Jewish soldier from Brooklyn told me to stay put: he would come back for me. I knew I was liberated and it was the happiest day of my life. April 15, 1945, was my V-E Day.

The saddest part was learning my parents were dead. I was the only one out of 230 family members to survive the Holocaust.

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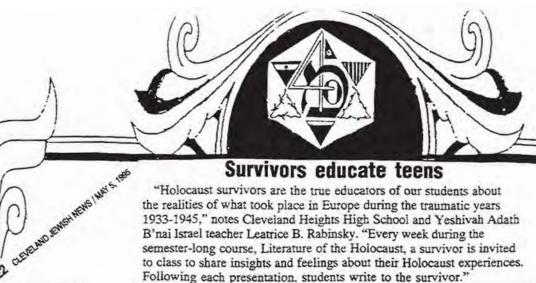
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Survivors educate teens

"Holocaust survivors are the true educators of our students about the realities of what took place in Europe during the traumatic years. 1933-1945," notes Cleveland Heights High School and Yeshivah Adath B'nai Israel teacher Leatrice B. Rabinsky. "Every week during the semester-long course, Literature of the Holocaust, a survivor is invited to class to share insights and feelings about their Holocaust experiences. Following each presentation, students write to the survivor."



Students look at photo album and historical documents of Jacob Hennenberg, a survivor of seven concentration and labor camps



Auschwitz and Ravensbruck concentration camp survivor Susan Beer with Heights students



Thanking Esther Frank for her talk about the Lodz Ghetto.



Helen Potash talks about her experiences in a ghetto and concentration camp.



Auschwitz survivors Lola Mandelbaum, right, and Gita Frankel accompanied students to Detroit Holocaust Memorial Center.





Wartime memories of two women I can't forget

It was April, 1945. Spring was in the air and in our soldiers' hearts. The collapse of Germany felt mighty good. My unit had stopped for a day of deserved rest.

I was caught up in a volleyball game when I was interrupted by our sergeant. "Julian, there are two women in that house ..." he said, pointing in the direction of a small brick house.

"I think they are Jewish and very sick."

Jewish women? The news affected me hard. These would be the first Jewish women I'd seen since I left my wife in Central Asia two years earlier. Seven months earlier we liberated the Nazi Camp Majdanek, the very first camp of horrors in Poland. But among the hundreds of living skeletons I didn't notice a single woman.

Without wasting a moment I rushed toward the house which, like many German houses then, was abandoned by its terrified German owners.

In the bedroom, in two beds, separated by a night-stand were two fairly young women huddled under the winter blankets. Only their pale emaciated faces and deep-set eyes were visible about the cover.

Gently I touched their foreheads; they were running high fevers. I tried to reach them in five languages: Polish, Russian, Lithuanian, German and Yiddish, but without success. Then I got an idea. I made a drawing of a Star of David on a piece of paper and I showed it to them. Tears welled in their eyes.

I pointed also to the Star of David on my chest. Their eyes lit up and a visible smile enlivened their faces. They realized I was Jewish too.

There were no doctors around for these two

women who had obviously been liberated from the camps and we were scheduled to leave the area late that afternoon. With improvised sign language I tried to explain that I would return and, giving each a glass of water, I left the house.

Having a little clout in the field kitchen, I asked the cook to prepare a pot of chicken soup with small pieces of chicken in it. Before we left I managed to deliver the soup, putting the pot with bowls and spoons on the night-stand.

With all our tears flowing freely, we parted. The memory of these two women never left my mind. Only heaven knows if they survived.

> JULIAN SOLONITZ Cleveland Heights

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50th Anniversary Gala Celebration of

Liberation and the Defeat of Nazi Germany

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Sunday, June 11, 1995 at Green Road Synagogue
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Proud of Heights High at Holocaust Commemoration

I just came home from the concluding ceremony of Holocaust Commemoration Week activities at Cleveland Heights High School, where Dr. Leon Bass gave a moving speech about being an African-American liberator at Buchenwald and one of the American soldiers who fought in the famous Battle of the Bulge. He brought me to tears and it was a great privilege for me to be in the audience and at a luncheon given in his honor.

Credit for this event is due to the Cleveland Heights High School administration, Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, and mostly to the students of this fine high school.

I was one of 23 or 24 survivors who spoke to the students during the week. They were

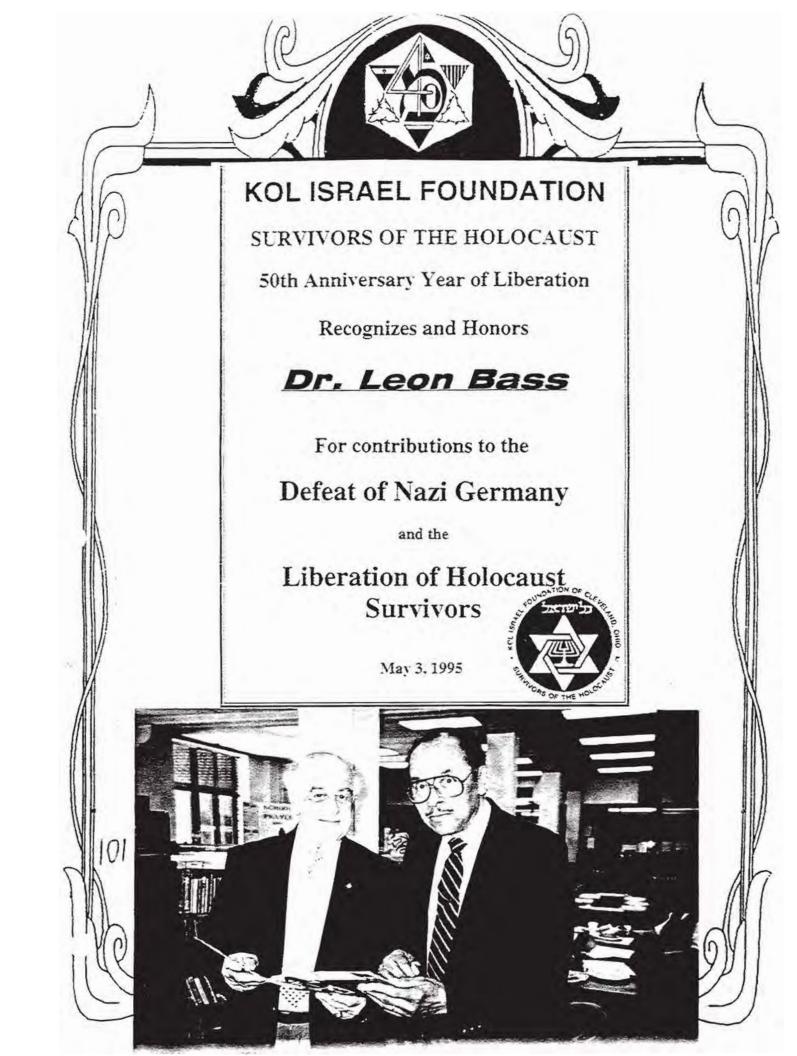
polite and attentive. I commend them for their patience in listening to an old lady with an accent telling them just one more horror story about man's inhumanity to man.

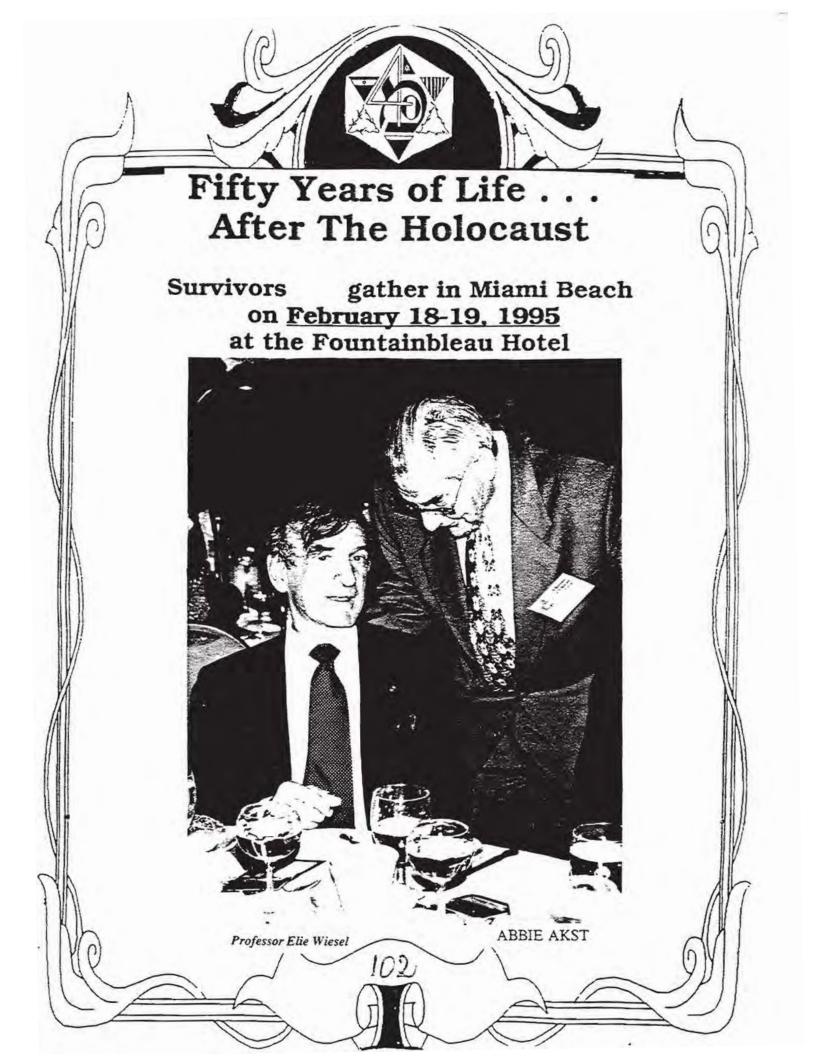
While we are the last witnesses to living history of the Holocaust, their generation are the future leaders and history makers of the future. They are the ones who can make our slogan of "never again" a reality. I am proud of my son's alma mater 26 years after his graduation.

Thank you all.

BEA BERGER University Heights

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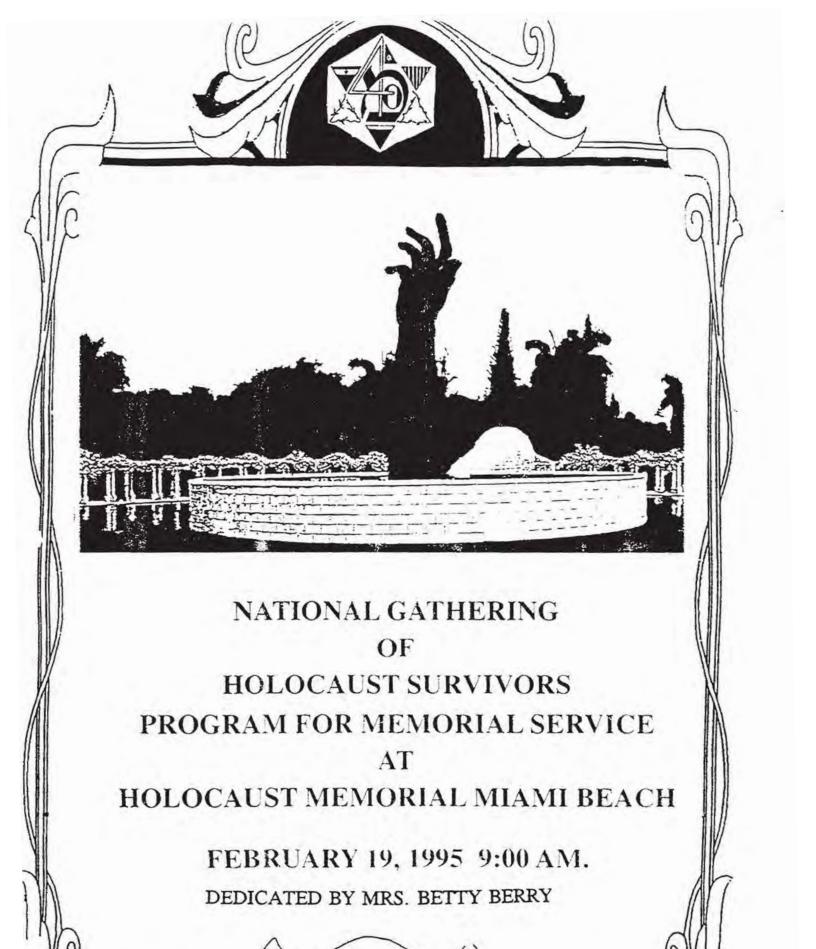
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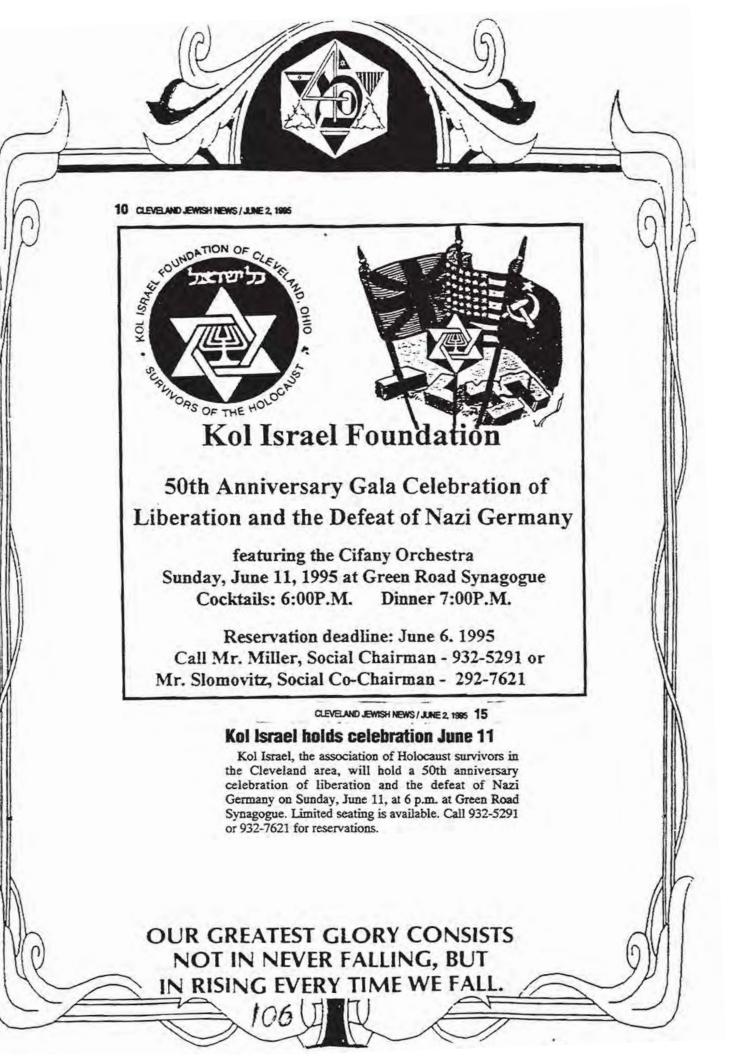
Survivors of the Holocaust

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NEW HOME FOR A SURVIVOR

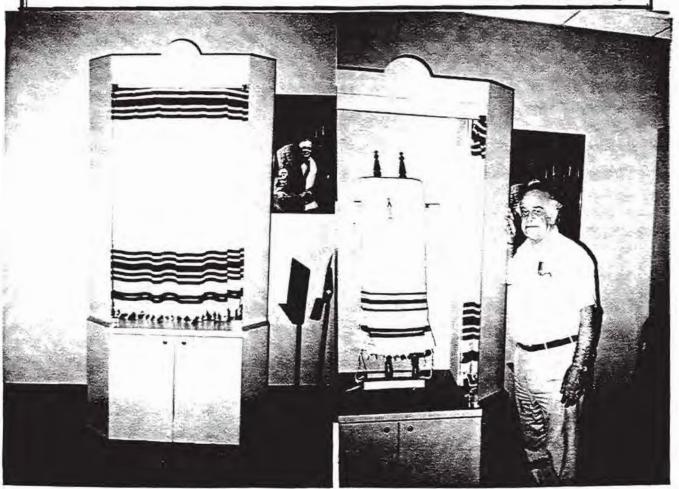
The first survivor that we learn about was "Izchak" surviving the near death situation when Abraham almost sacrificed him. World War II also produced survivors that almost perished. This time we have a survivor of the Holocaust that is a Holy scroll, the Torah.

The photograph below shows the Torah that survived in Czechoslovakia and was brought to this county by Sydney Blumenthal. Mr. Blumenthal donated to the Farimount Temple, Beachwood, Ohio, the Torah and the Aron that houses the Torah, including the curtain, produced out of a "Talit". We know little about its history, except it came from a town by the name of "Melnik".

In Prague, the Nazis established a so-called "Jewish museum" to display artifacts of a vanished Jewish people. All of the items there were confiscated from the "deported" and "relocated" Jewish people.

In 1942, Reinhard Heidrich established a bureau of dealing with the "final solution of the Jewish question" and unintentionally created the largest accumulation of Jewish religious objects by the name of the "Central Jewish Museum". During the final years of the war, the museum was a warehouse for materials of a doomed people. Fortunately, some of the Torahs were brought to England and are available to be given a place of honor in different places of worship.

Jacob Hennenberg



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Survivors of the Holocaust 50th Anniversary Year of Liberation

GALA CELEBRATION

Green Road Synagogue June 11, 1995

Program:

Welcome -

Mr. Simon Fixler, Chairman

Presentation of Kol Israel Flag -

Mr. Robert Birnbaum, Co-Chairman

Presentation of Jewish Brigade Flag -

Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Historian

National Anthem - Cifany Orchstra

Hatikva - Cifany Orchestra

Honoring -

Mayor Harvey Friedman and Mrs. Shirley Friedman

Mr. Joe Pearl, President Green Road Synagogue

Greetings -

Dr. Zev Harel, President

Hamotzi -

Mr. Henry Miller, Social Chairman

Dinner -

Mr. Steve Slomovitz, Social Co-Chairman

Dance Music - Cifani Orchestra

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Park Synagogue - April 26, 1995

Kol Israel Sisterhood Luncheon

Beachwood Library - May 8, 1995

Kol Israel Foundation Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue, May 13, 1995

Kol Israel Second Generation - Elections

Green Road Synagogue, May 21, 1995

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Kol Israel Foundation & 2nd Generation Kol Israel Annual Picnic Anisfield Park - July 2, 1995

Annual Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park - October 1, 1995

For the dead and the Living - We Must Remember

On the 50th Anniversary of our Survival and Liberation.

- Dr. Zev Harel, President, KIF

At the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, it is engraved "For the dead and living we must remember." We Holocaust survivors do not have to make special efforts to remember as the horrors of our observations and experiences and the pains of our losses are etched deeply in our hearts and minds. We have vivid recollections of those traumatic experiences, frequent dreams and intrusive imageries of what occurred during those days, months and years.

We remember the evils carried out against us and against members of our faith by the Nazi murderers and their willing collaborators. We remember the bystanders, including both the leaders of organized religion and leaders of the free world who refused to save Jews.

But we also remember the good souls, simple people in villages, towns and cities under German occupation, who risked their lives to hide and save Jews. We remember Oscar Schindler who singlehandedly saved hundreds of Jews. We remember diplomats and public officials, like the noble Raoul Wallenberg, Vivian Fry and Aristides De Sousa, who used their power and positions to save Jews from certain death. We remember the few communities, like Le Chambon in France, and nations, like Denmark and Sweden, that went against the Nazi rulers to hide, rescue and save Jews.

We remember the brave soldiers of the Allied Forces who risked their lives to save us and the world from Nazi tyranny. We remember with pride the Jewish Brigade and volunteers of the "Yishuv" who parachuted into Nazi occupied Europe to help organize resistance and rescue Jews.

We also remember the days of our liberation. Liberation, generally, has the meaning of joy and hope. For many of us that day removed only the physical difficulties. Many of us were too weak in flesh and spirit to fully comprehend and appreciate the meaning of liberation and freedom. And the freedom that came with liberation was rather limited. We soon realized the immediate challenges and the limitations in choice we had to face.

In the days following liberation, we were forced to begin coming to terms with our losses and the realization that we had nowhere to go. We could not go back to our countries of origin as it was too painful for us and we were unwanted by the local citizenry. Palestine was closed to Jews by the British government. The U.S. and other free world countries locked their entry gates. So, the only choice we had was to settle into what turned out to be a lengthy "temporary" residence in displaced person's camps in Germany. Some of us waited two or more years for entry to Palestine or the U.S.

As individual survivors and as members of the Kol Israel Foundation we have not only remembered our individual experiences and losses during those dark days, but also promoted and contributed toward a better understanding of the lessons and legacies of the Holocaust. We have provided the leadership for the organization of annual memorial services and community-wide commemorations of the Holocaust. We have been actively involved in Holocaust education activities and contributed significantly to the establishment of a local Holocaust legacy. It is pleasing to see that the leadership of the Second Generation Kol Israel and Jewish friends have become our partners and shared with us in this effort. As we survivors get older and fewer in numbers, it will become increasingly important that members of the Second Generation Kol Israel assume greater responsibility in the perpetuation of a viable Holocaust legacy here in Cleveland.

Fifty Years Since the end of World War II -Dr. Zev Harel

1994/95 marked the 50th anniversary year of the defeat of Nazi Germany; and May 8, 1995, their surrender to the Allied Forces. As individual survivors and as members of survivor organizations, we followed with great interest the events which depicted the battles of the Allied Forces against the Nazis and their collaborators in the general media and the Jewish newspapers. May 8, 1945, was the day when the leaders of Nazi Germany, following Hitler's alleged suicide, surrendered to the Allied Forces.

Around the world, including here in the U.S., jubilant crowds celebrated the end of World War II in Europe and the surrender of Nazi Germany. But, inside the camps liberated by the allied forces, dying and suffering continued. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a letter to General George C. Marshall, describing Ohrdurf concentration camp wrote: "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.."

As survivors, we most certainly feel a great debt of gratitude toward members of the Allied forces who risked their lives, defeated the Nazis and saved us. It is not only survivors, however, who have good reasons to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany. One has only to imagine what this world would have been like, had Hitler and the Nazis succeeded in carrying out their horrendous master plan.

At the U.S. Holocaust Memorial

Museum, a number of activities were held
commemorating significant milestones in the
year of the defeat of Nazi Germany and the
liberation of Auschwitz and other camps.
The Gathering of Holocaust Survivors held a
gala 50th Anniversary celebration at Miami
Beach, Florida in February 1995.

Here in Cleveland, the Kol Israel Foundation also held a number of activities commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. The 1994 Memorial Service, in addition to the traditional honoring of the memory of Jewish Holocaust victims, paid tribute to members of the Allied Forces who fought against and brought about the defeat of Nazi Germany; thus, saving the world from Nazi tyranny. The 1995 Annual Commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the Yom Hashoah V'hagvurah, also focused on liberation and liberators. The six million Jewish martyrs were honored in a candle-lighting ceremony. The Presentation of Colors included the Jewish War Veterans, a U.S. Honor Guard, and the flags of nations that comprised the Allied Forces that fought against and defeated the Nazis. Because this year marked the 50th Anniversary of Liberation, 16 Cleveland area veterans, all of them liberators, were honored in person. The program also featured a special liberation videotape, narrated by Dr. Rabinsky.

A 50th Liberation Anniversary Gala Celebration has been planned by the Kol Israel Foundation and is scheduled to take place on June 11, 1995, at Green Road Synagogue. We look forward to the participation of a significant number of survivors at this memorable historical event for all of us.

This special issue of our Kol Hanitzolim contains a small sample of Kol Israel members' stories of survival and liberation.

Certainly, there are many more stories to be told while survivors are alive and remember. Some of our members have visited their countries of origin, their hometowns, ghettoes and concentration camps where they suffered and where they were liberated. Some recently attended, witnessed and participated in special events held at the sites of their suffering. Their stories are told on these pages.

About Yom Hashoa and Liberation -Marcia J. Wexberg

As I was preparing for my part in this vear's Yom Hashoa Commemoration, I was struck by a sense of time and place. So many things come a full circle. Since last Fall, the news reports and magazine covers have taken us back to the historic events of fifty years ago. Fifty years since the invasion of Normandy. Fifty years since the liberation of Auschwitz. Fifty years since the bombing of Dresden. And rapidly unfolding before us was the litany of names, of places, where Jewish bones lay scattered, as the Nazis hurriedly covered over their crimes and retreated from the advancing Allies. Majdanek, Sobibor, Belzec, Mauthausen, Nordhausen, Buchenwald, Dachau. Gross-Rosen. Treblinka. Bergen-Belsen. Now it is a list of names. Then it brought the Allies face to face with the horrors of War, as hardened combat veterans came to the gates of Hell itself, not knowing what they would find. Every veteran who liberated a concentration camp has a story to tell. Alvin Horwitz is one of them. Al was just 26 when he left his wife and young daughter to face Hitler in Europe. He was with the 104th Infantry Division, known as "Timber Wolves" when they entered Nordhausen. There followed three days of shock and disbelief. Three days ministering to the ragged remnant of starving humanity still clinging to life among the piles of corpses left behind by the Nazis. Three days of stench of the dead that filled the air even in the neighboring town. Because Al spoke Yiddish and could be understood by the Germans, he was pressed into service as a translator when the mayor of the nearby town was questioned. But the mayor and the local townspeople claimed they didn't know...they didn't know...

Every survivor also has a story of liberation. Barely alive, their souls were still shackled, even if their bodies were free. But after liberation of the camps, some liberators showed such compassion and humanity that they brought the survivors they touched back to life and living. Al Horwitz was so moved by his experiences that when he got back home to Cleveland, he and his wife, Bert, signed up to be foster parents to a Jewish war orphan. My father, Philip Wexberg, escaped from Nordhausen just days before Al Horwitz's unit arrived. And my mother, Miriam Gross, was the foster child they took into their home.

My Liberation - My Second Birthday -Philip Wexberg

At the time of liberation, I was in Nordhausen concentration camp. I had been in Nordhausen for several months after a very hard trip in open coal-like wagons from Gross-Rosen in January 1945. The trip was particularly difficult, for it came just two weeks after a devastating death march from K.Z. Lager Finfleichen to Gross-Rosen. We left Finfleichen on a frigid January morning. There were more than 6,000 men, who were supposedly healthy enough to march.

I was told that on arrival in Gross-Rosen there were about 4,000 men left, all in exhausted condition. Many more were inclined to give up the march, which in wooden clogs and with very infrequent feedings, would have been impossible for a strong, healthy person. However, the frequent shots in the rear of our column compelled us to keep on going knowing that the alternative was a bullet and death in a ditch alongside the road. There was so much effort to help one's friend, by letting him lean on you, or maybe carrying his blanket.

The blanket was our only protection from the terribly cold nights, other than huddling close together for warmth in whatever barn into which we were herded. It was a good feeling to have a good, close friend. Out of 90 people taken in my transport from Wadowice in April 1941, I managed to stay together with Nathan Levenberg through many camps until Nordhausen.

Nordhausen was a very primitive temporary camp on the outskirts of the city. It consisted of large buildings that used to be garages for military vehicles surrounded by an electrified fence and guard towers. Inside were wooden bunk beds, three high, and primitive outdoor toilet facilities. Work consisted of going out to clear the streets of rubble from the bombing of the city. Food was given once daily. It consisted of some kind of soup made of grasses they called "spinach" with a few pieces of kohlrabi in it. We got a small loaf of bread, divided in six to eight portions, which had anything but flour in it. It contained a lot of sawdust. It was heart-wrenching to see such emaciated people clutching a piece of bread they longed for but were unable to eat because of its texture. Trying and trying to nibble on it.

One day, my friend, Nathan, decided not to go to work and hid, as he had done a few times before, saying, "They give us no food, why should I work?" When I returned from work that day, I became distraught when I found Nathan was not in the camp. I learned later that they were marched through the Hartz mountains and many died on the way. Miraculously, Nathan survived and wound up in Sweden after the War.

On April 3, 1945, at about 3:00 p.m., there were sirens heard and, shortly after that, bombs were flying. We could see the civilian population running out of town to the surrounding woods, but we were trapped. One bomb hit the building next to mine, causing terrible devastation. The lucky ones were killed immediately. Many were mortally wounded, their bodies torn, begging for help or death. The inmates who

administered first aid had only iodine and paper bandages to work with, and nothing to relieve the pain. It was a horrible sight. The bomb also killed some of the German guards and damaged the electric fence. The next day the sirens started wailing at 10:00 a.m. We saw the guards running down the tower and hiding in the shelter below the towers. Remembering what had happened the day before, I grabbed only a blanket and ran for a break in the fence, toward the woods, as did many others. There was no sign of the guards. I barely reached the woods when I heard the planes coming and jumped into one of the foxholes dug by the townspeople and covered myself with my blanket. There was a deafening explosion as a bomb fell less than 100 yards from me, creating a huge crater and dumping dirt in all directions. I would have been covered completely, was it not for the tree shielding me. It took me a while to realize that I was not hurt - that the wetness I was feeling was from the wet dirt, not my blood. I went deeper into the woods and eventually teamed up with three other escapees. We hid in a huge straw stack out in the fields. After three days we heard some shooting and a lot of commotion. Then someone said, "The Americans are here!" which was a surprise to me for I didn't know that America was in the war. Yes, for many years I celebrated April 4th as my birthday, for that was the day I regained my freedom.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Liberation 1945 Opened May 9, 1995

For the 50-th Anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has organized Liberation 1945, a major exhibition on the liberation and its aftermath. The exhibition opened on May 9, 1995 on the concourse level of the Museum and will be on display through January 1996.

MAY 9TH - A DAY TO REMEMBER

It was winter, about January 1945. One day I decided to bring a can of food for Arthur. I hid a quart can under my coat and joined the group as they walked by the S.S. man right behind me. Something unusual happened. We had to line up in a single file line and everyone was searched. I had a quart can under my coat. I could not throw it away because the S.S. man was right behind me. About over six hundred men were searched. When they came to me, the "Lager Furer" barks "Hau up", which means scram, and did not touch me. That was the first and last time I took something with me.

The following month all the camps inmates, including me, were sent to the other side of the town of Waldenburg to dig by hand the so called "Panzergraben". Ditches were dug at the entrance to the city so that when the Russian tanks came they would fall into the ditches. The whole thing was ridiculous.

One evening, going back to the camp six abreast, I noticed a small boy playing on the side walk. From afar I recognized him. I said to my friend Arthur who walked next to me, "this boy is Horst Maetzig who I knew when I was working in the town of Auschwitz, and his parents brought him there at the time he was two years old." As we walked by where the boy was playing, I exclaimed "Horst!" The kid looked at us and ran away. My friend Arthur said to me, "you scared the poor kid. If they complain to the S.S., we both will be killed."

The next evening, again we walked by that place and Horst was standing there with his mother, Elisabeth. She nodded her head and so did I. For the next two months, as we walked by, she and the boy stood there. It was a tremendous boost to my morale in that at least someone knew that I was alive. So as controversial as it may sound, the first action after liberation I went to help the family Maetzig because I was thankful for them thinking of me when the rest of the world forgot about me.

The liberation came on May 9, 1945, by the Russian forces.



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Death March to Freedom

-Steve Slomovitz

In the early morning hours of 16th of April 1945, approximately 2,500 Jewish inmates from the German concentration camp of Flossenburg and Buchenwald departed for what was to be the "Death March."

The Germans feeling the breath of the approaching American troops on their necks, began to retreat into the depth of their Fatherland, taking their Jewish prisoners with them. The inmates were packed, again, into the familiar mode of transportation, the train cars. Forty cars left the station, six SS guards per car. The train did not travel more than a few kilometers when a wave of Allied planes attacked. In a panic all exited the cars and scattered for cover, in ditches and behind buildings. After the attack ceased, the inmates were gathered and returned to the cars, leaving sixty dead persons behind. The transport arrived at Weiden, Germany.

The next morning, 17th of April, 1945, the transport left Weiden and continued to Dachau. For the next two days, we were plagued by allied air raids. Because only the SS were visible from the air, it was thought to be a military mission. Bombs and bullets rained down, ripping through the cars loaded with helpless inmates. Many died.

It was now the 19th of April, 1945. The Nazi soldiers forced to leave the train, continued to march their prisoners further into Germany, hidden by a deep beautiful forest. The poor souls were forced to continue their march on foot through rain, frost and cold. By now the Germans, filled with fear and frustration of their certain defeat, became more cruel and sadistic. They kept the march without any food. Those who could not keep up the tempo, and those who were just too tired, were shot on sight.

It was now the 29th of April, 1945. The arduous march was at last over and the final destination of Dachau was reached. The

emaciated and weary inmates numbered only a few hundred. Starved and lice-ridden, we were deserted by our Nazi captors. For years we had lived a life of guards, guns, starvation diets and death. We wandered around the camp freely, in disbelief. What should we do? Where should we go? Who will feed the hungry? Who will take care of the sick? Several hours later these questions were to be answered. A new group of soldiers, members of the U.S. Armed Forces, was to enter the camp. They came with their guns, but they brought with them something that the Germans could never have given us. Hope and freedom.

It is now the 29th of April, 1995, fifty years later. Thirty-seven survivors and members of their families returned to Germany to retrace that horrible journey from Flossenburg to Dachau. It was a very emotional trip. We said Kaddishes at three locations, - Flossenburg, Buchenwald and Dachau, - in memory of those who lost their lives there.

The two women whom I can't forget Julian Solonitz

It wasn't a romance and it wasn't a time for romancing. It was an experience that stuck in my memory like it was glued there. It happened some fifty years ago during the period of liberation of German Nazi camps and my own small part in it.

It was a sunny day in April 1945. The warmth of the final Victory over Germany was in the air and in the hearts of our soldiers. My topographical battery of the Russian army, often called "The Brain of the Artillery," stopped for a day of well-deserved rest. Berlin was a hazy, small blemish on the distant horizon. It felt good. A day earlier, I received an optimistic letter from my dear wife Beba, from far away Central Asia. She had enough food and was waiting

with trepidation for the end of the War. It had been almost two years since we said brokenhearted goodbyes to each other.

I was playing volleyball, one of my beloved sports. My fun was interrupted by the sudden arrival of our Sergeant. Hastily, he said: "Julian, there are two women in that house there." His hand pointed to a small brick house in the distance. "I think that they are Jewish and very sick!" He added.

"Jewish Women?" The news affected me hard. These women would be the very first Jewish women that I had seen since I had left my wife. Eight months earlier, we liberated the Majdanek, the very first camp of horrors in Poland. Among the hundreds of live skeletons on both sides of the barbed wires I didn't notice a single woman. Without wasting a moment, I rushed toward the house. Like most German houses, it was abandoned by the terrified Germans. We slept in many such homes, purposely messing up the clean bedding with our muddy boots, and often "rearranging" the furnishings

according to our mean spirited taste.

Walking into the house and bedroom increased my heartbeat. In two beds, separated by a night stand, were stretched out two fairly young women, covered by a winter blanket. Only their heads, recently shaven, and dark, deep-seated eyes were visible to me. My sudden intrusion didn't seem to frighten them. My uniform and friendly approach gave them the needed reassurance. Gently, I touched their foreheads. My hand felt the heat of their very high fever. I tried to reach them in different languages, including Yiddish, but without any reaction. I was puzzled. Who were they?.. This question was answered by the tattoos on their arms, which I checked under the blankets. Were they Jewish? And if yes, why didn't they respond to my Yiddish? Or maybe they were Gypsies?.. I had heard that they were also in camps.

An idea struck my mind. On a piece of

paper, I made a drawing of a Star of David and showed it to them. The reaction was instant. Tears appeared in their sunken eyes and a slight handshake gave me the answer.

Pointing again to the drawing and to my chest, I informed them that I was also Jewish. A faint smile appeared on their dry lips. An awareness of strong Jewish pride was always with me. In my mind, I had a strong obligation to help them in some way before my unit would leave the area later that day. Painfully I realized that there were no doctors around. There was no food to nourish them. They were helpless. My deep sense of obligation required that I provide them with some food. With improvised hand-signs, I tried to explain that I would return. After giving them glasses of water, I rushed out of the house.

I had a connection with the staff of our field kitchen. Asking the chief cook to prepare a large pot of chicken soup for the ill-fated women, I felt some relief. And so, some hours later, I was able to deliver the still hot pot of soup to the two survivors, along with bowls, spoons and towels. Before I left, I learned somehow that they were Hungarian Jewish women. With tears flowing freely from our eves, we parted.

Ahead was Berlin, and for me the end of the War, but the memory of these two women never left my mind. Only heaven knows what happened to them...

My Life Story - Harry Schuster

I am from a small town, on the border between Poland and Russia. On the river Slucz, there was a bridge. A Russian soldier guarded one side and a Polish soldier the other side. A curfew was imposed on the bridge during the summer at 10:00 p.m. and during winter at 8:00 p.m.

When the war broke out, we came under Russian occupation and had to learn the Russian language. I was working with an older brother in a carpentry shop. Soon the Germans occupied my hometown and entered with Lithuanian policemen. They killed six young Jewish kids. They organized a ghetto and we had to wear a Jewish star. My family consisted of 13 people, inclu-ding four brothers and two sisters. Every day we had to go to work. The German soldiers robbed Jews of their valuable possessions. In April 1942, I was taken with three of my brothers to Hancewicz work camp. There were no Jews there, and we didn't learn what happened to them. We worked all day and in the evenings we were given a small piece of bread and a little soup.

When we heard rumors that after we finished the work the Germans would kill us, we started to organize. We escaped from the camp to the forest. The villagers were running after us. My brothers were killed. We were surrounded by the local police, the villagers and the Germans. They were shooting at us and many people were killed At night I escaped with a few others and joined the partisans on the Russian side. I found out that the villagers turned my brothers in, one for a reward of a pint of salt.

I was with the partisans. We were sabotaging rail roads attacking police stations. A large number of partisans with whom I fought lost their lives fighting the Germans.

The Germans killed my parents along with other Jews of my community. I never went back to my hometown. I went to Austria to a displaced person's camp at Bindermichel. In 1947, I went to Italy and, from there, in November 1949, I arrived in Cleveland.

My Story of Survival and Liberation Mike Frum

I was born and lived in the town of Chenstochowa, Poland. My family included, my father Zalman Harsch, my mother Rachel Leah Firstenfeld, and two younger sisters Hinda Raizel and Ester Debora, may they all rest in peace.

I was 13 years old when the Germans

entered my hometown on September 1, 1939 and the restrictions started to be imposed on the Jews. On September 4, 1939, the Germans rounded up all Jewish men and some non Jews 18 and older and kept them in churches for three days. They let some of them go and, immediately, started shooting at them killing many. Therefore, that day was etched in my memory as Bloody Monday. My father was among those rounded up but he managed to return then safely home.

Adults were rounded up by the Germans to various work details. I was working first, with other young Jewish men loading and unloading railroad freight cars. Later on I was assigned to a work detail at an open-pit iron quarry at Komionka, an assignment that lasted for about two and one half years. The Day after Yom Kippur, 1942, I left our house early morning for the railroad station for routine work detail. At the end of the day, we were not allowed to return home. Instead we were sent to a steel mill and along with some fellow Jews, they marched us to our Ghetto. There, a Jewish policeman told me that my father was there and that my mother and two sisters were taken away. I never saw them again. From the Ghetto, I was selected to go with the first transport to Hassak Peltzere, where the Germans were assembling an ammunition factory. We were there for ten weeks without any services, sleeping on the bare concrete, subjected to the cruel weather conditions. Later, they returned us to what was a much smaller Chenstochowa Ghetto. The Chenstochowa Ghetto was liquidated because of underground Jewish activity. Those of us who were deemed important for the German work effort were shipped for a stay at Hassak Peltzere, where I continued to work at the ammunition factory, until January 1945. It was here that I met Chanka Wolkowitz, my dear wife of today. In early January, I was shipped with a group of inmates to Buchenwald. From Buchenwald.

after a short stay, we were transported to Dora, a Rocket Factory where the Germans were producing the V1 & V2 rockets. I worked there for a company called Hoch Teef until early April 1945 and from there to Bergen-Belsen where we arrived there on April 13, 1945. To our transport rail cars, a freight car of poisoned bread was attached, that was to be distributed to us and other inmates at Bergen-Belsen. The conditions at Bergen-Belsen were deplorable, human misery and suffering beyond description.

I was liberated on April 15, 1945, by the British military forces that included the Jewish Brigade. From Bergen Belsen, I returned to my hometown Chenstochowa and I found out that I was the sole survivor of my family. I decided to return to Feldaffing, Germany, where my dear wife of today was waiting for me. We got married there and together with our older daughter, Shirley, we arrived at the U.S. A. in 1951, and to Cleveland in 1953.

A Man's Fight for Survival - Elias Cala

April 26, 1945; We knew it couldn't last much longer. Fighting for survival since September 1st, 1939, when the Germans attacked Poland and I was with the Polish artillery battling the enemy.

Now almost six years later, after the horrors of Ghetto Mlawa, and the six concentration camps: Buna, Oranienburg, Flossenburg, Leonburg and Kaufering, we were about to leave camp # 7, Camp Ganacker, in Southern Bavaria. Like most of us, I was sick and too weak to walk, but we had to leave or be shot by the guards. After walking several hours without food or water, those unable to keep up were shot on the spot. In the evening some 26 kilometers later, we arrived at a small Bavarian town, Arnstorf. Tired, sick and hungry, we were locked in a barn filled with pressed hay. We were to continue the march in the morning.

Realizing that this would be impossible for me to do, I hid between the bails of hay, digging in deeper and deeper, hoping not to be found. A short time later I heard voices: "Here is one." A few minutes later a shot followed. The guards found others too. All together eleven were shot. I could hear everything that was going on. I felt the hay pressing heavily on my head. The guards were driving their bayonets into the hay. Soon it quieted down. They had left. After a while I heard voices again, there were ten more hiding in the hay with me. We were the lucky ones. Exhausted, I fell asleep. What will happen to me now? Will I ever be free? It had been so long since I left home.

My father had died in March of 1938. It was tragic. As the war and the Jewish persecution progressed, in retrospect, he was considered fortunate to have had a proper burial. My mother Miriam died in Ghetto Kutno. My brother Shlomo had been taken by the Germans while walking on the street of Bydgoszcz and never heard from again. My older brother Saul and my younger brother Victor did not survive. My older sister, Rachel, with her husband Abe, had left for Russia. Would I survive? Who was watching over me? All of that was going through my mind.

Late that afternoon, I was awakened. I could hear a German voice saying: "Here is one of them." It was the town police. They had all of us come out of hiding and took us to jail. When word got around, an SS officer tried to have us shot, but the leaders of the town were against it. On Sunday morning, when everyone was in church, a farmer had us released from jail. We walked four miles to his farm. There we washed, shaved and changed clothes, and received food. We could hear machine guns in the distance. We knew that six years of hell were almost over.

Early on Tuesday morning, May 1st, 1945, we could see American tanks coming down the road. Thank G-d, we had survived. We were free. As soon as we were physically able, we returned to Arnstorf to give our eleven comrades, shot by the German guards, a proper burial.

Each body was placed in a casket. One of them was recognized by a brother and sister who had survived. All were buried in the town's cemetery. One marker had the name of the only known person, Josepp Langfus. The other names were unknown. We were able to identify them by the concentration camp numbers.

Later on, after searching and hoping, my worst fear was confirmed by the Red Cross. My sister, Rachel, her husband and their children, were massacred by the Nazis at Babi Yar. This was but a small part of a man's fight for survival, against all odds.

Survival in Hiding - Betty Gurfein Berliner

September 1, 1939, was the beginning of the war in Poland and the beginning of the horrors for Jews in Poland. We were between two enemies, the German SS and the Polish anti-Semites, who sometimes were worse than the Germans. From 1939 to 1942 my family was protecting itself in a small village in eastern Poland. In 1941, my father was taken away from us, destination unknown. On August 29, 1942, the Gestapo surrounded our house and the homes of other Jewish families and, at dawn, they took us away from our homes.

On one of the trucks was my whole family. My older sister begged me to jump from the truck as soon as the truck would slow down. She opened the locks and pushed me out, I jumped and hid in a ditch. As soon as they drove away, I picked myself up and went in the direction where my older sister was, some thirty kilometers away. I found my sister packed and ready to go into hiding with her family. They found a temporary place for me, so I went into hiding with Polish people who I had never known before. Our experiences were: hiding in attics, hunger, cold, and much insecurity about the future. Our belief in God was the strongest reason for our survival. Eight of us went into hiding but only three of us survived, myself, my younger sister and a younger nephew.

In the middle of 1944, we knew that the

Germans were being defeated, without radio or newspaper. We were living in the dark, and we saw that in the middle of August 1944, the Germans were retreating.

On August 29, 1944, we were awakened with the great news: "The Russians are here." We did not believe it, but when we saw the Russian Army marching and singing we realized that we were free. We stayed in hiding five more days for fear that the Germans might come back. We did find out that in the city there were some Jews and, in the morning, we went there and found them. Some of the Russian soldiers were Jewish but they had difficulty believing that we were Jewish. Some of them, tearfully, told us that they were from Kiev and that they had not seen a Jewish child alive for a long time. I stopped hiding and began to live.

Liberation Day -Rose Kaplovitz

Oberalstadt concentration camp was established in 1941, in Sudetenland, Czechoslovakia. There were nearly 2,000 women prisoners. Most of them came from Sosnowiec, Bendzin, Chrzanow and other cities of Zaglembie, Poland. In May 1944, a transport of Hungarian Jews arrived from Auschwitz. The majority of the women prisoners worked for a firm named "Kluger," a weaving factory. Some worked at "Simens Werke," an ammunition factory. We were physically and mentally cut off from the outside world.

We worked under unbearable conditions and, even though, starvation depleted our body strength — our mutual support and solidarity provided life sustaining forces for us. Though resistance to the enemy manifested itself in a number of ways, we knew that merely trying to stay alive under these conditions was the highest form of resistance.

In the spring of 1945, the factories were closed, because, unknown to us, the allies were approaching and supplies were cut off. We were forced to work in the fields, to dig trenches.

Many of the women became ill due to the starvation diet and freezing conditions. On May 8th, we went to work, as usually, not knowing that the war had ended.

On May 9th, when we woke up the camp was still, there were no calls for work and no guards to be seen. Everything seemed strange. Suddenly, two Russian soldiers on motorcycles drove into the camp. It was then that we realized that the war has ended. We ran into the streets where we were met by the approaching Russian soldiers. We stood on the street for hours greeting them, laughing and crying from joy. This was the greatest day in our lives, one we will never forget.

That evening we celebrated our liberation in the assembly hall of the factory. There were inmates of different religions and nationalities, prisoners of war from Britain, South Africa, New Zealand, Russia and France, all celebrating as one people. That night we believed that this would be the last war that perhaps the world has learned. How very wrong were we.

All we wanted to do then was to return home and be reunited with our families. Since the transportation in Europe was totally paralyzed, we were forced to remain in the camp for two more weeks. One day, some of the girls and some British POW's were walking through the nearby forest where they came upon our lagerfuhrerin (head of our concentration camp) Irma Hoffman, who was hiding out in the forest. They brought her back to our camp and turned her over to the Russian authorities who, in turn, told us that she was our prisoner and that we could do with her as we chose, even kill her. We set her down in the middle of the "Zehl Appel Platz" and close to 2,000 women surrounded her. Her fate was in our hands now. How we hated her. It would have been so easy to kill her, yet, not one of us could do it. Perhaps, it was because we were exposed to so much killing that we valued life too much or, perhaps, it was part of our heritage to respect life. All we could do is shave her hair and, eventually we turned her over to the Russian authorities.

Eventually we returned home, only to discover that no one was waiting for us. It was then that we found out that most of our families had perished in the Holocaust. That was the worst day of our lives.

Journey to Mauthausen, Melk and Ebensee - Andrew Sternberg

The 50th Anniversary ceremonies marking the liberation of these camps took place at the camp sites May 2 - 8, 1995. The trip was a very emotional one, beginning at JFK Airport on June 3, 1995, when I met the liberators, Eugene Ciardelli, Joseph Scott and Lou Cuccinello. The occasion was full of joy and tears. On the way to Ebensee, we stooped at Melk, where Rev. Marvin McMickle said a very moving prayer, and at Mauthausen, where we had a private commemoration.

The official ceremonies started on May 5th at Ebensee, where in one of the tunnels the Mozart requiem was played. We met and talked at length with three local high school graduates who wanted first hand information from a survivor. Ellen Harris of the Cleveland Jewish News recorded the conversations with the students. At 2:00 a.m., they departed by saying "Shalom" and asked me to forgive their forefathers. On May 6th, the official ceremonies began with a march from the original entrance to the camp. There were four representatives from: a) the Austrian Jewish Federation; b) the Italian delegation; c) the French delegation; and d) the local mayor.

The Mauthausen ceremonies were held on May 7, 1995, with about 50,000 people in attendance. There was a march to the appelplatz and several speakers, including Simon Wiesenthal. Each one of the 31 countries, including Israel, walked with its own flag. This was one of the largest gatherings of survivors, liberators, family members and friends.

On Monday, May 8, 1995, we went to Melk. The highlight of this ceremony was the participation of Dr. Joseph Sora. This man, the camp physician, risked his life by smuggling weapons and short wave radios into the camp to the French resistance group. He personally prevented the blowup and, thus, saved the 9,000 inmates. The trip was a very moving and worthwhile experience for all participants.

Remembrance of Liberation and Freedom -Betty Berry - born Sosnowitz, Poland

In January 1945, I was a prisoner, along with thousands of others, at the Auschwitz Concentration camp. About that time, we noticed something different about the camp; not many guards were around and they did not count us at all as they used to do twice daily. At the end of January, the order came for us to pack up and leave Auschwitz. We were given traveling rations of only one piece of bread and marmalade to last us for days. We began a death march, on foot in Winter, dressed in only the rags of our prison uniform, we marched for days and many people died from hunger, cold and exhaustion.

We reached a train station, where we were packed into cattle cars like human sardines. We traveled for days by train, and many more people died, en route, and their corpses remained in the cars with the living.

Finally, we reached Ravensbruck concentration camp inside Germany. We noticed something different and strange about this camp. We prisoners had no work to do. The airplanes flying overhead were not German but rather from the Allies. The Nazi guards were fleeing, some tried to put on prison uniforms to get away. We heard that the Russians were coming from the east. The Nazis fled and deserted the camp. We prisoners were left to fend for ourselves. When the Russians marched in, we realized that we were free. They gave us food and wanted us to celebrate. We were to weak, however, to celebrate with them.

We were free, that was enough.

With the realization of what freedom meant, we started thinking again of family, home and friends. What happened to them? Who was left? Communications were haphazard but people tried to go by train to places they were from. Jewish organizations tried to help locate and reunite what families and friends were left. My husband, Sam, and I were separated for over two years and sent to different camps. After liberation, Sam learned through UNRWA that I was back in Sosnowitz, Poland. He came back from Dachau, Germany to Poland. My husband and I were reunited. Those were among the most joyous days of our lives. Being liberated at Ravensbruck, returning home, finding my husband and a few family members, I began to realize the joy of freedom. Freedom is so precious and fragile. People who never experienced the terrible, cruel and dark days of the Holocaust, truly one of the lowest and darkest points in human history, may find it difficult to imagine what it was like. They may not know what it is like to have their dignity, humanity and freedom all taken away.

After the liberation, we Holocaust survivors regained our freedom. We were free to decide and choose how, why, and where to live our lives. Freedom lost, and then freedom regained, becomes even more precious. Freedom is a gift from God, a divine right of all people, that no other individual or force should have a right or should be allowed to take away.

To the Kol Israel Foundation, I extend my best wishes on the 50th Anniversary of our liberation and to a good future.

My Survival, Liberation and the aftermath -Robert Birnbaum

I was born and grew up in Nowysacz in the Karpatian area of Galicia. My family consisted of my parents, four brothers and two sisters. Like typical Jewish families I had a large extended family. We attended Polish and Hebrew schools and I excelled in soccer. I completed Polish military training, compared to the ROTC, I still have in my possession the original diploma from the Polish Military Academy. My family led a typical Jewish life, enjoying holidays and special events. In early 1939, just before Pesach, our family moved to Tarnow, Poland.

In September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland and our city came under German occupation. Restriction and limitation were imposed on Jews. We could not ride public transportation. We had to wear the Yellow Star of David and, Jewish children, could not attend public schools. My father, of blessed memory, was taken with other Jewish adults to a "work detail" from which he never returned. They were shot at the Tarnow Jewish cemetery. The rest of my family were taken to the Tarnow ghetto, where they lived until their deportation to Auschwitz.

I returned to Nowysacz, where I joined a group of Polish Partisans. I was able to join in with them because of our previous acquaintance high school when we were friends and played soccer together. I took up the Polish name of Boleslaw Wiesniewski. At daytime, I worked at various jobs to support myself and, at night, we went on assignments to sabotage the German occupation. I parted ways with this Partisan group in 1942, when I discovered that they were robbing Jewish people who were hiding from the Germans in bunkers and in the forest.

In 1944, the Russian army liberated our area and, when I returned to Tarnow, I discovered that no one of my family survived the Holocaust. Shortly thereafter, I met and married Musia Grakow, my dear wife of today. Later, in 1946, we found my brother Henry in a Polish military hospital where he was because of an injury he suffered during the war years.

I decided that Poland was not the place where I wanted to continue my life. We went, along with my brother Henry, to Munich, Germany, where my daughter, Lillian, was born. We applied for immigration visas to the United States, which were slow to come. We received our entry permits and arrived to the U.S. in January 1951, and immediately continued to Cleveland.

Looking back at the war year and my liberation, fifty years later, I realize that we still live in the shadow of the Holocaust which has not faded away and, probably never will. I a Holocaust survivor who witnessed unimaginable horrors and my dear wife found the strength to rebuild a new life and family and to become a leader of the Holocaust survivor community. I am proud to have had the opportunity to contribute locally and nationally to the establishment of remembrance and commemoration of the Holocaust.

The Liberation of Auschwitz, Mauthausen and Ebensee - The sites of my experiences. -Dr. Zev Harel

Auschwitz was liberated on January 27, 1945. How can I forget that date? It happens to be my official birth date - a day, however, which I cannot and do not wish to celebrate. How can I celebrate on that day when I know, both from the horror stories of my fellow survivors and from my personal observations and experiences there, what Auschwitz was about.

I arrived at Auschwitz in early May 1944, at the age of fourteen, in a cattle car from my home town Nagybanya, Hungary. I will remember that night forever. It was a clear beautiful night. When I disembarked from the cattle car and I looked around, I saw a sky full of stars. At the same time, a terrible stench spread from the crematoria and permeated everything. A rabbi was standing there praying: "God - Evil goyim came into your kingdom, they desecrecated your Holy place, - How long will you let this go on?" I, very quickly, became aware what the function of Auschwitz was and what fate, in all likelihood, awaited me there... I remember thoughts going through my mind.

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Where was God? Where were the leaders of the world? How can this happen?

I managed to get through the selection processes at Auschwitz; and, to this day, I do not know how. I am the only one of my age group from my home town to survive the Holocaust. My classmates and members of my immediate and extended family were murdered and cremated there. That is how Auschwitz is ingrained in my mind.

From Auschwitz, I was shipped to Mauthausen, again, in cattle cars. From the railroad station in Mauthausen, we were marched up the hill to the site of the concentration camp there. The SS guards kept on beating us with their rifle butts all the way to the camp. I was hit numerous times and, to this day, I do not know how I managed to get through and keep up with the march. Most certainly, some of the fellow concentration camp inmates supported me and encouraged me not to give up. In addition, my father - may he rest in peace -, was murdered at Mauthausen. Those are my memories of Mauthausen.

From Mauthausen, I was shipped with a transport to Ebensee, where I spent about one year. I worked most of the time in two work details. In one of the work details I worked in the tunnels, where the Germans were building what was to be an underground ammunition factory. I had to compete with others, all of whom were older and most of whom were much stronger than me. We were drilling holes with air hammers in the rocks for explosives, clearing the rocks, and loading and unloading construction materials. A second work detail, "Kissgrube Mariengasthauff" entailed digging, preparing and loading sand, rocks, and other construction materials on trucks. How did I get through that year, I do not know to this day.

Liberation day, May 6, 1945, I only remember vaguely. I was barely 15 years old and, by then, not in the best of shape. I was liberated by the U.S. military forces. I looked, most likely, like those in the picture portrayed

at the entrance of the Liberation display at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Following liberation, I started on my way home, along with others liberated at Ebensee, to find out who if anyone of my family survived. Near Linz, I sat down to rest by the road side and fainted. A U.S. soldier, whom I could never find, picked me up from the ditch and brought me to a hospital in Linz, where I was diagnosed with typhoid. This soldier who saved my life brought medication from his military unit which helped my recovery. I am deeply indebted to members of the 80th Infantry Division, who fought with the U.S. Military forces and liberated me at Ebensee and especially the who saved my life a second time.

I have been back to Mauthausen numerous times. I go there to say Kaddish for my father whenever I get a chance. I also go to Ebensee to say Kaddish for my fellow concentration camp inmates who died there.

Second Generation Kol Israel President's Message" - Avi Goldman

The 50th Anniversary of the liberation of the various Nazi death camps has been recognized during this past year. Fifty years ago, a new era began - a new life for Holocaust survivors.

We, the "Second Generation" Holocaust survivors must never forget what our Jewish parents, brothers and sisters went through. It is our duty to teach our children and the world about the horrors of the Holocaust.

As President of the "Second Generation Kol Israel," I know that our organization is doing its fair share of Holocaust commemoration and Holocaust education activities. When I hear or read the news, however, I realize that violent hatred, terrorism and antisemitism are with us in the United States and all over the world. We need to do more to assure the lessons and legacies of the Holocaust so that our people and the world may have a better future.

Kol Israel Foundation

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Father, Chaim Zvi Hennenberg Mother, Perl Hennenberg nee Bochner

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JACOB HENNENBERG AND FAMILY

House and wealth are inherited from our fathers, but a sensible wife (Proverbs 19:14) is a gift from the Lord.

WORLD WAR II: THE LEGACY

Holocaust children vow to remember By FRAN HENRY PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

Beginning in the town square of Chmielnik, Poland, Ann Lukas followed directions to a landmark she had dreamed of finding - the home in which her mother lived before World War II.

"It was exhilarating," said Lukas, a child of Holocaust survi-

She had come closer to piecing together her family's history, the reason she went to Europe this summer.

Besides visiting the villages where her parents had lived, she looked for her great-grandfather's burial site. But all the tombstones had been broken up to make sidewalks. She said prayers at Nazi death camps where relatives had died.

Two uncles, she had heard, were shot to death while trying to escape from Majdanek, a concentration camp known for its severe hard labor.

"I was a teenager before I realized what aunts and uncles were," said Lukas. "I was so jealous of my friends who had grandparents.

Her story is familiar to children of Holocaust survivors, Jews who eluded death at the hands of the Nazis when 6 million European Jews did not. Another 5 million of the Nazi death camp victims included Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals. Gypsies, dissidents and the disabled - which themselves were only a fraction of the millions of troops and civilians killed in battle throughout Europe and Asia.

But the Jewish children of Holocaust survivors share a common bond, one that goes beyond their lack of relatives. Their lives were shaped by parents who survived the hell of labor or death camps, who survived Hitler's master plan to eradicate all the

Their young minds were branded by a premature under-

standing of evil.

to Second Some belong Generation Kol Israel, a group of survivors' children who are committed to Holocaust education and combating anti-Semitism. Others shy away from member- Jewish people]. ship, preferring to live in the present alone.

the knowledge that simply being born to survivors has put a unique spin on their lives.

"We had a past and it was obliterated," said Lukas, a lawyer and director of paralegal studies at Notre Dame College. She lives in Beachwood with her husband, Steven Jones, and son, Nathaniel, They and her sister, Henny Morehouse, also went on the trip

"I don't have a family history. I need to validate that I had a fam-

Lukas' parents escaped from Warsaw and spent the war years in Siberia, where they lost their first child to starvation. "Russia was tough, but better than the gas chambers," she said.

After liberation, on July 4, 1946, her mother had another brush with death at the hands of anti-Semites. She and a number of others had returned to Kieice, Poland, to try to reclaim property, and angry Polish citizens, unwilling to part with ill-gotten property, killed 42 Jews.

During the pogrom, her mother hid, keeping her hand clamped over her baby's mouth to keep her quiet so they might avoid detection. She and Morehouse, who had been the babe-in-arms, also visited the building where the pogrom happened. It has been preserved as a historical site.

Since her mother died when Lukas was 8, her father was her chief source of stories of life in Si-

"As a child I'd get headaches hearing of the horrors, and when was more educated about the Holocaust, I saw that his stories had been underplayed," she said. "It's been validating to my father's stories to see them in texts and at the Holocaust Museum."

Lukas, 43, recorded interviews with her father when he was in his late 60s, a few years before he died, and she feels it's her job to keep her parents' history alive. "I need to make sure the world knows what happened to us [the

"They suffered so much, to let nority is important to consider."



it go would really trivialize what Auschwitz inmates appear behind barbed wire during the 1945 they went through. It's so hard to liberation of the Nazi concentration camp in Poland The believe that [the Holocaust] hap-pened. The vulnerability of a miunderstanding of evil.

In honor of lost relatives

Susan Spitz Hennenberg, 41, has taken the responsibility of living her life in honor of the relatives she lost.

"I keep thinking of all the people who died and I have to make it up to them. I have to be able to produce something that's good so people will see it's good my parents survived and had me."

Apart from its dark legacy, said Hennenberg, "the Holocaust also speaks to man's ability to be reborn after a devastating experience."

Being the child of survivors has been foremost in her mind as long as she can remember. She studied psychology in college to try to understand "man's inhumanity to man."

"I was trying to understand how a human could shoot another point-blank. The amazing, incredibly frightening thing is that any one of us could do it.... It's blind obedience to authority."

She used literary pieces about the Holocaust when participating in speech tournaments as a child. She grew up in Phoenix, where the Jewish population was small. Her parents still live there.

"The Holocaust wasn't talked about much, and I felt I had to make known what happened. Classmates would come up to me after I'd read a Holocaust piece and say, 'Did that really happen?' Now there are book and movies."

And she would read Holocaust writings for her mother, and her mother would say, "Yes, that happened."

She would avoid direct questions about the war years to protect her parents' feelings. "You feel your parents have been through so much pain, you just want them to be happy." Her mother was in Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, and her father, working under Raoul Wallenberg, helped save fellow Jews from

trains headed for death and concentration camps.

"Even though my parents were willing to talk, it was hard for me to ask. I didn't want Mom to cry. I didn't want to see the pain in her eyes, said Hennenberg. "My mother had lost everyone but her sister."

Dealing with the pain

A Lithuanian couple named Bertha and Julian Solonitz were the lucky ones in their families. They would have the chance to live, though they would be haunted by memories of atrocities and the loss of all their relatives, except for Julian's father.

They were blessed by the birth of twins. Ralph and Sophia, in 1947, and Julian's father married again, to a worflan who survived Auschwitz.

"She'd tell stories about her experiences," said Ralph Solonitz, 47, of South Euclid, "They were always about loss."

He, of course, knew about loss firsthand. "I grew up with no relatives."

The family arrived in Cleveland in 1949. "For a long time, I didn't realize how traumatic it was being a child of survivors...."

"What could ever make up for what they had lost? They shut off their feelings to cope with pain, to deal with losses, and things like economic security took on great importance."

And while he felt their intention was to protect the children, the message he found himself absorbing was that the world isn't a safe place.

"Even positive change was dreaded. I guess you never feel safe again when you've been touched by unexpected tragedy," said Solonitz, a graphic artist. "We'll get over our feelings about the Oklahoma bombing because it wasn't personal.

"The Holocaust was deliberate."

While he is still processing how the Holocaust affected him, Solonitz believes his legacy is to help build bridges between people, one person at a time, "to eliminate hatred and prejudice."

"In my searching, I have found I have a heart. It took me 30 years to thaw out and feel. It's a blessing and a curse. Now I always see the other person and their struggle."

'No reason for our lives'

When Lia Chesner's father emerged from Mauthausen, he was a desolate man. In a letter to his sister in California, dated Sept. 2, 1945, he wrote:

"The truth is there is no reason for our lives at all.... I had two beautiful little girls and a young wife, brothers and sisters, and now I sit here alone in the emptiness because emptiness is all that this life is now.

"I lived in Marosh Vasharhey, but since no one was there, I thought I would come home. Maybe here I would find someone. Unfortunately no one and nothing is to be found. The house is empty, everything was carted off. I was in Akkos, but there too, outside of the empty house, nothing can be found."

His life gradually healed. He found a new wife, a woman who had lost her entire family in the Holocaust, and they had a child;

Lia is now 41, and committed to doing her part to keep the story of the Holocaust alive.

"When a survivor dies, there's one less to tell the story."

She greatly fears that if she and other children of survivors don't carry on for their parents, the revisionists will be successful at denying the facts of the Holocaust.

"My job is to speak up when there are no survivors left. All people who want history to stay pure will speak up," said Chesner.

Beyond that responsibility, she feels that being a child of survivors has marked her with a very deep commitment to family.

"What's been put into me by my mother, who came back alone [from the Holocaust], is you can't replace family. When they're gone, they're gone. So nurture the family, keep it strong.

"Without family, you're adrift, without an anchor. Even though I'm an only child, I've never felt alone. I grew up with my cousins, who are like brothers and sisters to me."

New life out of the rubble

In 1949, with two suitcases and a 2-year-old named Avi, the Goldmans arrived in Israel, pioneers in a country where they would be safe from the persecution they endured during the war.

Avi's father emerged from Buchenwald the sole survivor of his family. His mother survived Bergen-Belsen. Though she still had a brother, sister and some consins, she had lost her first husband and son to the Nazis, and she had seen her brother shot to death.

"They didn't share much in the way of [war] stories while I was growing up," said Avi Goldman, of South Euclid. "Just bits and pieces. . . . My father would have nightmares about the Holocaust. He'd wake up screaming and sweating.

"He'd tell me he'd been dreaming about the camp."

But still, Avi recalls a pleasant, emotionally secure childhood lived in an enclave of 40 or 50 families with a common bond—their survival of the war. The neighborhood was a happy place, full of children, and Goldman said he always felt welcome and safe in any of the homes.

He moved to Cleveland in 1969 to attend Cleveland State University, and he decided to remain here after meeting and marrying his wife, Lynn. He thought his adjustment to American life would be easier than hers to Israeli life.

Goldman, 48, has little patience with those who complain about tough luck or lack of opportunity. It all pales, he says, when he considers what Holocaust survivors lived through.



In Memoriam

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We deeply mourn the loss of our beloved husband, father and brother

MARTIN ROSSKAMM

(formerly Schwarza)

who passed away in Cleveland, Ohio at the age of 80, on August 28, 1995.

He will be fondly remembered by

Betty Rosskamm

Alan Rosskamm, Son

Jackie Rothstein, Dautghter

Steve Ross, Brother

Stephan and Anita Ross

May His Memory Be A Blessing Forever

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In Memory of our Beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather

The family of Henry Kaplowitz gratefully acknowledges and thanks all our friends for their kind donations and heartfelt expressions of sympathy.

Knowing your thoughts and prayers have been for us, was a source of great comfort at the most difficult time in our lives.

Rose Kaplowitz and Family



Obligated to tell story for 6 million who can't

ROSE KAPLOVITZ Special to the CJN

n April 19, I was the guest speaker at the city of Akron Holocaust Commemoration Day. This was the city's official remembrance of the six million Jews who perished and the millions of other victims who suffered during the appalling period.

The commemoration was unlike any other I have attended, sponsored by the entire city, not just the Jewish community. Among the participants were Donald L. Plusquellic, mayor of Akron, and David Bryant, president of the Akron City Council. The commemoration was attended by 1,000 people – Christians, Jews, and many schoolchildren.

The theme for this year's program, and for the Sixth Annual Arts and Writing

I speak of lost childhoods, of broken dreams and of broken hearts.

Contest, was "Children of the Holocaust."

The outpouring of entries submitted by the students from 22 area elementary, middle and high schools was overwhelming. Many of the winners participated in the candlelighting ceremony as well.

As I spoke to the gathering, there was a deafening silence. So moved were the children, that for a while, they remained motionless in their seats at the end of the program. Afterward, I met with many of them to answer questions.



Holocaust survivor Rose Kaplovitz describes experiences to attentive Akron audience at recent city-wide commemoration.

During a recent four-week period, I was asked to speak to students in 14 schools (only two were Jewish schools), and a temple. Since the release of the movie, "Schindler's List," the demand for speakers to discuss the Holocaust has increased dramatically." Whenever I describe my experiences to students, regardless of their age, they respond with the same attentive silence.

I am often asked by my friends why I choose to speak so often. Why endure so much pain; why relive the horrors?

As a survivor of the Holocaust, it is my moral duty and obligation to carry on the legacy of the Holocaust.

I speak for the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust – I speak for the survivors who are unable to speak for themselves because it is too painful. I speak of lost childhoods, of broken dreams and of broken hearts.

I am dedicated to bringing the events of the Holocaust to the attention of humankind in the fervent hope that history does not repeat itself. I know that the immensity of the tragedy can never be portrayed, because no human mind can comprehend it. But if the future generations can learn from the past it will have eased our mission in life.

Rose Kaplovitz is a resident of Beachwood.

OBERALTSTADT CONCENTRATION CAMP

Ey- ROSE LAFICVILL

Oberaltstadt concentration camp was eatablished in 1941 in Sudetenland, Czechoslovakia. There were five other camps for women in that region. These camps were set up and administered by Heinrich Himmler's SS under the name Schmelt. Albrecht Schmelt whose headquarters were in Bosnowiec and later in Annaberg was in charge of coordinating all programs designated to exploit Jewish labor, which was needed for the Nazis war effort.

The concentration camp was located near the factory in which we worked. The surrounding area was a beautiful mountainous region so beaceful and so serene. So different from life within the camp.

The first transport of women prisoners to arrive in Oberaltstact came from Sosnowiec, Chrzanow and Bendzin. They were followed by women from other cities of Zaglembie. In 1944 a transport of Hungarian prisoners arrived from Auschwitz. Altogether there were around 2005 Jewish inmates.

The majority of the girls worked for "Firma Kluger", a weaving factory, while some worked at "Siemens Lerke", an ammunition factory. Le were physically as well as mentaly cut of from the outside world. Our status was lower than that of any slave. Besides being deprived of freedom we each became a piece of expandable property allowed to live as long as we were productive, once declared useless we would be done away with.

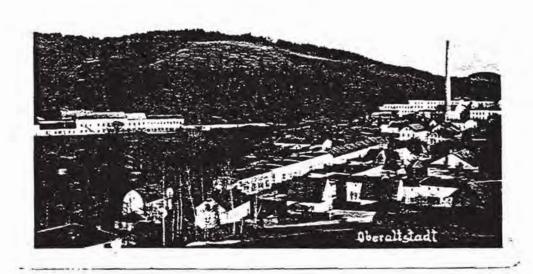
We worked under unbearable conditions, 12 hour shifts. Hunger was the most significant problem faced by all the inmates. By Barvation was a devastating weapon which stripped us of our strength, pride, dignity and often even the will to go on. But even when starvation depleted our bodies, the prisoners link with others in the same situation provided a life sustaining force and a feeling of solidarity tended to develop among the prisoners. The girls would help each other, comfort each other and often cover up for each other, so as to maintain some kind of order and unity in our miserable life. We were forced to retreat to a primitive form of mental life, but we menaged to preserve the vestiges of our spiritual freedom of mind. The only thing that kept us alive was the hope of seing our parents and families again and strong believe in God.

Our Nazi guards, whose capacity for evel had no limits, would abuse us physically and inflict mental pain upon us. During the roll calls they would think up ways of humiliating and degrading us. they would squeeze out of us the last reserves of human dignity. The brutalities to which we were exposed left deep wounds and mental anguish nothing will ever erase.

Resistance to the enemy manifested itself in a number of ways but just trying to stay alive under those condition was the highest form of resistance.

On May 9, 1945 we were liberated by the Russian army. This was the greatest day in our lives. We rejoiced in our freedom, but liberation came much too late. We returned home only to discover that no one was waiting for us. All our families have perished in Auschwitz.

That was the worst day in our lives.



MY HOMETOWN SOSNOWIEC - ROSE KAPLOVITZ

The city of Sosnowiec is located in the south-western part of Poland and is part of the Zaglembie region.

Jews settled there in the early 19th century, and the Jewish population grew. By 1939 it reached 28,000. Twenty Two percent of total population of over 130,000 inhabitants.

Approximately one third were engaged in industry crafts and trade including clothing and shoe manufacturing, coal mining and manufacturing of coke. Others were employed as laborers or clerks in industry or business. A considerable number engaged in the professions.

In the early 20th century a Jewish labor movement was organized through the Bund and Poalei Zion of the association of Artisans, Merchants and Industrialists was formed.

A Jewish cemetery was opened in 1896. A Talmud Torah in 1980 and a Mikvah in 1913. Ahavet Haret was set up for the purpose of lending money without interest. A Jewish old age home and Jewish hospital served many of the Jews of Sosnoweic. A popular Jewish newspaper was published weekly - Bais Yaakov for girls and Yavne for boys was opened. A secondary school for boys and girls was established along with a Hebrew gymnasium (High school). An orphanage for Jewish children was founded in early 1900.

The Great Synagogue located in Dekerta was beautiful and stately. It was built in 1896. There were many smaller synagogues throughout the city. The Radamski Rebe (Rabbi) was well known throughout the region.

On the outskirts of the city were many coal mines. Sosnowiec had many beautiful parks, a skating rink and two sports stadiums which were very popular with the Jewish youth, especially those who participated in the "Maccabia" games. There were movie houses and a theater which sometimes presented Jewish plays.

Though anti-semitism prevailed, life was quite normal and we had a beautiful and a happy childhood.

In 1938 Germany expelled Jews who were originally born in Poland. They were deposited at the Polish German borders. The Poles were not too eager to accept them. The zionists stood by the border and helped relocate whole families, finding lodging for them with families in Sosnowiec.

On September 4, 1939, the Germany army occupied Sosnoweic and immediately organized an attack on the Jewish population. Thirteen Jews, among them my brother Romek, my uncle Chaim and my cousin Josef were murdered. On Saturday, September 9, the Great Synagogue

on Dekerta was set on fire and burned to the ground with all the Torahs and other holy objects. We were ordered to wear a white arm-band with a blue star of David on it, which was soon changed to the yellow star with the word Jude (Jew) on it. Life was becoming more difficult each day, but no one could predict what the long range plans for the Jews were.

A series of anti-Jewish economic decrees were enacted, providing for the confiscation of Jewish property, businesses and valuables. All kinds of restrictions were imposed on the Jews of our city and Jewish children were forbidden to attend school.

Moshe (Moniek) Merin was appointed head of the Judenrat (Jewish Council) and beginning in 1940 the Central Office of the Jewish Council of Elders in Upper Silesia was created in Sosnowiec representing most of the cities of Zaglembie. It was in charge of all the Jewish affairs. It operated with the help of the Jewish militia (police).

That same year many Jews from Oswiecim (Auschwitz) and other nearby cities were resettled in Sosnowiec.

The Zionist organizations (Hanoak Hatzioni, Shomer Hazair, Shomer Hadati, Beitor, Gordonia, Akiva-Mizrachi) immediately renewed their activities and attracted most of the young people. On the outskirts of our city, agricultural plats provided meeting places for the Zionist youth movement under the pretext of working the land. It was there that I learned the Tikva and many other hebrew songs. It was there that I first learned about Palestine and acquired the love for the land and the hebrew language.

In 1940 Organization Schmelt administered by Heinrich Himmler's SS began setting up forced labor camps in the vicinity of Zaglembie. Albrecht Schmelt placed the responsibility for drawing up lists of Jews fit for labor camps on the Central Judenrat under the threat of disbanding them and dispatching its members to labor camps. It was then that my sister, Mania was sent to Ober-Altstadt labor camp.

Merin believed that the labor camps served as a "rescue through work". The Judenrat helped establish German-owned workshops. Jews working in war essential factories were provided with work cards which temporarily exempted them from being sent to forced labor camps. The temporary exploitation of Jews as manpower, however, did not hold up the extermination process. In practice, once they were not needed as workers, they were gradually liquidated.

In 1942 the Nazis began sending the Jews of Sosnowiec to the Auschwitz extermination camp, under the pretext of resettling them. The constant nightly raids and roundups of Jews terrorized us and at the same time broke up the family units, making each of us a hostage.

On August 12, 1942 all the Jews of our city were ordered to report to a central place. We were told it would be a routine check and would have our identification papers signed. After a selection lasting several days 8,000 Jews were sent to be exterminated at Auschwitz. Many others were sent to labor concentration camps. Among them my sister Tola.

At the beginning of 1943, we were transferred to the ghetto established in the suburb of Srodula, where we lived under unbearable conditions. The reason for creating the ghetto was to implement a radical isolation of Jews from the rest of the population. It provided better control and the ease of eventual deportation to Auschwitz and concentration camps. As time went on a feeling of numbness and unreality had set in and there was despair throughout the ghetto.

Considerable underground activity was organized by the youth organizations under the leadership of Zvi Dunski. A small number defended themselves unsuccessfully with the few weapons they possessed. The condition for resistance were not suitable for effective action. Their effort to make contact with the Polish underground proved unsuccessful. Resistance could only have been possible if elements beyond the inner Jewish circle had extended help.

Members of Hanoar Hatzioni under the leadership of Bolek and Jozek Kozuch began to smuggle some members out of the ghetto, but met with difficulty after the two brothers were caught and killed. Some managed to escape to Slovakia and Hungary and from there to Palestine.

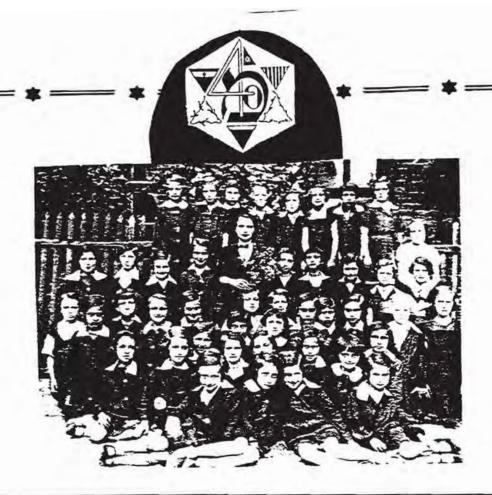
In July I, too was sent to Oberaltstadt concentration camp. My father, who must have known that the end was near, tried to save me or give me more time to perhaps survive, convinced me to volunteer for the concentration camp. The heart of a father, having to surrender his child to the nazis - heartbroken, enraged, ready to give up his life for her, yet rendering himself totally powerless. That was the last time I saw him.

On August 1, 1943, the liquidation of the ghetto began. The deportation lasted two weeks. All the Jews, among them my father, my mother, my youngest sister Cymusia, my oldest sister Regina and her 5 year old daughter Lala were deported to Auschwitz where they all perished.

Only 1000 Jews remained in the ghetto for clean up purposes but at the end of the year, they, too were shipped to Auschwitz.

After the war about 700 Jews resettled in Sosnowiec, but almost all emigrated shortly afterward.

Today Sosnowiec is Judenrein (clean of all the Jews). Gone are all traces of Jewish life.

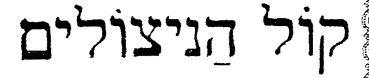


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For the dead and the Living - We Must Remember

The Editorial Board

Voice of The Survivors

We thank you for making the publication of this journal and the start of our second year of operation possible. Please send us news items you wish to share with fellow survivors, readers of our publication. The journal is published four times a year, Spring (March), Summer (June), Fall (September), and Winter (December).

1994 Annual Memorial Service -Zion Memorial Cemetery

The traditional Annual Memorial Service for victims of the Holocaust, took place on Sunday, September 11, 1994 - 2:00 p.m. at Zion Memorial Cemetery. This annual event was co-chaired by Mr. Herman Frank and Mr. Avi Goldman. The memorial service included presentation of colors by a U.S. Honor Guard and the Jewish War Veterans. presentation of flags of countries that fought with the allied forces by members of Betar. lighting of candles by survivors, memorial prayers, and presentations. Speakers included Rabbi Laurence Zierler of the Warrensville Road Synagogue, Mr. Peter Rzepka, Vice President of the Jewish Community Federation, Mr Sam Miller, community leader, and Dr. Zev Harel, President of Kol Israel Foundation.

This year, the traditional memorial service also included the recognition and honoring of countries and military units that comprised the allied forces during World War II, including the Jewish Brigade. They fought against and brought about the ultimate defeat of Nazi Germany. Special tribute was paid to those who lost their lives fighting the Nazis and those who liberated survivors at various camps, including the brave paratroopers from Eretz Israel who risked their lives in their rescue efforts.

Honoring World War II Heroes

The 1994 Memorial Service was one of a number of activities planned for 1994/95 in which the survivor community and the Jewish community-at-large intends to pay tribute to the acts of bravery of the allied forces that fought against and brought about the ultimate surrender of Nazi Germany and, thus, saved the world from Nazi tyranny. While the whole world owes a debt of gratitude to members of the allied forces, we Jews have a special reason to be thankful and to express our appreciation to World War II veterans and fallen heroes.

The annual commemoration of Yom Hashoah V'hagvurah will focus on stories of liberators and liberated survivors. Other activities planned to honor the defeat of Nazi Germany and the liberation include a community educational forum, a prayer for the fallen heroes and a 50th anniversary celebration of liberation and the ultimate surrender of the Nazis.

Kol Israel Foundation 35th Anniversary Green Road Synagogue. October 16, 1994

Much planning and work has preceded the celebration of this special event in the life of our beloved organization, the Kol Israel Foundation. The Planning Committee and officers of the organization worked hard to make this celebration a great success.

Over 200 persons were in attendance. including former presidents of the Kol Israel Foundation, leaders and members of Second Generation Kol Israel, and out-of-town guests. Mr. and Mrs. Burstyn worked hard on the mailing and reservations. Mr. Henry Miller, Social Chairman and Mr. Steve Slomovitz, Social Co-Chairman handled the arrangements. They were assisted with the decorations by Mrs. Evelyn Slomovitz.

The cocktail party (5:00 - 6:15) featured high spirits, good food, comaraderie, and recall of past memories. An excellent band provided the music for the evening and the kosher food was excellent.

Presiding over the celebration were Mr. Simon Fixler and Mr. Bob Birnbaum. Cochairs of the 35th Anniversary Committee. A special toast was offered by Dr. Zev Harel and Mr. Henry Miller.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 35th Anniversary Book. produced by Mr. Jack Hennenberg. The book featured the history of the Kol Israel Foundation and the survivor community in Cleveland, major national and international events and personal contributions by survivors and friends. Six special friends, Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, Ms. Bea Stadtler, Rabbi Isidore Pickholtz, Mr. Charles Caputo, Rabbi Avi Weiss and Mr. Raymond Vasvary, were recognized for their contributions to the goals of the Kol Israel Foundation. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Albert Ratner, a long-time friend and supporter of the Kol Israel Foundation.

Other features of the program included greetings from Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz, President of Kol Israel Sisterhood and Mr. Avi Goldman, President of the Second Generation Kol Israel, recognition of out-of-town guests, Mrs. Denise Herskowitz, Mr. Jack Herskowitz, Mr. Jack Beigelman (past presidents) and Mrs. Helen Gruenspan; and closing remarks by Dr. Zev Harel, President of Kol Israel Foundation.

Yom Hashoah V'hagvurah -1995

Plans are well underway for the 1995
Yom Hashoah Vhagvurah. Co-chairs of the
Annual Commemoration of the Holocaust
and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising are
Marcia Wexberg and Anita Gray. Co-Chairs
of the Program Committee are Dr. Leatrice
Rabinsky and Anne Lukas. The program will
focus this year on liberation from the perspectives of both the liberators and the libera-

ted. Survivors who wish to share personal stories of liberation should contact Ms. Judy Likover (449-2456), staff coordinator at the Jewish Community Center, or Program Cochairs, Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky(321-7030), and Ms. Anne Lukas (371-3878).

50th Anniversary of Liberation and end of World War II - Gala Celebration Green Road Synagogue - June 11, 1995

The Board of Directors of the Kol Israel Foundation has decided to organize a gala celebration the 50th anniversary of the Liberation from concentration camps and the final Surrender of Nazi Germany. The gala celebration is planned for June 11, 1995. Mark your calendars and look forward for your invitations. We look forward to your presence and participation at this memorable historical event for all of us survivors.

Journey of Conscience 1995.

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, national and international leader in Holocaust education, and a dear friend of our organization, is planning a Journey of Conscience - scheduled for June 26 - July 17, 1995. Based on testimonies of those who participated in previous journeys, the 1995 Journey of Conscience promises, again, to be a very meaningful and worthwhile experience. If you are interested in taking part in this journey, please contact Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky (321-7030).

A Letter of Thanks

Dear Friends:

I would like to thank all my friends from the Kol Israel Foundation and Sisterhood for their gifts, cards, donations and best wishes for my speedy recovery.

It made me feel good to know that so many people care.

Thank You. Sylvia Malcmacher

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A Note of Appreciation for Mr. Elias Cala

After several years of dedicated service to the Kol Israel Foundation, Mr. Elias Cala decided to step down as Treasurer of the Kol Israel Foundation. He will stay on as a member of our Board of Directors and as member of the Finance Committee. A quiet and unassumming man, Mr. Cala served Kol Israel for many years as Chairman of the Membership Committee and, more recently, as Treasurer. We offer him our appreciation for his many years of dedicated service. We also offer our best wishes to the Cala family.

A Note of Welcome to our new Treasurer Mrs. Betty Berliner

The Board of Trustees of the Kol Israel Foundation, at its last meeting on 12/11/94, decided to appoint Mrs. Betty Berliner as Treasurer, replacing Mr. Elias Cala. Mrs. Berliner has been serving on the Kol Israel Foundation Board of Directors and as the Associate Secretary. Based on her dedication and commitment to our organization in the past, we are most certain that she will serve most effectively as our Treasurer. We offer her our best wishes in her new position.

Rewards of Holocaust Education-Jack Hennenberg

Over the years I have been invited to speaok to children at various schools in the Greater Cleveland area. Recently, I was invited to speak at Woodridge High School. While I usually get letters of appreciation from students, one letter that I received from Melanie Hart, which I am sharing with you, is a special one.

Mr. Hennenberg: December 2, 1994

You made a great impression on the students at Woodridge High School. Some of my peers said before you spoke "I don't want to hear a Jew." and "Why do we have to listen to a Jew?" But the same people.

after you were done with your story, did nothing but praise you. I am telling you this because your story does have an impact and needs to be told. To hear your story in person is something we can never get out of a book. It is amazing how you survived - had the courage and the "positive attitude" to live when all of this was going on around you. None of us could ever truly understand what you went through, but you did give us a first hand story which is more than we could ever ask for. Thank you.

Thank you, again, Melanie Hart

Sharing some Thoughts - Julian Solonitz

As a member of our Editorial Board, I feel obliged to contribute a column (or a half) to our Kol Israel's periodical newsletter. It creates a whirl in my mind. What subject could create an interest in our readers?.. I decided to touch on something that was not mentioned before.

All of us, to different degrees, are burdened by our tragic past. On the outside we live a normal life, like most Americans. "busy making a living," raising families and pursuing our emotional and social interests. But despite our outside appearance, there is something in us that separates us from our American brethren.

The tragic burden of our Holocaust experiences hang heavily over our heads and, for most of us, will never dissipate. So let my reflections expose my thoughts. It is not easy to pinpoint weaknesses in people close to me through their experiences. Like many of us, I also belong to a survivor's crowd, but with a different classification. My life-long companion Beba and I lost some 65 family members in the Holocaust. All of them perished without a known place to put a marker...

Despite our great tragedy, our fate gave us a break. My father returned from Hell alive. And the Nazis did not succeed in getting us. The fate also gave me a chance to pay my share of vengeance. The blood of the Nazi enemies covered my army boots many times. This may have somewhat lessened my personal pain.

During my 45 years in the United States, I had the opportunity not only to interact with a cross-section of the Jewish and non-Jewish population, but also to be an active member of various organizations and to serve on committees. I learned some things about the ways that non-survivors live and work.

Some of our Holocaust survivors are lacking a degree of discipline and respect for each other. Naturally, it bothers me. But I understand the reasons. Many among our survivors were too young to acquire a course of education. And, then the big tragedy hit.

The Nazi camps, the separation and loss of families, starvation, daily threats to life, the cruel life and the constant struggle for survival affected a significant number of survivors. Inhuman conditions psychologically blocked the opportunity for personal development under normal conditions. I often wonder how many of us were able to overcome the horrors of the Holocaust and resume a normal life after World War II?...

Our interests and social activities differ from our American brothers. But also among our survivors, there are varied social and recreational interests. While most organizations promote lectures, musical and cultural activities, and organized trips, our members appear to be content at socials with card games and bagels...

I am not a Rabbi to lecture or give sermons and I do not mean to offend anyone. I am "home" among survivors and others. On the basis of what I have learned over a long period of time, however, I would like to suggest that we enlive our "socials" to include educational and cultural activities. Holocaust recalled: A Labor Camp in Silesia - by Bea Berger

From Letters to the Editor, Plain Dealer

In reference to the series of articles on the Germans in Silesia, "Germans keep their heads down in Polish town."

I am a Holocaust survivor, and these articles bring back my memories of 50 years ago, when I was in one of the German labor camps from November 1944 to February 1945 in Silesia in the town of Zilerthal.

I remember all the German heads were up with eyes wide open, with smiles on their faces, watching and not even flinching while we Jewish women were marched through on our way, maybe, to some of the shoe factories mentioned in the article (although one was in what was a textile factory).

We were moved from another labor camp in Frankfurt, A.D. Oder, Germany. where we cut up rotting trees near the airport for camouflaging and expanding the airport that the allied forces were bombarding. When the allies came too close to the Fatherland, we were sent back to Ausland (occupied Poland).

We no longer had the luxury of the cattle cars that we were shipped to Auschwitz in; the war was coming to a close and the trains were needed for the war effort. So we were hitched to wagons like horses to move the camp supplies on foot across Europe in the harsh Eastern European winter.

I vividly remember what I was wearing on that journey, a pink woolen dress given to me in Auschwitz in May, and clogs. It was the same dress I wore in the August sun while cutting trees in the Frankfurt A.D. Oder airport. Anybody that could not keep up with the marching was shot and left by the roadside. The Germans claim they knew nothing of what was going on in their towns. Why am I reacting to (the Silesia) articles in such a personal way? I truly can't tell. I would like to believe that it is the irony of

history. It saddens me to think that in some way history is repeating itself in my lifetime. Somebody is always being persecuted.

The mere mention of skinheads, neo-Nazis and revisionists' history, that I am a witness to at my old age, brings shivers to my spine in my warm University Heights home. It cannot be a strange way of revenge. It is too late for me after all these years living free in America.

The book on Demjanjuk will not be closed until he is deported - Philip Wexberg The Plain Dealer - 11/6/1994

An open letter to Dick Feagler in response to his column of Oct. 5, 1994 on John Demjanjuk.

I was appalled. How could a reporter, a columnist of Feagler's stature and experience, write such a one-sided, biased column, repeating what Demjanjuk's son-in-law, Ed Nisnic, publicizes and not looking for all the facts? Demianjuk was found guilty in U.S. District Court Frank Battisti's court of entering this country illegally and hiding the fact that he was a member of the SS, as proven by the Trawniki ID card with his name, birthdate and picture on it, and by a tattoo under his arm. Trawniki was a training ground for death camp guards. There were more than 100 people at my sister's wedding in 1938, and not one person, except me, survived the Holocaust. I am the only survivor.

Demjanjuk was to be deported because he was a Nazi death camp guard. Whether he served at Sobibor or Flossenburg or Treblinka makes no difference. Under U.S. law he would never have been allowed into this country. He got in only by lying about his wartime past. He claimed that he was a German prisoner of war, but never produced a single witness to substantiate his claim. In fact, at the very time that he claimed to have been a German prisoner in a prisoner-of-war camp in Poland, military history shows us

that there were no Germans and no German prisoners in that city in Poland - because the Russians had overtaken that area months earlier.

Nothing that happened in Israel affects the basic findings of the U.S. court - that Demjanjuk was trained and served as a Nazi SS death-camp guard.

Israel asked for him to be extradited to stand trial for being Ivan the Terrible. The Israeli courts found him guilty and last year overturned their verdict based on "reasonable doubt," the slight possibility that he was not Ivan the Terrible. They found this "doubt" in papers found in the former Soviet Union. No U.S. court would ever allow this material in as any kind of evidence. But the Israeli courts bent over backwards because of a possibility of doubt.

Feagler calls him "only a symbol." To me he is the person on the Trawniki I.D. card, the I.D. issued to Nazi SS guards. After reading your biased article, Mr. Feagler, I woke up at 3 a.m. my palms sweating and my body shaking, all exhausted. I am sure. Mr. Feagler, you have heard about the post-traumatic Vietnam syndrome. All through the 50 years since my liberation by American soldiers in Nordhausesn, I have experienced what you may call an Auschwitz syndrome, running and hiding from the likes of your Demjanjuk "symbol" and whenever I think of my family, whom I last saw alive when I was a teenager, I get depressed and angry. No. Mr. Feagler, I cannot let John Demjanjuk stav peacefully in Seven Hills. I walked in front of his house in the rain and snow, thinking of my family, and I will continue to march until he is deported. Whether or not he is Ivan the Terrible, he is a terrible Ivan.

Send us your news for the Spring, March 1995,issue of Voice of the Survivors.

HEBREW ON SEALS

Jacob Hennenberg

THE SEAL OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

The college is represented by a lady sitting on a throne or chair of state, with several children at her knees, representing her pupils, with I Peter II, 1, 2, etc. under them expressing the temper with which they should receive her instructions: "laying aside all malice and guile and as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." Taking one of them with her left hand, she holds open a Bible in her right hand, in which are the words, LOGIA ZONTA, The Lively Oracles, alluding to St. Stephen's words, Acts VII, 38, Over her head is the sacred Hebrew name JEHOVAII in a triangular glory, the lower point terminating at her head, and her motto round under it, IN LUMINE TUO VIDEBIMUS LUMEN, In Thy light we shall see light, Psalms XXXVI, 9. Out of her mouth, to her left, goes a label with these Hebrew words, AURI AL, God is my Light, alluding to Psalms XXVII, 1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation." In acknowledgment of God, as the fountain of all light, both natural and revealed. Under which is a rising sun, heiroglyphically alluding to Malachi IV, 2, a prophecy of Christ under that expression, "The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings." Round on the edge are these words: SIGILLUM COL-LEGII COLUMBIAE NOVI EBORACI, Seal of Columbia College, New York.

THE SEAL OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

The Dartmouth College Seal came to light in 1773, when it was adopted at a meeting of the trustees the twenty-fifth of August. On that occasion — the last meeting attended by Governor Wentworth, by the way — the Honorable George Jaffrey presented a steel die mounted in an old-fashioned screw press, and his fellow trustees found it good. The following description was entered in the minutes of that day's business:

An Oval, circumscribed by a Line containing SIGILL: COL: DARTMUTH: NOV: HANT: IN AMERICA, 1770. Within projecting a Pine Grove on the Right, whence proceed Natives towards an Edifice two Storey on the left, which bears in a Label over the Grove these words "vox clamantis in deserto" — the whole supported by Religion on the Right and Justice on the Left, and bearing a Triangle irradiate, with the Hebrew words for the deity (El Shaddai).





THE ARMS OF YALE UNIVERSITY

The coat of arms of Yale University is blazoned: azure (blue): upon an open book, edges gold (or yellow), covers and ties silver (or white) with the letters boldly cast in sable (black). The motto LUX ET VERITAS is usually inscribed beneath the shield on a ribbon.

The Yale arms may be displayed in full color or in black and white; they may be surrounded by ivy, laurel or elm leaves. They may be drawn within any proper ornamental border or cartouche but without helmet, crest, mantling, or supporters. They form the distinctive decoration used by Yale men and Yale associations.

The source of the arms is the device upon the seal adopted by the Trustees of Yale College in the early eighteenth century. The unknown designer identified the Book as the Bible by characters which read in Hebrew, "Urim and Thummim," probably names of sacred lots to be rast for the purpose of ascertaining the divine will (cf. Exodus 28:30; I Samuel 14:40 f.; Ezra 2:63). Their suggestion that the Book contains divine revelations would be clear to scholars who read the Scriptures in the original Hebrew. But for others the designer added a translation in the vernacular.

When the translation of the Old Testament was made in Greek, the real meaning of "Urim and Thummim" was no longer known and different words were used in different passages to translate them. Among the renderings given were "Light" and "Truth", and it is this interpretation which was chosen for the seal-legend and placed outside of the shield in Latin: Lux at Veritas.



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"מיין ברים" בעשריבן פון סאל פייער 1990

-זיידע וואס קוקסט דו אויף דעם בוים? האט דאס 4 יעריק יונגעלע געפרעגט, -אוי מיין קינד איך קוק אויף דעם בוים; מחמס דער בוים האט אין זיך אסאך מעטיות צו דערציילן.

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די פייגעלעך זיינען צוריק

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נישט געארט דער רעגן אום זומער
ווי אויך דער פראסט מיטן שניי
אום ווינטער.

איינסאל אין א פינסטערער נאכט ווען אלע פייגעלעך זיינען געסלאפן, פליצלינג האט זיך געהערט א שרעקליכער דינער, און צוויטן האט זיך באלויכטן דער הימעל מיט פייערדיקע בליצן, און דער בוים איז געפאלן צו דער ערד...

(עפילאג) ווען די זון האט אויפגעטיינט, האט זיך באוויזן אויף דעם זעלבן ארט ווי דער בוים איז אטאל געטטאנען, א דין צווייגעלע טיט קליינינקע גרינע בלעטעלעך וואס האט ארוים געספראצט פון דער ערד און זיך געצויגן ארויף הויך צו דער זון... פאסעלעך האב איך אריינגעלייגט טיין איינעקל אין בעטל וואס איז געווען אין זיין טיפן טלאף, טיט זיינע זיסע חלוטות...

Journey of Conscience - 1995

The 1995 Journey of Conscience is scheduled from June 25, 1995 to July 16, 1995. Participants in the journey will have the opportunity to visit the sites where the horrors of the Holocaust occurred, and the State of Israel -the land of Jewish renewal.

The journey will include travel to Holocaust sites in Holland, Denmark, Austria, the Czech Republic, and Poland. The trip also includes a visit to the State of Israel and a special visit to Yad Vashem.

Cost of the journey, which includes air and land arrangements, hotel and breakfast expenses, is \$4,400. Early registration will assure your participation in this meaningful and memorable trip.

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40th Anniversary Celebration. October 1999

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The book will include, again, history of the Kol Israel Foundation, historical events of interest to the survivor community, the Jewish community and the State of Israel, advertisments, and personal ads and testimony. Of special interest in the production of the 40th Anniversary book is the securing of personal testimony from Kol Israel Foundation members.

If you would like to contribute an ad. advertisment, or personal testimony, please contact Mr. Jack Hennenberg (464-5149). Place in the book will be determined by the date of reservation For assistance with the writing of testimony, please call Dr. Zev Harel (371-2536).

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Sad chapter in history

In November 1944, the state of Israel issued a stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Dreyfus Affair (pictured above). Alfred Dreyfus (1859-1935), an officer in the French army, was arrested

and accused, wrongly, of treason. It is a sad chapter in Jewish history. Nevertheless, it should be remembered.

The trial brought a lot of interest in the press. Journalists flocked to Paris. Among them was Theodor Herzl. Theodor Herzl represented a Viennese newspaper in Paris. The Dreyfus Affair contributed to the writing of the famous book Der Judenstaat, which was the basis for the Zionist movement.

On July 28, 1906, Alfred Dreyfus was granted a full pardon and awarded the
"Legion of Honor" medal.

JACOB HENNENBERG Cleveland



ברונו לברכה

In loving memory of Bernard Potash, husband, father and grandfather



by: Helen Potash

Lester, Esther, and Rachel Potash

Steve, Loree, Erica, Karen and Brain Potash

Dr. Howard, Bonnie, Rebeckah, Daniel and Aaron Potash Arlene Potash

Miriam (Potash) and Rabbi Michoel, Mendy, Devorah-Leah,

Malka, Eliezer, Zalman, Kaila, Tirtza Chana, and Boruch Phillips

KOL HAOLOM KULO

אסב העולם כלו נשר צר מאד פל העולם כלו נשר צר מאד

The entire world is a narrow bridge הַעִּיקר לֹא לְפָחָד בּלֶל But the main thing is not to fear.

(Likutey Moharan 2:28)

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In memory of a wonderful, caring family

Minna and Eugene Freedheim

who gave the Hennenberg Family

a chance for a new life

in the United States

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SUMMER 1995 ACTIVITIES:

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Green Road Synagogue - June 11, 1995

Kol Israel Foundation &2nd Generation Kol israel Annual Picnic Anisfield Park - July 2, 1995

Kol Israel Sisterhood

Membership Luncheon - July 31,1995 Social Evening - August 27, 1995

Journey of Conscience 1995 - Led by Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Europe and Israel - June 26 - July 17, 1995

1995 FALL CALENDAR

Annual Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park - October 1, 1995

Kol Israel Foundation Annual Meeting

Green Road Synagogue - October 1995 6 8-19

The Kol Israel Foundation Board and Voice of The Survivors

wishes a

Healthy, Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year

to all members of the Kol Israel Foundation,
Kol Israel Sisterhood, Second Generation Kol Israel,
Cleveland Holocaust Center, Cleveland Jewish Community and
State of Israel

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

The 1995 Annual Memorial Service -Zion Memorial Cemetery

"Remembrance, Resistance and Conscience"
The traditional Annual Memorial Service for victims of the Holocaust, scheduled for Sunday, October 1, 1995 - 2:00 p.m. at Zion Memorial Cemetery, will be co-chaired by Mr. Herman Frank and Mr. Avi Goldman.

The memorial service includes display of flags, lighting of candles by survivors, memorial prayers, and presentations by the leadership of the survivor organizations and the Jewish community. This year, in addition to honoring the memories of cherished family members and friends at the memorial service, the survivor organizations have decided to recognize and honor those who resisted and fought the Nazis and those who followed their conscience during the World War II years and since then.

After the 50th Anniversary of our Survival and Liberation.

- Dr. Zev Harel, President, KIF

May 1995 marked the 50th anniversary year of the defeat of Nazi Germany and their surrender to the Allied Forces. August 1995, marked the 50th Anniversary of the destruction by atom bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the ultimate surrender of Japan. As individual survivors, and as members of our respective survivor organizations, we followed with great interest the events in the general media and the Jewish newspapers which depicted the battles of the Allied Forces, first, against the Nazis and their collaborators in Europe and, later, against Japan in the Pacific.

The general community looks at anniversaries as special occasions worthy of recognition. For us survivors, the 50th Anniversary is but one year in an ongoing chain of remembrance. We survivors will remember with equal importance the 51st, 52nd, 53rd, and other anniversaries. As survivors, we most certainly feel a great debt of gratitude to members of the Allied Forces, members of resistance movements, all those who exercised their conscience and helped defeat the Nazis or helped to save our lives.

We share, however, in the pain endured by other victims of World War II. As survivors, we remember and honor the memories of our lost loved ones and that of other victims. We reflect on all the evils done during those years against us Jews and other World War II victims.

The Zion Cemetery Memorial Monument

In the Spring 95, issue we shared with you that the Memorial Monument at Zion Cemetery was in need of renovation. There are two areas that need major renovations. The floor in front of the monument needs to be strengthened so that the tiles be more secure and better anchored.

The shrubs that surround the monument have outlived their usefulness and obscure the view for those who are in attendance at our memorial services. We secured plans to remove the shrubs and replace them with a masonry wall 36 inches high in the frontal section and rise gradually to 6 feet in the back section.

There have been communications with Mr. Bramson concerning renovations and discussions with the Jewish Community Federation regarding shared responsibility for the monument. We have recently been informed by the JCF that, while they are willing to offer some financial support, they would not become partners in the Zion Memorial Monument. It is our hope that we will finalize the contractual understanding with Mr. Bramson this fall, and that the renovation will be carried out in early 1996.

Life Membership

While it has been possible to acquire life membership in our association, in recent years we have not promoted this option. The Board of Trustees, at a meeting held on March 12, 1995, decided to make available and offer our members, again, the life membership option. Cost of life membership for a couple is \$250 and for an individual \$125...

1995 Annual Meeting

A Kol Israel Foundation membership annual meeting will be held at the end of October, 1995, at Green Road Synagogue. Officers will report on the various activities of our organization. Refreshments will be served, free of charge.

50th Anniversary of Liberation and end of World War II - Gala Celebration - Zev Harel A most festive, gala celebration, marking the 50th anniversary of our liberation from concentration camps and the final surrender of Nazi Germany, was held on June 11, 1995, at Green Road Synagogue. There were nearly 200 people in attendance. The hall was decorated with the flags of the countries which fought against the Nazis and liberated survivors from concentration camps. Mr. Simon Fixler and Mr. Robert Birnbaum, past presidents, co-chaired the festivities. Mr. Henry Miller, Social Chairman, and Mr. Steve Slomovitz. Social Co-Chairman, were responsible for the arrangements which included a cocktail hour and a delicious dinner.

In a short ceremony, two special flags were presented. Mr. Robert Birnbaum introduced the new Kol Israel flag and Mr. Jack Hennenberg presented the flag of the Palestine Jewish Brigade from World War II. Both flags were designed by Mr. Jack Hennenberg.

Dr. Zev Harel, President of the Kol Israel Foundation, reflected in his address on the liberation experiences of survivors, on the trials and tribulations that survivors faced following liberation, the realization of their losses and on the symbolic meaning and importance of survival and liberation for the survivor community today.

The summer issue of Kol Hanizolim included stories by survivors about their wartime experiences, what it was like when they were liberated, and reflections on the liberation.

Two special friends of the Kol Israel Foundation were honored at this occasion. Mr. Joe Pearl, President of Green Road, was recognized for his support of our organization by making the facilities of Green Road Synagogue always available to us. The Honorable Harvey Friedman, former Mayor of Beachwood and Mrs. Shirley Friedman, past Co-Chair of the Yom Hashoa Commemoratio n, were honored for their continued support of survivor causes.

Dancing to the music of the Cifani orchestra continued into the late hours of the night. It was a most enjoyable and memorable evening.

KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION

40th Anniversary Celebration. October 1999
At its meeting on December 11, 1994, the Board of Trustees of the Kol Israel Foundation decided to begin plans for the 40th Anniversary celebration. Plans include a gala celebration and a 40th Anniversary book. The tentative date for this milestone event in the history of the Kol Israel Foundation is October 1999.

The book will contain, as usual, the illustrious history of our organization and personal pages. If you would like to contribute an advertisement or personal testimony to the Anniversary Book, please contact Mr. Jack Hennenberg (464-5149). For assistance with the writing, please call Dr. Zev Harel (371-2536).

The position of your contribution in the book will be determined by the date of your reservation. The earlier you send in your reservation, the better position your page(s) will have in the book.

Nominating Committee

The Kol Israel Foundation Board, at its last meeting, appointed a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for the next elections. While there is plenty of time before the next elections, it is important to assure a smooth transition in leadership. Mr. Jack Wieder, former Kol Israel President, is chairing the committee which also includes Abbie Akst, Avi Goldman, Leo Silberman and Philip Wexberg.

Journey of Conscience

This issue contains a special contribution by Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky about the recent Journey of Conscience under her leadership. She deserves our thanks, respect and admiration for her tireless dedication and hard work in planning, and leading the journeys. These journeys, the last is the sixth, provide opportunities for young persons to visit the sites where the Holocaust has taken place.

This issue also has personal accounts of visits to the sites of our horrors by children of survivors and of visits to the State of Israel and a few other personal contributions.

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Journey of Conscience VI-Leatrice B. Rabinsky

During these days of awe before the high holidays, it is customary to visit the graves of loved ones and to offer special reverence to their memories. Often we place small stones on the monuments to indicate our presence. For more than fifty years Gita Frankel, survivor of the Holocaust, was not able to place a stone on a monument for her father, David ben Aaron Engel, who was murdered in the Jewish cemetery of Zdunska-Wola, Poland in September, 1942. There was only a mass grave and there was no monument. This summer, twenty-one members of our Journey of Conscience joined with Gita Frankel and her son, David in a ceremony of consecration as we dedicated a granite plaque to the memory of her father. The "matzeva" was affixed to an impressive stone monument erected by survivors the previous December. We all expressed heartfelt feelings of love and support. Mira Barry spoke: "It must be a great emptiness to tragically lose the ones you love. I hope being here will help ease the pain of this chapter of your life. Bob Somers said: The horror of your father's death was magnified by the anonymity of his mass grave. Today we are attempting to clear away the fog of anonymity and honor the memory and name of your father. Broderick Smylie expressed it this way: When a person loses a loved one, going to the grave site usually soothes some pain. But family members of Holocaust victims didn't have this luxury. Finally, Gita Frankel's family will be able to provide a little light in the darkest chapter in human history. Yitzchak Kurs said: "Every man has a name given to him by his mother and father." This is a line of a song often sung in Holocaust memorial services. I think this stone setting for Gita's father helps us to begin to translate the massive number of people who died in the Holocaust to individuals with parents, families and names. " Then, we each placed a stone on the monument.

We also carried a black granite stone from Kotecki Monuments in Cleveland to place on the weather-beaten grave site of her twenty-one year old brother, Joseph Leib Engel, who had perished of starvation in March 1943 in the Lodz Ghetto. Our Journey members bonded with Gita Frankel in these ceremonies of fulfillment. Channel 19's Eric Greene and Community Shaliach Israel Wiener, together with a cinematographer, created a documentary of these Poland experiences. They also traveled with Gita to Chelmno concentration camp to pay respects at the mass grave where her younger brother, Aaron ben David, is buried. Finally, they returned to Kalisz. Gita's home town. "I was devastated," said Gita. "I lost my youth. I didn't recognize any familiar places. Our apartment is gone." The documentary will air in a few weeks.

We traveled to places of remembrance with Bea Berger, also a Holocaust survivor. She, as well as Gita Frankel, was imprisoned in Auschwitz. As we slowly walked the route of the ramp in Birkenau, the infamous death camp three kilometers from Auschwitz, Bea Berger tearfully recalled how she was forcefully separated from her beautiful young niece. Bea described the flaming pots of fire that lined the railroad tracks along the ramp. "This was my reason for coming on this journey," Bea said vehemently, "to see once more the place where they separated my family." It was important for all of us to offer support and comfort to our survivors.

Second Generation participants also had unique missions on the journey. Marlene Weiner found the ghetto apartment where her late father had lived in Lodz. In an empty city square adjacent to the large building, we shared feelings of tribute for her father and the family who had endured the ghetto. We left flowers and our Journey ribbon as a reminder of our pilgrimage. Cindy Feuer's family had suffered in Auschwitz. Cindy spoke of their traumas at the Birkenau dedication. She also found the city of her parents' birth, Cracionesti, Romania, engraved on a stone wall in Valley of Communities at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem.

Three of our students were Third Generation participants. How poignant it was for us to return with David Snyter to Radom, Poland, birthplace

and pre-war home of his grandparents, Isidor and Sylvia Malcmacher. We found portions of the pathway leading to what once was the Malcmacher family home, now an empty lot, at No. 7 Witolda Street. There is a monument in what was the Radom ghetto area bordered by Mordecai Anielewicz street. What was most shocking, however, was our visit to the Radom Jewish Cemetery. David Snyter's grandfather, Isidor, and his great uncle, Morrie Malcmacher, had buried their father, Arje Leib, at the edge of the cemetery after he had died in the Radom ghetto. It had been a secret burial before Shabbat, because such an action was a punishable offense. We were anxious to have our members honor David's great grandfather with a memorial service. Radom Cemetery, surrounded by a recently built high wall, is now a vast empty, weed-strewn field. We found only one tombstone standing. Along one long stretch of land are piles of "matzevas" which were methodically broken in half, presumably to be used for building or paving. Some intact headstones are leaning against the front wall. David, emotionally and reverently, placed a bouquet with the Journey ribbon against the wall while David Frankel intoned the Kaddish.

Ron Tannenbaum shared his unique pilgrimage with his grandmother, Olgo Goldstein, during our visit to Prague and to the Terezin ghetto. Fearfully anticipating her return to Theresienstadt for the first time in fifty years, Mrs. Goldstein was encouraged and comforted by Ron and Journey members. She recognized the open square in the former ghetto area where she had marched to work. She also saw the apartment which had been her ghetto bunker. In appreciation, Mrs. Goldstein is hosting our first Journey of Conscience reunion this month.

Our Journey of Conscience was an odyssey through seven countries in three weeks.

Along with our missions for survivors and family members of survivors, we had the opportunity to see places of culture and beauty in many European cities. This made our confrontation with Holocaust sites even more terrifying, to realize how perpetrators plunged the world from heights of achievement to depths of tragedy.

In Amsterdam, the first leg of our Journey, we visited the picturesque Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue and traveled the canals of the city noting its unique architecture. We had a privileged tour of the Anne Frank House with a visit to Otto Frank's office, rarely opened to visitors. This is where Anne often went at midnight to write in her diary. At our first commemorative event, held in the loft of the building, Anna Thornton spoke:

" Anne Frank embodies the quest of young girls everywhere to realize their full potential. I am proud to be part of this dedication which, in turn, betters humanity and gives us all a hope for the future."

Traveling through Denmark was another experience of hope and encouragement. We had a joyous reunion with Preben Munch Nielsen and his wife Sonja. Preben, the President of Sundets Venner, Friends of the Strait, the Christian Rescuers organization, had visited Cleveland two years ago. We recalled his inspiring addresses at Sha'arey Tikvah Congregation and at the Cleveland Heights High School assembly honoring Christian rescuers in Denmark. Danish rescuers had saved more than 95 % of their Danish Jewish citizens during the Holocaust. Preben journeyed with us along the eastern seaboard's "rescue route". We had a tribute service in Snekkersten at the H. C. Thomsen Memorial Stone. Thomsen was the first Dane to suggest taking the Jews across to safety in Sweden in fishing trawlers. Thomsen was caught by the Germans, imprisoned and executed in Neungamme Concentration Camp. We were honored to have Thomsen's son, Franz, with us at the service. Preben traveled with us across the strait to Sweden. We were amazed to see many of the places where Danish Jews had been hidden, including parts of Elsinore. Hamlet's castle. For the first time, we visited Mindelunden I Ryvangen, the scenic, serene park-like area where many of the Nazi prisoners as well as Danish rescuers are buried.

Vienna was the next visit on our journey. What a glorious historic city. We were enthralled with the magnificence of Schoenbrun Palace, the summer home of the Hapsburgs, with its exquisite gilt-edged furnishings and the sculpted gardens. Our tour included the winter palace, views of the opera house, and the site of the famed Lippizaner horses training palace. It is difficult to believe that this elegant city is where Nazi youth forced Jewish elders to scrub the sidewalks with toothbrushes in the mid 1930's. Tucked in a corner of a city square near the famed Sacher Hotel is a monument commemorating this indignity during the Holocaust years. Less than one hour from Vienna is the notorious Mauthausen Concentration Camp. We had a close connection with Mauthausen because Gita's late husband, Rev Joseph Frankel, had been a prisoner there. Most of the buildings are reconstructed. The extended landscape scene with its wooded hills looks like a nature study picture, hardly reminiscent of the torturous life the prisoners endured in the stone quarries. Suddenly we saw the Steps of Death - 187 stone steps leading down to the quarries. It was a grueling experience climbing up again. What tragedy it must have been for the emaciated prisoners, to carry heavy blocks of stone up the jagged steps every single day! We presented our memorial service in front of the huge menorah monument.

A long distance overnight coach ride brought us to glorious Prague, one of the most beautiful cities on our journey. Our first visit was to Terezin about one hour distance from Prague. Focusing on the former ghetto area, we also visited the recently-opened Terezin museum with documents and prisoners' memorabilia. The children's poetry, prisoners' art work, prayer books, diaries, handcrafted dolls and toys were stark reminders of the attempts at normalcy of the Jewish ghetto inhabitants of Terezin. In the crematorium building, we found our 1989 Journey ribbon among the collection of letters and mementoes.

Shabbat in Prague was memorable. We were excited to meet, once again, with Sylvia

Wittman, the owner of the only Jewish guiding service in the Czech Republic. We had a festive Shabbat dinner in the Jewish Community Center, enjoyed Shabbat services in the 700 year old Alte-Neue Shul, had an ambitious walking tour of historic Prague, crossing the Moldau River on the famous Charles Bridge and going up to the monumental Hradcany Castle, home of emperors. Historic Jewish Prague has tragically been reduced to collectors' artifacts in museums that were once stately synagogues filled with the devout on Sabbaths and holidays. What a heartbreak to see Torah crowns and pointers. kiddush cups, matzo covers and seder dishes, mezuzahs, all behind glass. The ancient cemetery's toppled stones, seemed to hover and whisper together.

Our visit to Prague was enriched with a wonderful chance meeting with former Cleveland Mark Talisman. He is an international Jewish advocate who was in Prague for an important conference on the future of Jewish communities in Eastern Europe. Mark inspired us with his message of confidence in our Journey mission. He said that our dedicated young people are the hope for the future.

We were fortunate in Poland to visit the places where Oskar Schindler's "Juden" had worked. Our students had seen "Schindler's List" during a school field trip last year. We did not anticipate the emotional impact of walking through Schindler's factory, climbing the steep stairs to his office, passing his apartment and seeing the hill where he had watched the turnult of deportations in the Kracow Ghetto. We also went to the Plaszow concentration camp, now empty rolling acres with a haunting giant memorial sculpture of victims with tortured faces. Our tribute to Oskar Schindler was much like the last scene in Spielberg's film. During our pilgrimage to Israel we visited the cemetery where he is buried. Schindler's grave is surrounded by heaps of stones, placed by the many visitors who come to pay tribute to his memory. We were silent as we stood in reverence and then added our stones to his monument. -6ISRAEL - Touring in Israel was a refreshing, uplifting week of activity. Despite the tragedy of the acres of destroyed forests on the hills of Jerusalem, we rejoiced in planting trees as a symbol of life. Through the courtesy of the Kol Israel Sisterhood which had purchased five hundred trees through the Jewish National Fund, our group planted saplings in the picturesque Judean hills. We felt it was appropriate to honor the memory of Max Ratner who had been one of the earliest benefactors of our first Journey of Conscience twenty years ago. Our tribute to Max, complete with a sign made by Sherri Koppel and Cindy Feuer, was part of the Kol Israel Sisterhood dedication ceremony led by Rose Kaplovitz.

We also joined together in a ceremony of commemoration in the Valley of Communities at Yad Vashem. Marlene Weiner led the service, assisted by Aja Baker, Jed Arshenovitz, Jenny Risen, Andy Colwell and Jeremy Salomon. Former Clevelander, Dana Porath had guided our group through the historical museum at Yad Vashem. What an eerie feeling to see three original bricks from the Warsaw Ghetto wall. Just a week before we had stood in front of the remaining section of the wall in Warsaw. A printed plaque told that the missing bricks were taken to Jerusalem.

Highlights of our exhilarating tour included a climb up Masada for some, the cable car for others, floating in the Dead Sea (a favorite of Jed), a visit to the cavernous underground fortress in Acco, learning about the Roman city excavated at Beit Shean and a tour of the Golan Heights. Nika McNulty was fascinated by the flowering trees in the Garden of Gethsemane. Anna, Jenny, Andy and Aja waded in the baptismal pool site of the Jordan River.

Jerusalem captivated us. From the Shabbat service at the Great Synagogue to the tour of the Old City, viewing the Burnt House and the majestic pillars of the Cardo, to the walking tour of David's Citadel Museum and the famous windmill at Mishkanot Shananim, to the Midrachov, the lively pedestrian mall on Ben Yehuda Street, we were enthralled. Former

Cleveland Young Israel Rabbi Shubert Spero gave the Shabbat lecture to our group about the significance of coming to Israel after a journey such as ours.

Our closing event after Shabbat was an inspiring and often tearful recap of our memorable three week journey. Rabbi Jonathan Friedlander of Jerusalem, who was a student on our first Journey of Conscience in 1975, inspired us with his talk of what the experience meant in his life. Each member also reflected on the journey, sharing thoughts with the group.

Paul Fierman, whose grandfather was a survivor, summed up his feelings of hope when he wrote to Helen Wolf of the Jewish Education Center:

"When we were in Plaszow (concentration camp), I saw a butterfly and thought about the poem by the children of Terezin about no more butterflies. Well, now they're back. Maybe that means that things are getting better."

My colleague, Mary Chaitoff, and I look to the young people on our Journeys of Conscience to do their share for Tikun Olam so that things can be better.

A Journey to Remember- Cindy Feuer

As a child of survivors, in has always been important for me to learn as much as I can about the Holocaust and the rich, Jewish culture that thrived in Eastern/Central Europe before the war. What better person to help me achieve my goals than Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, one of the foremost educators on the Holocaust, and the leader of the Journey of Conscience of 1995.

As part of a group of twenty-two, which included thirteen high school students, I traveled to Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Helsingborg (Sweden), Vienna, Prague, Krakow, Warsaw (and many towns in between), and then Israel. This journey was like a roller coaster ride. It hit both ends of the emotional spectrum, from feelings of gratefulness for the humanity of the Danish people, to feelings of deep rage at the sadistic acts of the Nazi murderers.

The second day of the journey was one of

the high points of the trip. This was the day we spent in Copenhagen with Preben Munch-Nielsen and his wife Sonja. What wonderful people and gracious hosts. At 18, Preben was one of the rescuers who helped save 98 percent of Denmark's Jews by ferrying them to Sweden in fishing trawlers. At the H.C. Thomsen Memorial, situated across the street from the Snekersten Inn where many of the rescue plans were devised, we held a tribute to honor Mr. Thomsen, the leader of the rescuers. If more countries had chosen the path of human decency, as had the Danes, more of our families would have been saved.

One of the most beautiful stops on the European part of our journey was the city of Prague. Everywhere I walked, I found the architecture just amazing. Our tour included a visit to the old Jewish cemetery which dates back centuries. There are so many people buried there, that some are buried seven layers deep. While visiting the synagogues and listening to our superb guide, I could imagine the vibrant, Jewish culture that had existed there in the past.

Vienna, also, was beautiful. I only wondered how such majestic countryside could house a death camp like Mauthausen. With extreme difficulty, our well-fed and strong group descended the "steps of death". At the bottom of the 180+ steps was the rock quarry where the prisoners had worked. While standing in the quarry area, we were told to look up high at the "parachute cliffs" where many prisoners were thrown to their deaths. As I struggled back up the steps, stopping several times to rest, I pictured the prisoners carrying their heavy loads up and wondered how any of them had survived.

Then, there was Auschwitz-Birkenau, which holds some horrible memories for my family. My mother spent several weeks there in the summer of 1944. My grandmothers and many other relatives were murdered there when they arrived in June, 1944. Not having my grandmothers' graves to visit is something I've missed in my life, so, it was important for me to go there and participate in our journey's memorial program there. I found it especially meaningful to be able

to say their names out loud there and recite a prayer for them. Incidently, my camera stopped working while we were at Birkenau. The last negative I was able to take was number 18 (Chai). After I arrived home, I took my camera to be repaired, but I was told there was nothing wrong with it.

Another emotional day for me was the next day, July 4, when we traveled to the town of Zdunska-Wola, Poland. This was where Gita Frankel's father was shot to death trying to save his youngest son. One hundred people, including Gita's father, were buried in a mass grave in the Jewish cemetery where they were killed. It was at this mass grave that Gita and her son David dedicated a monument to her father and her younger brother. After getting to know these two dear people, Gita and David, I was so glad I was able to attend this moving dedication.

That same day, we traveled to Lodz and visited the Lodz cemetery, where Gita's older brother was buried by Gita and her mother after he died of starvation in the Lodz Ghetto. Gita brought a headstone all the way from Cleveland to place on her dear brother's grave.

After spending a week in Poland, I felt so glad to finally board an EL AL plane for Israel. While in Israel, we participated in the dedication of a grove in the JNF forest by the Kol Israel Sisterhood. With the Israeli and American flags waving in the background, Rose Kaplovitz and I planted the first two trees in the grove. I felt very proud to take part in this ceremony.

Our tour of Israel included Jerusalem, Bet Shean. Tiberias, Capernaum, Akko, Haifa, Caesarea, Masada, and the Dead Sea. Although too short, our visit was rejuvenating. Each time I'm there, there's something new to see. The beauty of the land, the richness of its history, and the accomplishments of the State of Israel, always invigorate me. I can certainly say that I learned a great deal during this journey, not only from our guides, but also from the wonderful friends I made on this journey. My memories of this journey, and the lessons I have learned, will remain with me for a long time.

Poland: Looking for the past -Henny Lukas Morehouse

My journey to Poland, with a few members of my family, began with a visit to Krakow. One of the few cities not bombed during the war, it gave us a glimpse of buildings and streets our parents knew, and perhaps, had actually seen during their lives in Poland.

We drove to Chmielnik, in the province of Kielce, to see the town where our deceased mother had grown up. A small community between Warsaw and Krakow, it is hardly large enough to call a town. We spent hours there and, with a reasonable degree of certainty, identified our mother's childhood home, from where our grandparents ran a small business. Amazingly, the house was in relatively good condition, though uninhabited.

We saw the town synagogue in which our mother, uncles and grandparents must have prayed. Boarded up and in great need of repair, it contained centuries old drawings and frescoes. We did not have the time to visit the town cemetery, which we plan to do in the future.

The Nazis had taken away part of our family during a roundup of the town's inhabitants in October 1942. No Jews remained, of course, and it was unsettling to see the remnants of Jewish life without the Jews.

We then visited the site of the infamous Kielce pogrom of July 4, 1946, at No. 7 Planty Avenue. On that day, my mother and I, an infant, barely survived the pogrom by hiding in a closet while an angry Polish mob killed forty-two Jews living there waiting to resettle in the province.

In July 1995, however, our family received a far different response. After briefly mentioning our family's connection, we were enthusiastically welcomed by the individuals who now run a travel agency at the same address, and were immediately invited to view a commemorative plaque, artwork and, surprisingly, a replica of a Jewish chapel, which had been built from photographs by non-Jewish students. The room appeared to have had few visitors. One of the individuals who showed us around told us eagerly of her own Jewish ancestry. We walked

the path in front of the building, where a creek flowed, and were told that the forty-two bodies had been stacked there.

Rakow (pronounced Rah-koff) was our next destination, the small rural village of my father's birth. While Jews had lived there in pre-war times, all memory of Jewish existence had been obliterated. One boulder, recently placed at the site, is the only remnant identifying this as a Jewish cemetery. All of the tombstones had been removed. Our guide told us that the local people remembered when contractors, unable to discern that this was a cemetery, bulldozed through the sand to make concrete, and uncovered skeletons. Furthermore, he noted that the broken tombstones appeared to have been used, probably during wartime, to strengthen the sandy road immediately adjacent to the graveyard.

We proceeded to Majdanek, where we prayed for our two uncles and other members of our family over the eerie, massive mound of ashes and bone. We left a small marker with our family name, Lukawiec, and said Kaddish.

Our last visit was in Warsaw, where our late father lived most of his life, and our parents met and were engaged. We found an address close to his pre-war apartment building on Panska Street. in the Warsaw Ghetto. The exact location could not be determined because the street had actually been obliterated by Nazi bombing and moved from its original site upon reconstruction after the War. We entered the Nosyk Synagogue. the only surviving synagogue in Warsaw which was not destroyed because the Nazis used it as a stable for their horses. Since it was a few minute's walk from our father's home, we felt certain members of our lost family had prayed there. Particularly distressing for me is the deteriorated condition of the Jewish Cemetery in Warsaw. While relatively untouched by the bombing, the trees grow wildly through the very heart of the cemetery. As the roots spread, the remains of a quarter of a million Jews buried there over the centuries will be crushed. Again, the remnants of our past will be erased.

This visit to Poland has been one of the

most significant trips of my life. I now begin to understand the words of my parents and the terror of the Holocaust as I never could before. The annihilation of our existence was the goal of the Nazis. However, I feel great pride in my heritage, that we as a people have survived, while those who had tried to destroy us, were crushed. I am planning another trip to Poland soon.

POLAND: Finding The Present -Anne Lukawiec Lukas

It has taken weeks for me to fully comprehend the effect of our summer family journey to Poland. Seeing the towns and streets, about which we had heard so much, brought the past vividly to the present. We existed in a Twilight Zone of the haunting past and the bustling present of Poland. As part of what drove me to go to Poland has been the need to connect with the past now that our parents are no longer living. We have so many questions that cannot be answered.

When we caught sight of a few, old buildings in Warsaw which had been spared, we could more easily imagine the bombings of September 1, 1939. Our three aunts (23-26 years old), grandmother (51 years old) and father, Szlama/Sol (24 years old), fled from their home, as it crumpled to the ground around them. Across the street in a basement, their haven for a few weeks, we could imagine them listening to the bombing and misleading silence. With only one bottle of water between them and no food for most of the time, my grandmother, Chana Zielonka Lukawiec, for whom I am named, lost her eyesight. My father had cautiously walked out of the building and spoke to two neighbors. One said, "it will blow over and peace will come back." At that moment, a bomb fell nearby and a piece of shrapnel killed the man who had so optimistically spoken.

My father needed no more convincing and immediately made plans to leave, however possible. He and his fiancee of two years, my mother, then decided to go to Russia, by way of Bialystok, by train and long walking through the woods. Taken into custody at the Russian border for being Jewish refugees who refused to become Russian citizens, my parents were sent to Sverdlovsk, near Siberia, where they were forced to work at hard labor for nearly two years. They were released after an international treaty had been signed. They lived out the rest of the war working in Uzbekestan, near Afghanistan, in orchards under duress with armed guards overseeing them. He lived until his death in 1987 with the anguish and guilt that his sisters and mother had not, and later could not, join them.

Our Christian guide told us that in Chmielnik, my mother's hometown, as in many rural areas, the Jews were well-regarded because they were able to merchandise the crops that the Christians grew. I could not help but think of Chambord, the French village who so regarded its Jews that it saved them. What would I have done, if I had been a Christian in Chmielnik in October, 1942, watching the Jews being taken away. Would I have tried to prevent the roundups? When the Nazis rounded up our two uncles, Chaim and Zivel, our grandmother Shoshanna, and her second husband, with most of the Jewish population, which predominated this agricultural village, where were the Preben-Munch Nielsens?

Mrs. Eva Reis, of University Heights, also from Chmielnik, was kind enough to recently tell us about our mother, who died in 1960, and our family. She was able to give us directions to our mother's house, which also housed the family business, since she used to buy cooking oil from our grandmother. It was through her that I learned that I look very much like my grandmother! Mrs. Reis could even tell us when our uncles & grandparents were rounded up in October 1942. Mrs. Reis was able to escape with her sister to the woods during the October roundup. She had the fortune of meeting a Righteous Gentile, who, like Schindler, was able to give her and other Jews a haven during the war for many months.

Incredibly, the Jewish thread of life is still

weaving in Poland; admittedly, it is a thin thread, but it is there. Rabbi Michael Schudrich, an American yarmulke-wearing man, in his forties, from New Jersey, has joined the elderly rabbi who had been the only leader of the dwindled Jewish community in Poland.

We had met him in Cleveland, and visited him in his Warsaw office. It appears that the dangers of being Jewish in Poland has succeeded in keeping many Jews from openly practicing Judaism or from telling their children of their Jewish origins. Young people are appearing at his Shabbat services, dinners and holiday celebrations with uncertain interest. Several men know they are Jewish only because they are circumcized, since Christians in Poland do not have this procedure done. Some have been told by parents, when dying, wanting their children to finally know the truth. Some learn about their Jewish backgrounds by accident.

One of our Jewish guides told us that his mother was secretly left with a Christian family and was raised by them as Catholic. She married a Christian man, raised her son, our guide, in the Catholic church and did not tell him that he was Jewish until he was seventeen. Our guide is now a practicing Jew, married to a Jewish woman, and raising his children as Jewish.

Another guide told us his story. Having been raised Catholic he brought home a Jewish woman and introduced her to her father, who became infuriated that he would consider marriage to a Jew. The twenty-five year old man stood up to his father, who finally admitted that he, the father was also Jewish. This is how our guide found out about his Jewish heritage. He has since married the Jewish woman, and has a son. He practices his faith nominally, but definitely considers himself a Jew, even though he understands that traditional Jewish law does not recognize him as a Jew, since his mother was not also Jewish.

This guide told us about his wife, a pretty, brunette actress in the Yiddish Theatre, a government-sponsored organization, interestingly, headed up by a Christian. Of the twenty or so actors in the acting troupe, only four

are Jewish. According to our guide, the productions are of low quality. The government uses the theatre to show that it supports "things Jewish." His wife had become embroiled with the company director and, has not been receiving acting roles. She remains formally in the company and earns a token salary. "With her (Jewish-looking) face??" she has few options.

When we asked our guides why they continue to live in Poland, they answered that Poland is their home, and that anti-Semitism is not as bad as it is made out to be: The anti-Semitic "bark is worse than its bite".

This journey to Poland has intensified many strong feelings I have held. The years of understanding of the family's role in the Holocaust, has strengthened our Jewish awareness. Both my husband and I believe that it is important that our son attends Solomon Schechter Day School, and we believe this Jewish education will be a foundation for his Jewish identity. We, more than ever, feel it is important to be a part of the Jewish community.

My most meaningful trip to Israel Rose Kaplovitz

This year we survivors commemorate the 50th anniversary of our liberation from Nazi tyranny. In order to give meaning to the commemoration, the Kol Israel Sisterhood purchased a \$5,000 grove of trees in Israel in memory of the six million martyrs who perished in the Holocaust.

Since I was planning to visit Israel in July, Sheldon Green, the Regional Director of the JNF in Cleveland, made special arrangements to have the dedication of the grove on July 10, 1995. We also made arrangements to have the "Journey of Conscience," led by Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky participate at the dedication ceremony.

I love visiting Israel any time. I love the country and its people, but this was the most meaningful and most memorable trip on which I have ever been; one I shall never forget. My daughter Hedy, my son-in-law Fred, my two grand-daughters Jenna and Kathie Gelin, traveled with me. We stayed in Jerusalem -11-

but traveled often to Tel Aviv to visit family.

On July 2nd, we traveled by car to Tel Aviv. About midway we noticed smoke rising from to the top of the mountain and soon we could see flames. Suddenly all traffic came to a halt and we were trapped for several hours on the Tel Aviv -Jerusalem road. With much sorrow, we watched the fire consume more and more of the beautiful trees, trees that were planted by sweat and tears after the War of Independence. Finally the cars began moving very slowly. The fire, carried by the wind and intensive heat, spread the flames over the road. Even the median strip was on fire. When we arrived in Tel Aviv and watched the news, we realized what danger we were in. It was heartbreaking to watch a survivor on TV who with tears in his eyes said: "I watched my first home destroyed by flames during the Holocaust and now I watched my second home being consumed by this fire." I was devastated to learn that 2 million trees were lost and part of the "Forest of Martyrs" was also destroyed.

A week later on July 10, 1995, we met with Dr. Rabinsky's group and together visited Yad Vashem where, on behalf of the Kol Israel Sisterhood, I presented Elly Dlin, Director of the Valley of the Communities, with a \$500 check, our annual contribution to Yad Vashem. Next we met with Ester Weinstein, Assistant Director for Tourism for Karen Kayemet. Present were three survivors, Bea Berger, Jack Beigelman, former Kol Israel Foundation President, and myself. Second Generation Kol Israel was represented by its current President, Cynthia Feuer and Marylin Weiner, and the third generation was represented by David Sneiter, grandson of Sylvia and Isidor Malcmacher. Dr. Rabinsky and participants of the Journey of Conscience were also there.

After each one of us planted trees purchased by our Sisterhood, we were led to the Martyrs' Forest where our beautiful plaque was displayed on a cluster of stones. Upon Ester Weinstein's request, totally unprepared and chocked, with emotions and tears, I spoke of what planting new trees and dedicating our grove meant to me. If there was ever anything our sisterhood did for Israel, this was one of the more meaningful acts at the most appropriate time.

Planting trees in memory of our Kedoshim took on a very special meaning for me at this time. I am very proud of our Sisterhood and proud to be its President. Millions of our Kedoshim have no "matzeva" bearing their name. Each tree that our Sisterhood planted in Israel will sprout new growth and new life.

Another Visit to beautiful Israel Dr. Zev Harel

I have been to Israel quite a few times, both on personal and professional visits. The last few trips I made were professional in nature either spending part of a sabbatical at one of the universities in Israel, doing research, or attending a scientific or professional conference. If you love Israel, you find any excuse to spend time there. When you are on a professional visit, however, you have to work and do not have an opportunity to do what tourists like to do - going to the beach, visiting family and friends, attending cultural events and the like.

This time we spent two weeks in Israel like tourists. Israel has become a very beautiful country. The historical sites have always attracted international visitors. Today, contemporary Israel has a lot to offer not only to the religious tourist but also to the business traveler and the modern day tourist. The beaches are fantastic; hotels and restaurants can be found in every price range; art and culture is everywhere, and there are extensive shopping opportunities.

There has been peace with Egypt for years and, even though there are no warm feelings yet, there is ongoing tourist travel between the two countries. Now, there is also peace with Jordan and we took advantage of this opportunity to visit there. We met a sizeable number of Israelis both in Amman, the capital of Jordan, and at Petra, a most impressive archeological site.

We stayed in Tel Aviv on the beachfront, enjoyed the warm beautiful beaches, traveled to various sites and enjoyed ourselves very much.

FRIENDS FOR FIFTY

After the Liberation in 1945, most of us envied those who had friends from before the war. Most of us were not able to find friends of people they grew up with since most did not survive or were dispersed all over the world.

August, 1945, finds both of us in a Bavarian town of Weiden. My friend is born in Lodz and I was born in Oswiecim. Both towns are in Poland. However, Oswiecim, before the first World War, was Austria and Lodz, before the first World War, was under Russian domination. That made me a "Galizianer" and my friend a "Kroleviak".

While we were in Weiden, I was working for the U.N.R.R.A. and my friend was "self employed". At one time on a Sunday I drove a 2½ ton truck with the Jewish soccer team to a game in another town. I had a camera but no film since the film could not be purchased in a regular store. However, my friend was a "Kodak distributor" and I was able to get the film from him.

After arriving in Cleveland, Ohio in 1949, I realized that coincidentally my friend was also living in Cleveland. We immediately renewed our friendship. Unfortunately, I became ill and have been in the hospital many times. My friend has always been by my side.

With the passage of time, both of our families were busy trying to rebuild our lives but we always found the time for each other. This brought us closer together. Even though we have different opinions on many themes, we enjoy each others company and have great discussions regarding a variety of subjects.

In 1965, my friend and I traveled to Israel, coming to the Holy Land for the first time in our lives. It was a memorable trip for both of us and we visited together "Yad Vashem". My friend saw a painting on the wall that reminded him of the tragedy in the Lodz Ghetto and, probably for the first time in his life, he almost fainted. We also represented the Society of Israel Philatelists in honoring Mr. Moshe Cohen, the Director of Israel Philatelic Services.

In December, 1982, the Hennenberg family was honored by the Israel Bonds Organization. My friend was in charge of the affair and did a terrific job.

A couple of yeas ago we traveled together to the place of our birth, Poland. For me, it was a very exciting trip. I could not believe that it really happened. For my friend, it was a very difficult voyage because he was going to say "Kadish" on his father's grave which he had discovered after some 45 years, honoring his father's memory by putting up a "Matzeva" as prescribed by our sages. I went to say "Kadish" on my mother's resting place which unfortunately had not "Matzeva".

Our friendship continues and now, after fifty years, we both can say I have a friend. Who is my friend? Herman Frank. Who am I? Jacob Hennenberg. A friend for life.

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באן-ליניעם וואם אונזער שונא האם באמבארדעם אונזערע אייזן-באן, איר זאלט ארבעטן פלייסעק סים אן אויפגערעגטער שטימע האם ער באמערקט; דער וואס וועם בישם ארבעטן פלייסעק וועם ווערן דערשאסן!... דאם מאל זיינען זיר בעווען 30 אין א וואגאן, 3 שעג האט גע-דויערם די רייזע, אן א שטיקל ברוים אדער וואסתר, ביזוואנעט סיר זיינען אנגעקומען קיין * YEKEEKEE די ארבעט איז געיוען שווער, דתם הונגער האבן מיר געשטילט מים פראדאקטן וואם מיר האבן געפובען אין די יושטערטע וואגאנען. די באכבעם זיינען געפאלן איעדן פרימאגן אן אויפהער, אונזער ארבעט איי אויך אנגעגאן אן אויפהער, אבגפריינעקט דא, האם די באן אוכץ וויישער גע-פירם, פון איין הטאט צו דער אבדערער, בישם וייסבדיק די . ועבעו 3 הדמים האבן פיד אין די גרקם-מע פרקסט, אין טיפע סנייען, אן שיך, געמוזט אויספירן די ארבעם, יעדן טאג האט פון אונץ געפעלט, די אהוניקרגעבליבענע סים געפרויערנע זום זיינען באלד דערשאטן געיוארן. אונזער מאראל האט זיך גע-הויבן מים דער ציים... דער פרילינג האם זיך בארויזן מים איר צויבערהאפטן שיינקיים די ביימער האבן זיך צובליעם, די זון האם אונק געווארעמט בים אירע גאלדעני שטראלן.... יאני און איך זיינען געווארן ווי 2 ברודער, איבערגעגעבן איינס פארן אנדערן, געהאלפן מיר ביי דיר ארבתט, געטיילט זיך מישן ביסן, געשלאפן אנשער איין דעק. ביי דער נאכם האב איך אים פאר-ציילם פון מיינת קינדעה יארן מישן חדר... -יאני, דו ווייסת אז היינם האבן מיר 14 שאג אין חודש ניסן "מסה" יצעת-מצ־ים, 400 יאר זיינען סיר געווען פארשקלאפט ביי זיי, מיר האבן זיי איבער געלעבש, זאסש געדענקען; "בשחון" כ'האב אים פארציילם וויאזוי

מיר האבן אבגעראכטן דעם סדר, דער רויטער וויין וואם האט געשפיגלש אין מיין מושערם געבענטטטע ליכט, אויפן טיש די געטמאקע מאכלים, דער"סדר" אוי! די מאכלים, נישט געקאנט איינשלאפן, די נאכט איז אנ-דערש בעווען ווי אלע אנדערע בעכם, אוי די מאכלים... פליצלינג האם זיך געהערם א רעש פון עראפלאנען דערנענטערן זיך, די שטאט איז כאלויכטן געווארן פון די געפאלענע באמבעס, דיסטאט האש געברענט. פליצלינג אין אויף אונזער עשאלאן אויך געפאלן א באמבע דער מעכטיגער אויפריים האט א שרייםל מיש דער באן, איינ-צעלנע וואגאנען זיינען צו-שמעטערט געווארן מים די מענטשן נישט צו דערקעגען איין גאנצן קערפער. די טיר פוןאוזער וואגאן איז צושפאלטן געווארן, על פי נס זיינען מיר נצל געויארן. אלע פון אוכזער וואגאן האכן זיך ארוים געריטן אויף דער פריי, דער גאנצער איבערפאל האט געדויערט 8 מינוט... די עם-עם זיינען ארומגעלאפן ווי פארסאמטת מייז קיין רגע ביסם געטראכש אז זיי האבן אונץ איבערגעלאזט הילפלאזע אין פארריגעלטע וואגאנען. 2 שעג מיש 2 נעכש האבן מיר או א אברוע פראבירט נו רא--טעווען עמעצד, אבער אן ער פאלג, ביי דער זיים פון דער באן-ליניע האכן סיר געגראכן א מאסן-קבר אונטער די וואך פון די עכ-עכ, אלע פון די 89 לעבן געבליבענע האבן געסעפטשעט א סטילן קדיש. א נייעם קאמאנדאנט פון די געסטאפא, (דער אלטער איז פארשווינדן געוודרן) האש אונק נעהאלשן א העדע; אזרי ווי די כאן איז פארניכטעט געווארן, מוזן מיד מאכן דעם מארש צו-פוס, (א קלאנג איז ארום געגאן צווישן די עם-עם אז כיר גייען קיין דאכאו) דער וואס פילט ער קאן ניסט מארשירן, זאל בלייבן דער "רויטער-קרייק"וועט אייך זען. קיינער איז נישט געבליבן... פארזעצונג אין קומענדיקער אויסגאבע

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מער צוטרוי צו מיר. מיר פארציילט צו ביסלעך פון זיין פארגאנגענהייט... -סיין פאשער האט א געשעפט פון מענער קליידונג, איך האב זייער ליב מיין שאשן, זאגט ער צו מיר, איעדן זאנ שאג זיינען מיר געגאן אין קירכע, ווען די מלחמה האט זיך אנגעפאנגען האב איך זיך געמאלדן פרייוויליק; ער איז פליצלינג שטיל געבלי-בן, א וויילע שפעטער פרעג איך אים; נא? וואס האט פאחירט? ער קוקט אויף מיד מים בייזקיים ווייזנדעק מיר א פויסט... איך בין א גוטער מאדשאר איך האב ליב מיין לאנד, ער פארציילם מיר ווייטער: ווי דער אפיצער, אריינקוקענדיק אין זיינע פאפירן האט אים א-רויסגעווארפן מיז בעליידיקטע ויערטער; מיר דארפן דיך בישט דיין מוטער איז א יידעשע פראסטיטוטקע, ארויס!!!! -זאלי מיין פריינד, שעפטשעט ער צו מיר; איך האב נישט גע-וויסט אז מיין מיטער איז א ... y wy T * * X יאני מיין פריינד, אצינד וועל איך דיר געבן א ברייטן ברוך-הבא, איך מאך דיך פאר אן אפיציעלן סידגליד פון די יידעשע קהילה, פון היינט אן ביזם דו אן אייג ונער... "עמר" זאלסט געדינקען ראם ווארט; אויב עמעמער וועט זיך קוקן צו דיר, דיר פרעגן מים א ?)פראגע-צייכן "עזך"? זאלסט אים תכף-ומיד אבתנפערן"עסך" פארשטאנען?... דאם ערשטע מאל המב איך געזען א שמייכל אויף זייבע ליפן. וופן ער האם מיר געענפערט; פמך... די באן איז געפארן טיט דעם זעלבן מאנאטאנעם קלאפן פון די רעדער, טיקע-חאק! טיקי-טאק! די רייזע האם גערויערם 14 שפג, ביזוראנעש מיר זיינען אנגעקומען קיין בוכעכוואלד. 32 טוישע, 21 האלב טוים האם די זאנדער-קאמאנדע ארוים-געשלעפט 28 זיינטן ארוים פון פון וואגאן מים זייערע אייגענע פום, יאני און איך זיינען

בעווען צווישן זיי. "בוכענוואלד"; קיינמאל נישט געהערט פון אזא ארט, זאגש צו סיר יאני. -צו צווינגען מאסן מענטשהיים ברינגען זיי צו דעם ארט, צו-בעמען פון זיי דעם כבוד, מאכן פון זיי שקלאפן, ביזוואבעש זיי פארלירן דעם מאראל, אונטערגעבן זיך דעם מלאך-המות. -ברארוא יאני! כ'האב נישט גע-וויסט אז דו ביזט אזוי קלוג, דו רעדסט ווי א פראפעסאר פון א אניווערזיטעט. איך וועל צו דיר רעדן ווי א-פשות'ר ייד; האסט דו געהערש פון גלות-בבל? די שפאנישע אינקווי-זיציע? און די פאגראמען אין רוסלאנד? (אין אונזערע ציישן) איך האב אמאל געלעזן פון א וועלם בארימטן שרייבער; די יידן זיינען די ערשטע אריבער-געגאנגען פון עוואלאציע צו ציוויליזאציע, די יידן, זאגט ער ווייטער; האבן אובץ געגעבן א רעליגיע, זיי, די יידן האבן אונק געלערנה; די וויסנשאפש פון געזעץ, (דעם תלמוד). ווייטער זאגט דער שרייבער; דערפאר קומט זיי א דאנק, וואס די יידן האבן איבערגעלעבט פאר די לעצטע 3 טויזנט יאר זיינען טשאמפיאנען פון פיין און ליידן. "מאלסטאי " -יאני! דו ווייסט וואס ס'האש אונק געהאלטן ביים לעבן די אלע יארן אונזער עקזיסטענץ? בטחון! די הערסט יאני! בטחון! מיר וועלן זיי אויך איבער-לעבן... -זאלי מיין פריינד, מיין ברודער, איך זאג דיר צו; אויב איך וועל בלייבן לעבן, וועל איך פאסיקעס סביידן פון זייערע לייבער. נאך 5 שעג און 5 רעפשלעך ברוים האם מען אובץ געגעבן נייע פאשאקעם סיש בוסערן. (ניסט געהאם מער קיין בעמען) 350 זיינן מיר געווען. די באן האם אויף אונץ געווארם אויסערן לאגער, דער קאמאנדאנט האם אונק געהאלטן א רעדע; די וואגאנען וועלן זיין אייער נייע היים, בעט ער אונץ מיט הארבע ווערטער; די ארבעט וועט זיין אבצוריינעקן און פאריכטן די

געברינגט סים זיך דעם ווינטער מישן קאלשן שניי... פלוצלינג האם זיך געהערט א יאמערדיקער געשריי; איך בין ניסט קיין ייד! איך בין נישם קיין ייד! לאזט מיך גיין! איר מאכט א שעות! יעזוס העלף מיר! איך בין נישם קיין ייד!. איך בין ביי דער אפענער טיר בעשטאנען, ווען די 2 זעאנ-דארן האבן געשלעפט דעם בחור ביי די העבד, מים א בלוטיק פנים, נאכשלעפענדיק די פוס. ביי די שיר האט איינער אים אנגענומען ביי די פוס, און א האידא דעם בחור אריין-בערוארפן אין וואגאן ווי א זאק מים קארטאפל, די טיר איז גערוארן פארהאקש. 82 זיינען מיר געווען אין וואגאן, ס'איז געווארן אזוי ענג, אז איינער איז געשטאנען אויף די פוס פון צווייטן, דער בחור האם קרעכצגדיק געמורמלם; איך בין נישם קיין ייד,: -קיינער האט זיך מומגעקוקט אויף זיין קרעכצן, איעדער האם פאר זיך פראבירט צו געפונען א שסיקל פלאק... א פייף האט זיך געהערט פון לאקאטאטיוו, די באן האט זיך גערירט, דאס האט פארארזאכט דאם פאלן איינער אויפן אנדערן פון מידקייט האט זיך איעדער געזעצט אויפן דיל. און די באן איז געפארן פיטן נארמאלן מאנאטאנעם שוואונג. דער בחור איז שטיל געבליבן. סיך האט עפים געצויגן צו . 57% ווער איז דער בחור? איך צינד אן א שוועבעלע צו פאררייכערן א ציגארעט, האב דערזען זיין בלוטיק פנים, אים צוגעשלעפש און אוועק-געזעצט ביי דער וואנט, פון מיין שארבע; וואס ז'האב באהאלטן אונטערן מאנטל און ארויסגענומען דעם קאנטין סים וואסער, אים באוויסט דאס בלוש מיט א שותל פון זיין פנים. -געב א שרונק, זאג איך צו אים, פיעלסט בעסער?

-יא, ענפערט ער מיר מיט א קרעכץ. -נו, לאסיר שלאפן, ווייזש אוים אז דאס וועם זיין א לאנגע רייזע, מארגן וועסט דו בעסער פיעלן. ער האט אנגעפאנגען צו וויינען פארוואס טוסט דו דאס צו סיר ? פרעגט ער מיך מים ווייטאק, -איך בין נישט קיין ייד, בעסער הרגע מיך, און פטור. -וואס? האב איך מיט א איראניש געלעכטערל אים געפרעגט, וואס? דיך הרגעכען? הא! הא! א ייד הרגעט ניסט. -זאג מיר; האסש אמאל געהערש אז יידן זאלן מאכן א פאגראם איבער די גוים? ער איז פארשוויגן געווארן. -גיי שלאפן, זאג איר צר אים, זאל זיך אונק ביידע חלום ו פרן בעסערע ציישן... -אגב; זאג מיר, וואס איז דיין נאמען? -וואראשי יאנקש, "יאני" -מיין נאמען איז; פייערווערקער זאלטאן, "זאלי" -די באן איז געפארן מיט א סנעל קיים, דער רעם פון די רעדער האם זיך אויסגעמישט מיטן שווערן אטעמען פון די מענטטן. איעדער איז געשלאפן פארטיפט מים זיינע אייגענע חלומות... ס'האם אנגעפאנגקן צו שאגן, פון דעם פארגראטעוועט פענצ-טערל האט זיך די זון אריין געגאנוועם, אונק געלאזט וויסן אז זי האט אונץ נישט פארגעסן... די באן איז פמעלעך געפארן, און שטיינגעבליבן ביי א פריי פעלד. ם'האם זיך געהערם דאם רוקן פון די טירן, סיר זיינען ארוים אויף דער פריי, אוטער די וואך פון די זשאבדארן און די געסטאפא, פארזיכטיק גע-וואכט איבער אונק, סיטן פינגער ביים צונגל פון מאשין-געווער. סיר האכן זיך באפרייד אן בישה אייבער פארן אנדערן... נאך 15 מינוס האבן די זסאנדארן מים קולות אונץ געשאפט צוריק אין די וואגאנען. יאני האט זיך געקלעבט צו מיר ווי א בין צום האנעק. ער איז געווארן צוגעלאזן סיט

פארהאקטע טירן.

די אונגארישע זשאנדארן אונטער

די קאמאנד פון די געטטאפא,

מיט מאטין-געווער אין די הענד

האבן איבער אונץ געוואכט.

אן אפיצער האט גרופן אונזערע

נעמען פין א ליטטע, מיין נאמען

איז געווען פון די לעצטע אין

וואגאן אריין.

די זון האט זיך שוין לאנג

געזעצט ווען א קאלטער ווינד

האט געבלאזן פון צפון און

די דייששע לאגערן.

איך בין אריפסערקואם, און

מים זיין באנעמונק, איר

צום באדוירן, די יידעשע

בוכער וואם ליגן אין די

ביבליאטעקן, וואקקן אויף

האב ליב צו בעאבאכטן יענעם

האב פון דעם פיעל געלערנט,

איך וואלט געקאנט שרייבן א בוך פון סיינע דערציילונגען,

Friendship BY: JULIE HENNENBERG

As I walk through New York City's crowded streets, the beat of honking homs and shrill screams of nervous people become the beat of my heart. It is eight o'clock in the morning and the burning sun is beating down on my back. I slowly enter the Plaza Hotel for the Third Generation Holocaust Convention. Suddenly I stop, and I glance back at the crowds of people behind me, huddling in cardboard boxes and closed in alleys. A familiar face appears.

Second Place Sixth Grade Booster Contest

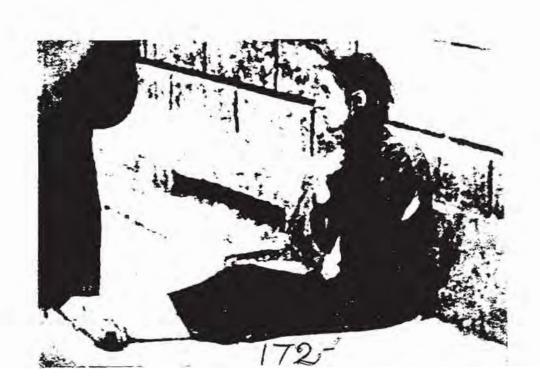
Who is this familiar face that I remember? A faint image of this mysterious "stranger" appears in my mind as a friend from childhood. While darting across the street to greet my mysterious friend, I cannot help but wonder, "What went wrong?" With tension building up inside of me, I meekly ask, "Mimi, is that you?"

Cries of happiness exploded as Mimi whispers at the top of her lungs, "Julie, Julie Hennenberg."

We proceed to talk and get to know each other, again. I stare back into Mimi's eyes, and I see the questioning look in her eyes, "Where will I go now? What will I do?"

Knowingly, I comfort her, and take her to the nearest apartment building. Mimi marvels as I pay the landlord for the first five months of rent, and I hand her two thousand dollars. While glowing she says, "I will make something of myself."

The chilly air seeps through our skin as we saunter down Fifth Street. I was very late for the convention. It did not matter though, because a friend found is a friendship regained. We both knew that I would be flying back to Cleveland soon, so we say our last words to each other and cry our last good-byes. We both walk off in separate directions, but turn around to see each other in the distance. We wave once more and know that we will meet again.



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

On May 8, 1945, the allies celebrated their victory over Nazi Germany, my liberation from the Concentration Camp Waldenburg did not come until May 9th. My number is 64242. They could not march us out of the camp because the area was surrounded by the Red Army. For the majority of the concentration camp inmates and the forced labor Jewish people it unfortunately came too late. The liberation of the camp was a major trauma for the Allied Armies, the sight of hundreds of bodies spread around in the open and survivors looking like walking skeletons was enough to nauseate even the most battle hardened soldiers.

But it turned out that neither the Army or the UNRRA was prepared on the scale required, and had not taken into consideration the necessary physical and mental rehabilitation of the survivors. The military and the UNRRA did not see the need to distinguish the difference between the Jewish refugees and the other forced labor workers, including Nazi collaborators from other countries. They all became displaced persons. After the liberation of the camps, Jewish soldiers serving with the Allied Forces made contact with the Jewish survivors, American Rabbis and members of the Jewish Brigade group came to the camps on their own initiative and tried to make things easier for the survivors. At that time I was in a Kibbutz N.I.L.I. "Netzach Israel Lo Yeshaker" which was located in Caddlzburg, near Nuren berg and formerly belonged to the Nazi Julius Streicher who was condemned to death by the Nuren berg Trials and hanged. The establishment of the American Commission of Inquiry, which condemned the military policies, made it possible to organize the survivors as an independent Jewish entity.

The liberation of the camps by the allies was of major historical importance in the fight, which continues to this day, against those who deny that the Holocaust took place. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his book "Crusade of Europe", wrote "I visited every nook and cranny of the camp because I felt it is my duty to be in an position from then on to testify at first hand about these things. In case there ever grew up at home the belief or assumption that the stories of Nazi brutality were just propaganda.

Jacob Hennenberg





Holocaust and Bosnia - Julian Solonitz

There is a trend among some people today to compare the tragic events in Bosnia with the Holocaust. This reflects ignorance of facts, or a wiling demeaning of our biggest historical tragedy.

Bosnia's military actions and human tragedy was a result of long standing national, political and territorial conflicts. Of course, religious conflicts were also involved, silenced for a period by the communist regime of Marshal Tito.

While the present war gives all parties the opportunity for normal and bloody military actions and for civilian populations to hide, escape and move to safer areas; European Jews, except for very small numbers, were totally helpless and had nowhere to go.

Even during the Spanish Inquisition during the 15th century, which constitutes another great historical Jewish tragedy, the Jews could save themselves by accepting Christianity or looking for safe places in other countries.

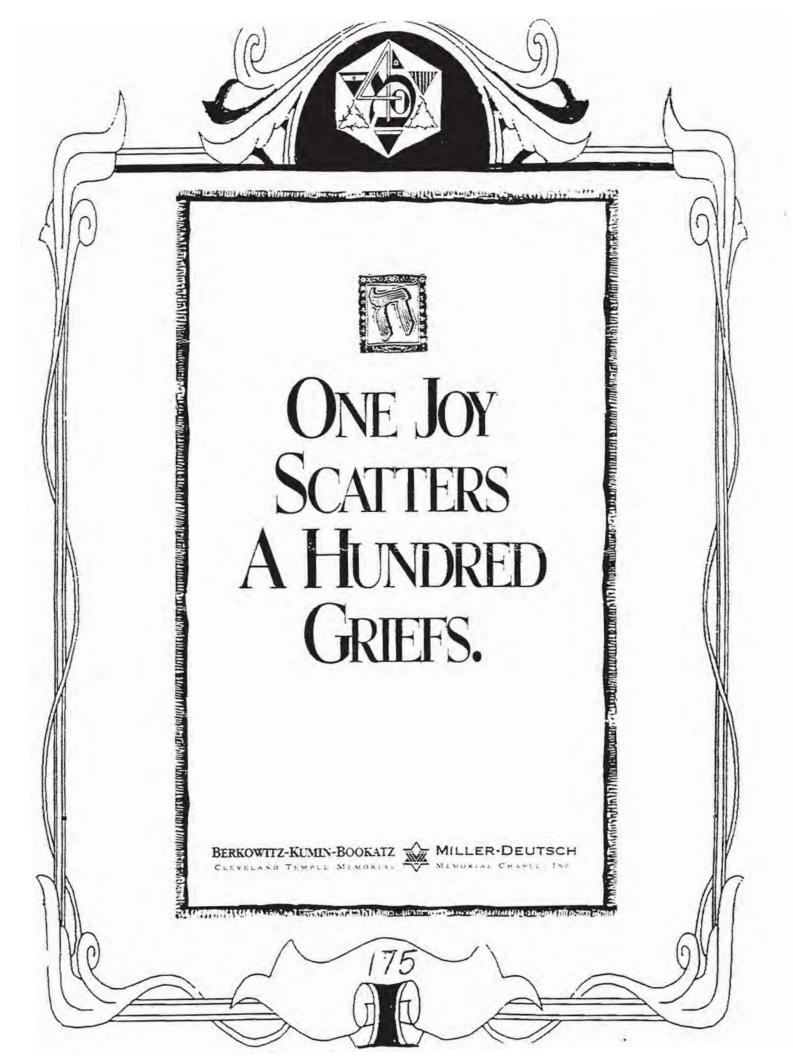
In Bosnia today, military and civilian representatives from the U.N. and Western European countries are trying to intervene and supply food and medical help to the overwhelmed by misery population, something

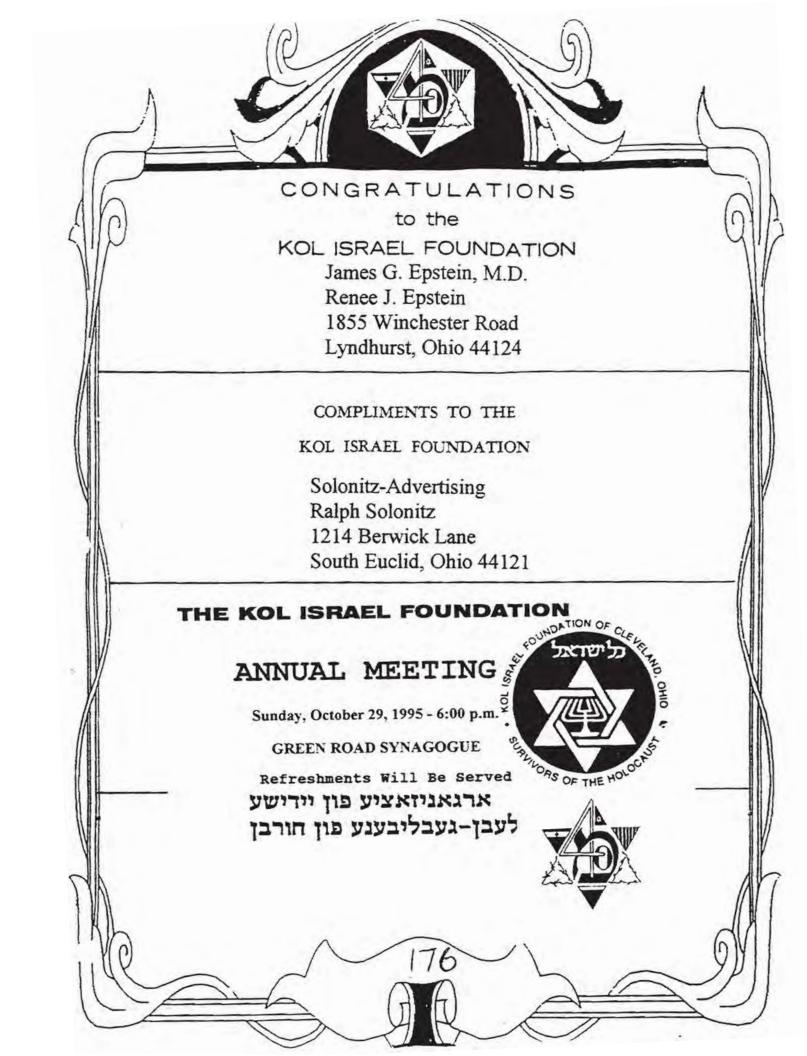
that was not existent in the most methodical and cruel extermination of Jews by the German Nazis during the 1939-45 years in Europe.

Bosnia's case is a modern tragedy, but it does not compare with the real Holocaust, when 11 million innocent and unarmed men, women and children, including 6 million Jews, were slaughtered. I wonder how many people realize that most of the warring nationalities of former Yugoslavia belong to the same Slavic group with a very similar language. The difference of religious beliefs separates them. The Serbs are Greek Orthodox, the Croats are Roman Catholics, and Bosnian Muslims are basically Slavs, who under many centuries of Turkish occupation, were forced to accept and become Muslims. Many among them are intermarried and their life is impacted by sickening national ambitions of their leaders.

Around the world today there is good will to find a way to silence the war-carnage and return Bosnia to sanity, during the Holocaust very few cared. Bosnia is a tragedy and shame on humanity, but luckily it still is not a Holocaust. Using another expression, from the world of sport, it is "in another league."

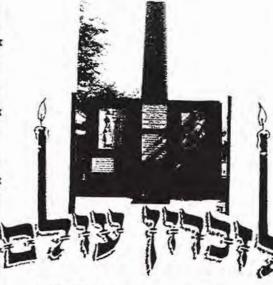
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The Kol Israel Foundation, survivors of the Holocaust, have designated

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1995

as

MEMORIAL SERVICE DAY

for the six million Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust and the fallen hereos of the Allied Forces

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. at

ZION MEMORIAL PARK 5461 Northfield Road

The Jewish War Veterans will present the colors

Addresses will be delivered by leaders of the Survivor and Jewish Community

Herman Frank and Avi Goldman, Chairmen











In Memoriam

זכרונו לברכה

James Halle



The Halle Family

Benefits of Silence

No one can repeat what you did not say.
A person usually discloses his own character when he describes others.

VOICE OF THE SURVIVORS

קול הניצולים



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FALL 1995 ACTIVITIES:

Kol Israel Sisterhood Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue - August 27, 1995

Kol Israel Annual Memorial Service

Zion Park cemetery - October 1, 1995

Second Generation Kol Israel - The Infiltrator, Video

Mandel JCC - November 5, 1995

Second Generation Kol Israel - Groucho, A life in review

Halle Theater - November 12, 1995

Kol Israel Foundation - Annual Meeting

Green Road Synagogue, October 28, 1995

WINTER & SPRING CALENDAR

Second Generation Kol Israel - Chanukah Party

Natural History Museum - December 17, 1995

Kol Israel Foundation - Chanukah Party

Green Road Synagogue - December 24, 1995

Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura Commemoration

Fairmount Temple - April 15, 1996

Kol Israel Foundation 51st Anniversary Dinner

Green Road Synagogue - June 2, 1996

For the dead and the Living - We Must Remember

Voice of the Survivors - A Joint Publication

Voice of the Survivors which is in its third year of publication will be henceforth published jointly by the Kol Israel Foundation and the Second Generation Kol Israel. This is the third major activity which the two survivor organizations are cosponsoring. The other activities are the annual picnic and the annual memorial service. Voice of the Survivors will continue to be published quarterly: the Spring issue in March, the Summer issue in June, the Fall issue in September and the Winter issue in December.

The 1995 Annual Memorial Service. "Remembrance, Resistance and Conscience" The traditional Annual Memorial Service for victims of the Holocaust which was held on Sunday, October 1, 1995, was planned by Mr. Herman Frank and Mr. Avi Goldman, co-chairs of the event and Mr. Jack Hennenberg.

The flags of the Kol Israel Foundation and the liberating countries were on display, the Jewish War Veterans presented the colors and Survivors lit the memorial candles. Guest speakers included, Ms. Sally Wertheim, President of the Jewish Community federation, Rabbi Joshua Skoff of Park Synagogue, Mr. Albert Ratner, community leader and Dr. Zev Harel, President of Kol Israel Foundation.

Kol Israel Annual Meeting

The 1995 Annual meeting which was held on October 28, 1995 at the Green Road Synagogue, was attended by approximately 80 members. The event was chaired by Kol Israel Chairman Mike Frum. The following officers reported on their activities: Vice President Simon Fixler, Secretary Julian Solonitz, Treasurer Betty Berliner, Social Chairman Henry Miller, Historian Jack Hennenberg, Memorial Chair Herman Frank and Sunshine Chair Philip Green. Kol Israel President Dr. Zev Harel concluded the program. Mr. Steve Slomovitz, and Mr. Henry Miller, Social Co-Chairmen presided over the social evening that followed.

40th Anniversary Book.

Mr. Hennenberg reported at the last annual meeting and at the last board meeting that page reservations continue to be received for the 40-th Anniversary book. He advises members to send in their reservations as soon as possible as the date when he receives the reservation will determine the location of personal ads and/or stories in the anniversary book.

Life Membership

Most Jewish organizations boast of significant number of life members. The Board of the Kol Israel Foundation is encouraging members to show their support for our organization by becoming life members. Cost of life membership for an individual is \$125 and for a couple \$250.

51st Anniversary Liberation - Celebration Mark your calendars. The 51st Anniversary Celebration of our liberation will take place on June 2, 1996, at Green Road Synagogue.

Spielberg - Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation

As you may be aware, Mr. Spielberg has used the financial resources derived from the movie Schindler's List to start the "Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation." He also engaged personally in extensive fund raising to be able to offer every survivor the opportunity to have his/her testimony recorded. On November 17, 1995, while attending a conference at Los Angeles, I had the opportunity to visit the Spielberg Foundation, located in the back of the Universal Studio. They have testimonies from more than 7,000 survivors and they are engaged in content analyses of the testimonies for archives to be housed at the Yad Vashem and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. If you want your testimony recorded, please send in the flyer which appears elsewhere in this issue. It is my understanding that they intend to take testimonies of Cleveland survivors this Winter.

Second Generation Kol Israel Recent Educational Activities The Infiltrator.

The Community Awareness Committee of the Second Generation Kol Israel presented "The Infiltrator," a video, at the Mandel Jewish Community Center on November 5, 1995. The video is based on a recent book by Yoram Svoray, an Israeli journalist who went underground to infiltrate and expose neo-Nazis in Germany.

Groucho - A life in review.

On Sunday, November 12, 1995 approximately 20 members of Second Generation Kol Israel attended the presentation of Groucho, a life in review, at the Mayfield Jewish Community Center Halle Theater. A dessert reception was given by Lynn and Avi Goldman, following the show.

1996 Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Resistance, Conscience & Remembrance

Community Commemoration of the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

> April 15, 1996 Monday 7:30 p.m. Fairmount Temple

Holocaust Remembrance and a Tribute to the liberators and the Fallen Heroes

Please save this date and time so you can attend this Commemoration. We need your help with publicity. Tell your family and friends to attend. We count on you.

Kol Israel Foundation Recent Financial Contributions

The Kol Israel Foundation Board Decided to make three major contributions recently in support of organization which work on survivor causes or interests.

Yad Vashem \$1000. Ms. Betty Berliner took the check and personally delivered it to Yad Vashem, which is the major national and international center for the commemoration of the Holocaust. Among the more recent

developments at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem are the Children's Memorial and the Valley of the Lost Communities. There is a constant flow of visitors to Yad Vashem.

U.S. Holocaust Museum \$500. Since the opening there is a constant flow of visitors to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum which depicts the tragedy of the Holocaust. The Kol Israel Foundation is one of the charter member organizations, as it had contributed \$5,000 in 1993.

Jewish National Fund \$500. The Jewish National Fund is the organization responsible for the green forests in Israel. We have sent this donation to support in a small way the planting in Israel of a memorial forest honoring the blessed memory of the late Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin, the hero of wars and the champion of peace.

Escape from Vienna - Mr. Kurt Loebel Mr. Kurt Loebel, who has been a violinist with the Cleveland Orchestra since 1947 will

with the Cleveland Orchestra since 1947 will speak at Congregation Bet-Am on Friday night February 16, 1996 at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Loebel immigrated to the U.S. in 1939 following the invasion of Austria by the Nazis. He was a scholarship student with the Juliard School of Music from 1941-43. He served with the U.S. Army Intelligence under General Patton, from 1943-45, and participated in the invasion of Normandy.

Second Generation Kol Israel Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Scholarships

Second Generation Kol Israel will be accepting applications for its 1996 Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Holocaust Education scholarships between January 1 and March 15, 1996. Scholarships may be granted for visits to Holocaust sites, trips to Holocaust educational facilities or research studies in Holocaust related areas. Anyone interested should call Cindy Feuer (691-0123) or Anne Lukas (382-0789).

A Survivor is a survivor - Julian Solonitz
The other night some of us witnessed on
Channel 43 the "Cleveland Journey of
Conscience" sojourning the places in Poland
so painfully dear to our memory. It was led
by Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, the most dedicated
teacher from Cleveland Heights High
School. For 30 minutes we followed the
personal experiences of our fellow survivor,
Gita Frankel returning to the places of her
childhood and places where the Nazis
murdered her father and brother.

It was only natural to share her tears. She was able to visit and place stone markers in the proper spots, covered with a 50 year tall layer of shrubbery. In a painful way Gita is lucky... How many of us survivors would also like to put "matzevot" on places where our dearest family members were buried?

Most of us survivors have a similar history, with a different plot, maybe. I, your secretary, and my dear life-companion Beba, also survived. And, indeed, with a completely different plot. The only time I touched skeleton-hands, and shared bitter tears with inmates of Maydanek, was during the unforgettable hour when my division opened the gates of that God forsaken camp. Believe me I took enough revenge of our enemy's blood, for your suffering and ours. I survived another hell. Two full years on the very front lines, under constant shelling and bombing, while my lonely wife was toiling, half-starved, underground in Siberian coal mines. So we are lucky? How lucky can we be after loosing some 65 members of our families? How they perished, where and when, nobody could tell us ..

All I know, that my mother was shot in the back of her head, together with the first 1000 women from Vilna. It was September 1941. About all the rest of our clan only God would know if He witnessed the Nazi bestialities?

Yes, I learned something more since the end of the war. That the 1000 Jewish women were covered with a layer of 4-5 feet earth in the Ponary ravine (near Vilna, Lithuania). We understand and, at the same time, it is hard to accept the notion that we survivors are lucky people. The strong religious believers credit their survival with the word "Bashert." Who knows? Maybe there is some destiny in our life. The modern knowledge doesn't have the answers.

The fact is that all of us lost a lot of "Flesh and Blood." No matter when and which way. Just as some survived the hell of camps, others survived in a variety of ways. Including daily starvations, constant feelings of doom, holed up in inhuman places, or fighting with weapons the bloodthirsty Nazis. And so, A survivor is a Survivor.

Dear Second Generation KI members.

Thank you for your support during the elections. I am delighted to serve as your historian and archivist once again.

Inventory of the library's holdings was recently done by Susan Saltzman and me.
We have a better idea of what we have now.

The amount of books and videos has increased in recent months, thanks to Art Rosenfeld and other members who have taped programs that aired on NOVA and Channel 25. Any material that you have and would like to donate, please let us know.

Our holdings can now be stored in a computer data base, thanks to Rochelle Zingale's generous donation of a personal computer to the library. Office items needed for the library include: a file cabinet, storage cabinet and a typewriter stand. If you would like to donate any one of such items, please let me know.

Someone borrowed the book A Vanished World, by Roman Vishniac and was never returned. It is a beautiful pictorial book and, we'd like to have it back. Please, return it so that other members may enjoy it.

Sincerely, Marc Cohen

Join Second Generation Kol Israel for a Chanukah Party:

Place: Natural History Museum

1 Wade Oval

University Circle

Date: Sunday, December 17

Time: 1 - 5 pm

Cost Adults \$5

Children & Seniors \$3

(price includes admission and refreshments)

Reservations Required by Tuesday, December 12

To make your reservations, call Celia Rosenberg 381-4090 or Cindy Feuer 691-0123

For those of you who have not yet renewed your Second Generation membership, please return the attached membership form along with your dues to:

Second Generation Kol Israel P. O. Box 24376 Cleveland, Ohio 44124

AN UNFORTUNATE PROPHECY

It is, for me, very difficult to understand that fifty years after the defeat of Nazi Germany, we, the survivors of the Holocaust, still have to prove that the Holocaust happened. We have to face these blatant lies of some so called pseudo historians and their publications stating that the Holocaust did not take place. Also, we hear that nobody knew when this tragedy took place

I came across an article in the "Zwiaskowiec" dated August 24, 1995, a publication of the alliance of Poles in America, under the title what news items have been printed in the publication sixty years ago? One of the articles was "The Future War" the news about Nazi Germany rearming. It brings to our mind a future war. According to the Nazi leadership, a future war will be a "Blitzkrieg" which strategy will be to attack a non suspecting foe. It will be without scruples and respect nothing. This is the opinion of the leaders of Nazi Germany, according to General Dr. Henning Michaelis.

The process of the next war will be a scorched earth policy of the enemy territory; destroying their industrial potential, cause panic, and destroying morally and physically the enemy. Romanticism of war is old fashioned. The future war will be against women and children, which will be treated like soldiers, or worse.

There is no question that Nazi Germany's leadership knows this kind of treatment of civilians. The Nazi Germany chemical industry is at peak production and there is no question that they would use it against civilians or whomever they considered an enemy.

How prophetic this article was sixty years ago. The rest is history, acknowledging today what happened after the above preparation. The result was a loss of forty million human beings and some not so human. The excuse that the world did not know is not a valid excuse and is unforgivable and unforgettable. We stood alone and thrown to the beasts.



AUSCHWITZ A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Was the Auschwitz-Birkenau complex a concentration camp in which the prisoners died of malnutrition and hard work? Or was the complex an extermination camp in which mass murder and plain robbery was executed, not by war criminals, but by criminals? The answer is "both," and it was done by a legally elected government and its willing helpers and a world that looked the other way. The so called "Lager Furer Hoess" addressed his underlings and said Jewish prisoners have only a right to live in the camp two weeks, Catholic priests one month and the rest of the prisoners, three months. A small amount of Jewish prisoners made it through the so called "selection." The majority went to the gas chambers and crematoriums without being registered. They simply vanished. Jewish children were gassed immediately. After arrival, they were not prisoners, they were "sacrifices" in the Auschwitz death factory.

Today in Poland there is a controversy about the Auschwitz inmates that were not Jewish and remember the terrible experiences and suffering in the concentration camp. They ask why should there be a difference made between us and the Jews? There was a big difference, the Jewish prisoners were not allowed to receive packages as the non-Jews did. Also, the Jews, upon arrival, and those who were selected for work, on the same day lost their family that came with them. For the non-Jews, Auschwitz was a concentration camp in which daily living was the danger of losing one's life. However, their families were somewhere in freedom. For the Jews, Auschwitz was a death factory for them and their families. Nobody waited for them. For the Jewish prisoner, that tattooed number meant a reprieve for a while.

This perspective is hard to understand by the former non-Jewish prisoners of K.Z. Auschwitz. On the 20th of February 1944, a Jewish transport from Chrzanow, after arriving in Auschwitz-Birkenau, went straight to the gas chamber carrying my father. Chaim Zvi Henenberg, my sister Sabina Hennenberg-Hornung and her little daughter, Perelka Anna Henenberg-Wassertheil and her child, Ida Henenberg-Korngold, and the rest of my family. May they rest in peace.

ישננתם לבניד שננתם לבניד 187

"And Thou Shall Teach Them Diligently Unto Thy Children." — Deuteronomy 6:7

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(פארזעצונג פון לעצטער אויסגאבע)
                                        אפריל דעם 22טן, דער וועטער
  געשראכש פון אונזער צוקונפט...
                                         האם זיך פארבעסערם, און די
        ס'האם אנגעהויבן צו שאגן.
                                          זון האם געשיינט, די נעכט
 פלוצלינג האט זיך געהערם א רעש
                                                זיי:ען געווען קאלט.
   פון מאטארן איינס נאכן אנדערן
                                       דער מארם איז פאמעלעך פארגע-
 אמעריקאנער זעלנער מים די ביקסן
                                       זעצט אן אויפהער, ס'ניטט גע-
                    אין די הענד.
                                        ווען סים וואס צו שסילן דעב
  זאלי! זאלי! האט יאני געשריען;
                                                 הונגער אדער דארשט.
   די אסעריקאנער זיינען דא! מיר
                                        ביי דער זיים פון שאסיי איז
 זיינען פריי! מיר האבן זיך ארום
                                      געווען גרובער ווי די פארמערם
געכאפט, געספרינגען איינער אויפן
                                      האבן פארבאהאלטן פארן ווינטער
אנדערן יאני! בשחון! זאלי! בשחון!
                                        זיסע בוראקעס, אטייל האם גע-
    די ציים איז געבליבן סטיין...
                                        לונגען צוכאפן א כורעק, דואם
דעם 29שן אפריל 7 אזייגער פארטאג
                                        האט מים זיין לעבן רעזעקירט,
                                      אטייל זיינען געווארן דערשאכן.
דיזון האם זיך סוין לאנג באוויזן
                                       6 טעג האם געדויערט דער מארק;
     וועו די שווערע לאכש-אוישוים
                                      יאני און איך האבן זיך געהאלטן
   האבן זיך געטשעלש ביי דער זייט
                                       צוזאמען, ער האט מיך געטרייסט
   פון די ווענט, דורך א מיקראפאן
                                         מים דעם ווארט וואס איך האב
  האם ספן געבעטן דעם עולם ס' זאל
                                          אים געלערענט; בטחון, זאלי
      זיין רואיק, יעדער זאל גיין
                                                           בשחון!...
     צו זיין בלאק באלד וועט זיין
                                        לסוף זיינען מיר אנגעקומען.
      עסן. ביים בלאק 29 האבן כיר
                                        דאכאו; דערנענטערנדיק זיך צו
  געקריגן א האלב ברויט 5 גרעהם-
                                       דעם גרויסן טויער, דער זעלבער
         קרעקערם מים א פעשע זופ.
                                      טויער ווי אין בוכענוואלד, מים
  דאם ערשטע מאל האבן מיר גקגעסן
                                           די זעלבעקע גרויסע אותיות
                   צו דער זאט...
                                        אופן טויער וואס האט זיך גע-
      סים פארגעניגן האבן מיר זיך
                                           לעזן; "ארביים מאכם פריי".
  צוגעקוקם ווי די זעלבערם שטייען
                                         46 זיינען מיר געבליבן פון
     ביי די לעכער פון די בונקערם
                                         אונזער גרופע, די רעשט וואס
     און ביי די וואכ-טורעמס, ווי
                                           די פוס האבן זיי מער בישט
    מייז זייבען די עם-עם געקראכן
                                        -געטראגן זיינען געווארן דער
   פון דילעכער, ביכט שיסען! האכן
                                          סאטן. אקליינע גרופע מענער
     זיי זיך געבעטן, סיט די הענד
                                        ציוויל געקליידיקט האבן אויף
     איבערן קאפ בישע ניכש שיסען!
                                     אובץ געווארט, אובק אויסגעפרעגט
       דער אסעריקאנער זעלנער האם
                                          פון וואנעם מיר קומען, מיר
    גלטון זיין היילגע ארבעם אים
                                            האבן זיי אלעם פארציילט.
                    באלד געשאסן.
                                       אין בלאק 29 האבן סיר געקריגן
      יאני איז אריין אין א שמועס
                                           א פיינע פארציע ברוים מיט
       מיטן זעלנער (איך האב נישט
                                                   א סטיקל מארגארין.
     גרויסט אז ער רעד די ענגלישע
                                        די עם-עם האם מען ביסם געזען
      שפראך) יאני' פרעג איך אים,
                                       די כעהיים פון די קאפוים האם
 וואס האסט דו גוואלט פון זעלבער?
                                                       מעך געהארגעש.
    -זאלי דו וועסט באלד זען, מיט
                                          יעדער האט זיר באפריים פון
    א בעוועים געלכטערל רייבענדיק
                                         די בלאקן און זיך גיווארעטט
     דיהענד האט ער מיר געענפערט;
                                          אויה דעד זון. א קלאנג האט
       דו וועסט באלד זען זאלי...
                                        זיך געהערט אז די אטעריקאנער
    ס'האם בישם לאנג געדויערם ווי
                                         זיינען נאענט, ס'האט געהערט
    3 עם-עם זיינען ארוים געקראכן
                                             דאם שישך. ס'איז געווארן
      פון בונקער, דער זעלנער האש
                                           באכט, אכייל זיינען אריין
      צוגערופן יאנין אים געוויזן
                                         אין די כלאקן, אבער די מער-
    די 3 עם-עם יאני איז צוגעלאפן
                                            הייט האבן געווארט ביי די
       סטויסנדיק זיי מים אזא כעם
                                               ליכם פון דער לבנה...
   סרייענדיק; העבדע הויך! שוויין
                                          יאני און איך האבן זיך כא-
   לוים-לוים! חברה האבן זיך ארום
                                              זעצם אין א ווינקל ביים
   געקוקם, ווער שריים דאס? מ'האם
                                             טויער, שווייגענדיק האבן
   באלד געמאכט א קרייז, יאנין מיט
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סיר כים פאנשאזישע חלומות

די עס-עס האבן זיך דערזען ארומגערינגלט מים א נייגעריקן עולם קוקענדיק צו דער סצענע. אפעל! אפעל! האט ער הילכיק בעריען, אוסציען! האם ער מע-שונעדיק זיך צווילדעווים, אוסציען! נאקעש! שוויינ-הונד! דער קרייז איז גרעסער געווארן דער עולם האם גרוים פארגעניגן געהאט מיט נקמה זיך צוקוקן ווי יאני מים אזא כעם אראפ-געשלעפט פון זיי די זשאקעטן מיט די העמדער. ווער האם א מעכער!? האם יאני אויסגערופן, איינער פון עולם האם אים געווארפן א לעפל מים א שארף הענשל, יאני האט געכאפט דעם לעפל מיט דער שארפער זייט און איינגעשניטן דעם רוקן פון פס-עם דאם בלוש האש געגאסן פון אים פאלענדיק צו דער ערד. די 2 עם-עם זיינען געפאלן אויף די קניען בעטן מיט געוויין אבער דער עולם מיט זייער שרייען האבן פארטויבט זייער געבעט, אין צענדלי קער ספראכן האבן זיי געשריען; שנייד! שנייד!שנייד! און יאני האם געסניסן, גענוק יאני! האב איך געשריען, אים אוועק-געשלעפש פון די 3 לעבעריקע קערפערם. און יאני האם סווער געאטעמט ווישענדיק דעם סוויים פון פנים מיך ארום גענומען און געקוטם... דער עולם האם אפלאדירם. און יאני איבערלאזענדיק די בלוטיגע קערפערם אויף דער ערד, האם זיך פארנייגם פארן עולם גלייך ווי א גוסער אקשיאר וואס האש באגייסשערש דעם עולם מים זיין ראלע... איך בין א ייד!איך בין א ייד! האט ער געטריען, ארומנעמענדיק מיך מים ליבשאפט, קוקעבדיק מיר גלייך אין די אויגן זאלי מיין פריינד מיין ברודער איך דאנק דיר מחמת דו האסט פון מיר געמאכט א ייד... 3 חדשים זיינען פארלאפן בטעת סיר האבן זיך אריינגעצויגן אין די דירות ווי די עם-עם האבן געוואוינט, דאם לעבן איז געווארן בארסאל. די אמעריקאנער קאמיטעט האט אונק פארהערט, אויגעפרעגט

פון אונזער פארגאנגענהיים אונדז געמאכט שריפטלעכע דאקו מענטן מיט א בילד, מיר האבן סוף כל סוף געפילט ווי פרייע מענטשן... אין א שיינעם זומער טאג האט דער אמעריקאנער קאמיטעם גע-לאזט וויכן אז מיר פארן א היים.די פראכט וראגאנען האבן געווארט אויף אונדז, דאם מאל זיינען מיר געווען 20 אין א וואגאן, יעדער האט גע-קריגן א פעקל מיט עסן. א קאפיטאן האט זיך געשטעלט אויפן פלאטפארם פון באן, זיך פארגעשטעלט; מיין נאסען איז "רבי" שלמה הארוויץ, איך וויל אייך אלע ווינטשן פון מיין הארץ; איר זאלט טרעפן אייערע היימען מים אייערע ליבע, אויב ניסט, מיינע טייערע ברודער קומט קיין אמעריקא. באך 2 שעג זיינען מיר אנגע-קומען קיין בודאפעסט. יאני איז געלאפן אהיים, איך איך בין געגאנגען צו מיין אלטע קווארטיר ווי איך האב געוואוינט פארן דעפארטירן, סיין פריינדינע האט אויף מיר געווארט, אזנזער ליבסאפט איז געווען קעגנזייטיק א וואך שפעטער האב איך באשלאסן צו פארלאזן אונגארן, איך וויל ביסט לעבן אוטער דעם סאווי-יעסישן רעזסים, מיר פארן קיין אמעריקא... מיר האבן געשמוגלט די גרע-נעץ קיין עסטרייך, פון דארט זיינען מיר געפארן קיין מינכען, אין פערנוואלד האבן מיר חתונה געהאט... מיסטער פייער! די קארוע איז קאלט געווארן, רופט זיך אפ סיין פריינד, זאג מיר איך בעם דיך; וואס האט פאסירט מים יאנין? האסט צייט וועל איך דיר פאר-2,442 די אלע יארן האב איך וויינעק געטראכט פון אים, די ערשטע צייטן איז ניטט לייכט געווען פאר א נייעם עמיגראנט, פאר מיר ספעציעל, מים 2 קליינע קינדער, א קראבקע מאמע, ביז ווען די קינדער זיינען אינ-טעגעוואקסן איז די מאמע גע-

האר האכן זיך מיר ארויסגעזען פון אונטער מיין בארעש. זיים מוחל, איך זוך א חבר מיר זיינען צוזאמען געווען אין די דייטסע קאנצענטראציע-לאגערן, זיין באמען איז; ווארעשי יאנעם, "יאני" האב איך אים גערופן, ער פארטראכט זיך, קוקענדיק אויף מיר. זיינע ליפן ציטירן, ער וויל ארויסברינגען א ווארט ארן קאן נישם, ער שעפששים עפים שטילערהיים קוקענדיק אוף מיר מים פארשראכשע אויגן. עם-עם-עם עמך!? עמך! האב איך אים הויעך געענפערט, עסך!... זאלי פיין ברודער! ער איז א-רויפגעפאלן אויף מיר מיט ביידע הענט און האכן ביידע געוויינט... זיין ווייב מיט די 3 אייניקלעך געקוקט מיט וואונדער צו דער סצתנת, דאם איז זאלי, מיין חבר וואם פלעג פארציילן דיר פון די לאגערן, גיי ברכה' לע גרייט צום שיש, בשעת שיר פאציילש; ווי די חברים זיינע ביים אהיים קומען מיט אראבגעלאזטע קעפ ניסט גע-שראפן די ווערטער צו בעשן פון אים מחילה, איך בין אויף אייך נישט ברוגז, איך בין א ייד, א שטאלצער ייד... כ'האב זיך פאראיינעקט מיט"חבד" בין זייער אקטיוו, דארט האב איך כאקאנט מיין ברכה, חתונה געהאם, זי האם מיר געגעבן 2 זון, דער עלטערער איז ראבינער אין "קאזינצי סינאגאג" דער יובגערער פירט אן מיט מיין פאטערם געשעפט "בה" כ'האב גרוים נחת, דאם אלפם וואם איך האב, סיין טייערער פריינד האב איך דיר צו דאנקען... דער טיש איז גרייט, בישע קומש אין עם-צימער. מיר האבן געגעסן געטרונקען און פארבראכט ביז שפעט אין דער נאכט בשעת מיר פארציילט; זיין מוטער האם מען דעפארטירט קיין אושוויץ זיין פאטער איז נאכדעם געשטארבן ס'געווארן טאג, מיר האבן זיך ארומגעבעמען זיך געקוסט מים א זיי געזונד, גענומען א טאקטי געפארן צום האשעל, דעם זעלבן טאג האב איך פארלאוט בודאפעסט. 2 יאר צוריק האם זייןווייב סיר געקלינגען; יאני איז געשטארבן. תהי בפשו צרורה בצרור החיים... געשריבן ביי זלמן פייערווערקער פון סיגעט

שטארבן, די קינדער זיינען זיך צעפארן, כין געבליכן אליין. אין יאר 1987 האב איך בא-שלאסן; צר מאכן א רייזע איבער אייראפע, נאך איינ-מאל צו זען מיין סשעשל "סיגעט" ווי איך בין גע-בויערן, מיט איין וועגס בין געווען אין ישראל, עסטרייך, דיים שלאנד, צו זען נאך איין מאל "דאכאו" ווי אויך אונגצרן. "בודאפעסט" באטירלעך האב איך געוואלט זען יאנין, פיין יאני. כ'האב געוואלט פון אים מאכן א ייד; ווער ווייסט? קאם געווארט איבערצושלאפן די ערשטע באכט אין בודאפעסט אבגעגעסן פריסטיק, געכאפט א טאקסי ביי דער זייט פון האטעל -נעם סיך צום שטאש-הויז. די סעקרעטארין האט כיך זייער העפלעך אויפגענומען, פרעגענדיק וואם איך פארלאנג; איך וויל זען די ארכיוון פון -די וואס זייבען אהיימגעקומען פון די קאנצענטראציע-לאגערן -זיין נאמען בישע? -ווארעשי יאנעש. ענפער איך איר, אוויילע שפעטער איז צוריק גע-קומען מים א גרויסן בוך וואס ס'האט אי זיך געהאלטן הונדערטער בעמען, ס'האט בישט לאנג גע-"דויערט; "ווארעשי יאנעש הונאדי-טער 9% צטן שטאק 6טן דיסטריקש. איך בין זיך מודה דאם הארץ האט העכער גקלאפט ארויף גיין די טרעפ אויפן צטן סטאק, נערוועז קוקענדיק אויף די סירן צו טרעפן זיין נאמען בישם דא! כ'האב שיר נישם אריפגעגעבן ווען איך בין גע-בליבן שטיין ביי א טיר וואס וואס האט זיך געלעזן; "יונה עירוני" איז דאם יאני? פרעג איך זיך, איך קלאפ אין דער טיר, איך הער טריט נענטערן, דאם הארץ קלאפט העכער, די טיר עפענד זיך, א הויכער מאן מים א ווייסער בארד א (הדרת-פנים) א שווארצע כפה אויפן קאפ; מים וואם קאן איך דיר העלפן? פרעגט ער מיך, איך בין געווארן אין פארלעגנתיים, די לאנגע

Two friends journey together into the past 52 CLEVELAND JEWISH NEWS / DECEMBER 29, 1995

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heirs is the story of two lifetimes and a friendship that spans half a century and two continents. So, when Herman Frank and Jacob Hennenberg returned last September to the Europe of their youth, they carried a lot of personal baggage with them.

Herman Frank was a teenager in 1939, when his father died and war broke out in his native Poland. Frank, an only child, spent the early years of World War II with his mother in the Lodz ghetto. At first, they were able to trade their stockpile of staples and precious goods for food. For a while, Frank ran a tailor shop in the ghetto. In 1942, when his mother died, Frank used bribes of bread to get her buried.

"You could get anything for bread," he recalls.

Later, Frank was interned in camps where inmates were fed "not enough to live, but (too much) to die." The camps brought work details, a death march from camp to camp and three escapes. During one escape, Frank was miraculously rescued from imminent death when, for unknown reasons, he was given safe passage papers by the Germans.

Jacob Hennenberg grew up in the southwest corner of Poland, the youngest of five children. His mother died in 1937, a month before his bar mitzva. By 1941, the remaining Hennenberg family was living in one room in Chrzanow. When Nazi soldiers came to the door demanding his father, Jacob offered himself instead. The offer was refused and he never saw his father or three of his four sisters again.

Of his war-time experiences, Hennenberg says, with astonishing calminess, "I believe in a positive attitude. For example, I desperately wanted my (camp identification) number to be 18 (the Hebrew equivalent of chai, life), which seemed impossible. But when I added up the numbers I was given, 64242, they equaled 18. That's when I knew I would survive."

In 1945, at war's end, Herman Frank finagled his way into the American zone, to the Bavarian town of Weiden, where he became a successful self-employed "procurer of commodities."

When Jacob Hennenberg, who had survived seven different forced labor and concentration camps, was liberated from Waldenburg, he felt a historian's instinct to document the horrors he had been through. Almost immediately, he found a photographer to take his picture in his striped camp uniform. "I thought it was important to preserve my memories," he says.

Hennenberg and Frank met for the first time in Weiden, when Hennenberg, driving a U.N.N.R.A. truck, discovered that entrepreneur Frank could supply that most precious of commodities, gasoline. At their second meeting. Frank supplied the film for Hennenberg's camera. Later, there were casual meetings at dances in the town.

By 1949, Hennenberg and Frank had both made their way to America, rediscovering each other coincidentally on the streets of Cleveland, Ohio.

In the decades since, the two have shared a deep friendship, even making their first trip to Israel together in 1965. And in September 1995, the pair shared another emotional odyssey, retracing their steps back to the Poland of their youth.

The first Shabbat of their trip was spent in Lodz, where they attended services in the local synagogue. The next day they said kaddish (memorial prayer) at the grave of Herman Frank's father in the Jewish cemetery. On Monday, in Chrzanow, the two visited the grave of Rabbi Salomon Bochner, Hennenberg's greatgreat-great-great-grandfather, who had served as the town's first rabbi.

Together the pair journeyed to the Birkenau concentration camp, where Frank showed Hennenberg the bunk he slept in as an inmate. At Gross Rosen Camp, Hennenberg offered silent support as Frank faced the water-filled ditch and the once-electrified fence from which he had been forced to pull the bodies of prisoner

The two friends drove the Breslau highway, following the white line, painted, in part, by forced laborer Hennenberg. Then they visited the sugar factory where Hennenberg worked while interned at Waldenburg.

With mixed feelings, they visited each other's childhood homes. At the Gross Rosen Museum at Waldenburg, they discovered documentation of the deaths of Hennenberg's father and sisters in the gas chambers.

Perhaps in a kind of symbolic resolution, the two old

friends spent the final Saturday night of their trip in Copenhagen, where they attended havdalah services at the main synagogue.



Herman Frank, left, and Jacob Hennenberg say kaddish at grave of Frank's father in the Jewish cemetery in Lodz.

Congratulations -

John Pollard is a Israeli Citizen

The last act of the former Israeli interior minister, the current foreign minister. Mr. Ehud Barak, was to award John Pollard Israeli citizenship. Supporters of Mr Pollard have long argued that he was deserving of Israeli citizenship as his actions that landed him in U.S. jail clearly benefited the State of Israel, especially during the Iraqi missile attacks. The late former prime minister. Itzhak Rabin, attempted to intercede on his behalf with President Clinton. It is our hope that he will soon be granted pardon and go free. His release was long overdue.

Refuah Slema! Speedy recovery!

Best wishes for a speedy recovery is extended to our members who have had recent illness episodes.

Mr. Harold Feuer, Mr. Irving Lerman, Mrs. Minia Leska, Mrs. Sally Pitluk, Mr. Max Slivka and Mr. Jack Wieder

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Henry and Marion Miller

Millers mark 50th anniversary

Henry and Marion Miller of University Heights celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 17. Born in Czechoslovakia, they were married in Budapest, Hungary. In honor of their anniversary, they will travel to Israel. They are the parents of Janet and Isascher Holtz of University Heights and Mik and Ellen Miller of Woodland Hills, Calif.; and the grandparents of Maya, Eric, and Daniel Holtz and Alana and Justin Miller.

Dignifying funeral services of Holocaust survivors

The Kol Israel Foundation has sought, for a long time, to add dignity to the funeral services of Holocaust survivors. Mr. Jack Hennenberg, our historian, designed a burial casket cover which has the Kol Israel Foundation logo and an appropriate dignified Hebrew inscription. The cover will be housed with Berkowitz-Kumin and Mr. Herman Frank, Memorial Chairman will attend to its use at memorial services.

Jewish Family Services to aid survivors. The Jewish Family Services of Cleveland has written a grant proposal and has been promised funding to offer Holocaust survivors counseling, case management and home care services. Ms. Sue Biagianti, project director, will attend the next meeting of the Kol Israel Foundation, on January 14,1996, to explain and enlist board support for the project.

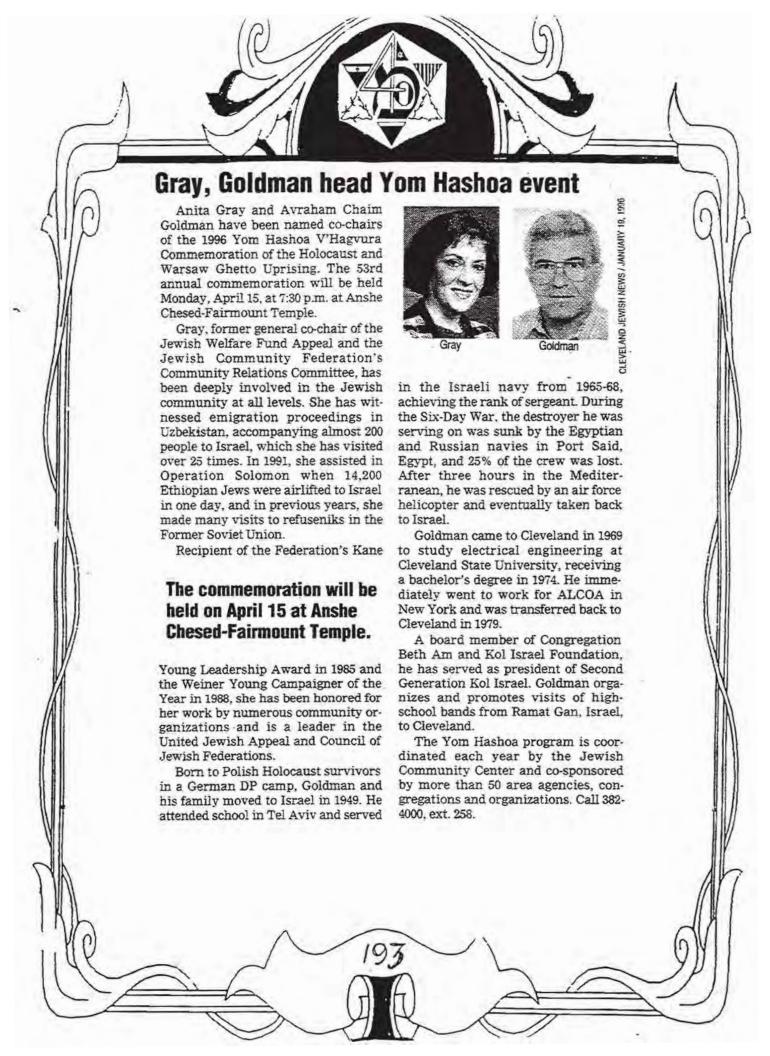
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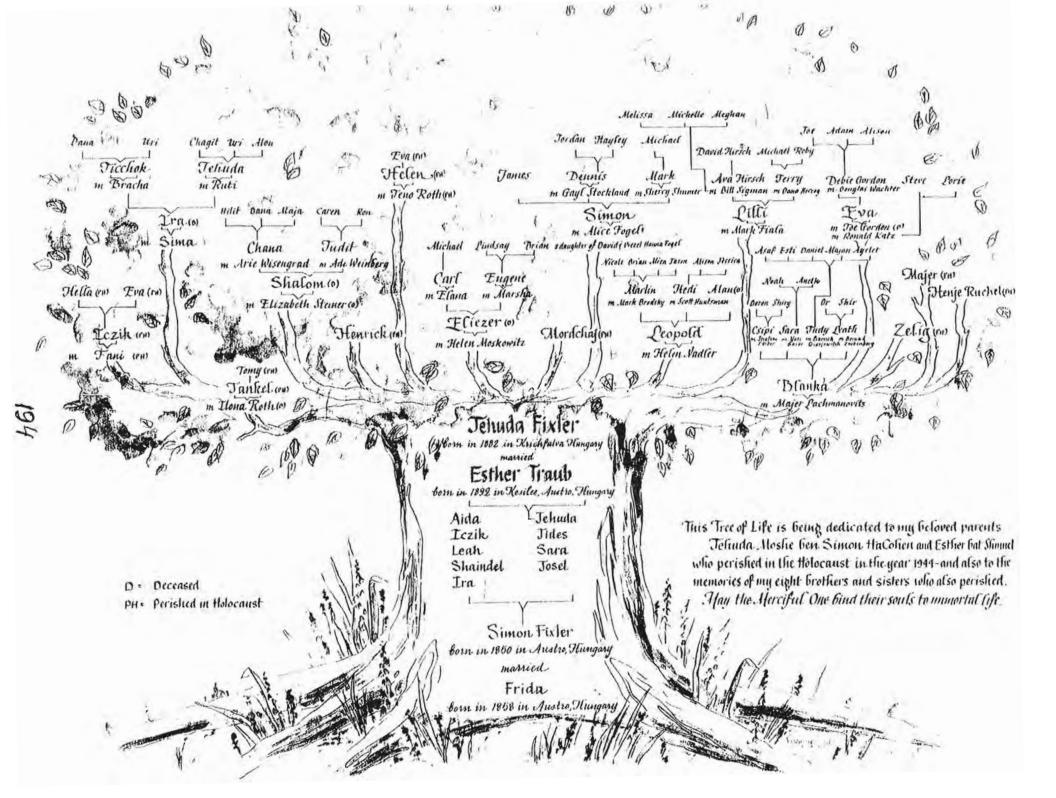


Lili and Jack Markowitz

Markowitzes celebrate 50th anniversary

Jack and Lili Markowitz of University Heights celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 25. The couple, who are Holocaust survivors, own Jack's Deli on Green Road. They are the parents of Harry and Susan of Beverly Hills, Calif., Martin and Ronna of Beachwood, and Alvie and Kathy of Beachwood; and the grandparents of Scott, Julie, Andy, Stacy, Richie, Jamie, Hylari, Jared and Jesse. A luncheon at Green Road Synagogue, and a party at Jack's Deli were held in their honor.









Our deepest sympathy is extended to

the Burstyn family

on the passing of fellow survivor and dear friend

William Burstyn

Bernice and Zev Harel Cleveland, Ohio May, 1996

Sender Wajsman, who served as director of the I.L. Peretz Workmen's Circle School for 26 years, died in North Miami Beach, Fla., on Aug. 20 at the age of 77. An expert in Yiddish, he also taught the subject at Case Western Reserve University, Kent State University, and the Cleveland College of Jewish



Wajsman

Studies. Before retiring to Florida in 1979, Mr. Wajsman was president of the Yiddish Cultural Committee of the Jewish Community Center and was responsible for planning the annual Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Commemoration.

Born in Vilna, Poland, he was the only member of his family to survive the Holocaust. When the war ended, he found his way to Paris, where he worked with Jewish war orphans who were brought to the Paris Workmen's Circle by French Christians who had hidden them during the war. He helped raise funds to purchase a home for these orphans by teaching them Yiddish songs and staging performances in France and England.

Upon immigrating to the U.S., he worked at the Workmen's Circle office in New York City before coming to Cleveland in 1952 as director of Camp Vladek. The following year, he became director of the I.L. Peretz Yiddish School.

Despite illness in later years, Mr. Wajsman retained his interest in Jewish and Yiddish affairs. He worked with Eli M. Rosenbaum of the U.S. Department of Justice giving testimony against Aleksandros Lileikis, who was responsible for numerous atrocities in Vilna during the Nazi regime. He was also involved in Yiddish cultural activities and Holocaust education programs in Florida

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mindelle, of North Miami Beach; a daughter, Eudice Grooms of Clearwater, Fla.; sons Itzak of Atlanta, Ga., and Labl of Plantation, Fla.; and six grand-children. Contributions can be made to the Workmen's Circle Educational Center, 1980 S. Green Road, Cleveland Ohio 44121.

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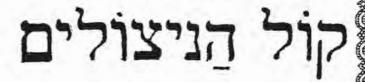
Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky and Avi Goldman and the entire Yom Hashoah committee should be thanked for planning and producing a very meaningful and emotional Yom Hashoah commemoration on Sunday, May 4.

The countless hours devoted to guiding this event year-round by the co-chairs and their committee should not go unnoticed or unrecognized. Yasher Cochachem!

RABBI PAUL KERBEL, Associate Rabbi B'nai Jeshurun Congregation

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The Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel Spring Newsletter - March 1996

Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Ms. Cindy Feuer, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz, Ms. Anne Lukas and Mr. Julian Solonitz

WINTER 1995-6 ACTIVITIES:

Kol Israel Foundation Annual Meeting
Green Road Synagogue - October 28, 1995

Kol Israel Foundation - Chanukah Party

Green Road Synagogue - December 24, 1995

Second Generation Kol Israel - General Meeting

Mandel J.C.C. - February 18, 1996

SPRING & SUMMER CALENDAR

Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura Commemoration

Fairmount Temple - April 15, 1996

Kol Israel Sisterhood Spring Luncheon

Beachwood Library - April 29, 1996

Kol Israel Foundation 51st Anniversary Dinner

Green Road Synagogue - June 2, 1996

Kol Israel Foundation & Second Generation Kol Israel

Annual Picnic Anisfield Park - July 28, 1996

To all members of the Kol Israel Foundation, the Kol Israel Sisterhood and the Second Generation Kol Israel

Happy Passover!

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

Voice of the Survivors - Send us your news "Voice of the Survivors," published jointly by Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel, wants to include more information about the joys and sorrows of our members. Please send us your information for future issues. "Voice of the Survivors" will continue to be published quarterly: the spring issue in March, the summer issue in June, the fall issue in September and the winter issue in December.

The Zion Cemetery Memorial Monument
In earlier issues of this journal, we shared with you
that the Zion Cemetery Memorial Monument was
in need of repair and upgrade. We are pleased to
inform you that, after extensive communication
with Mr. Bramson, we have signed an agreement
and we are ready to commence the repair and
upgrade. The work will be conducted by Mr. Steve
Slomovitz, who is in the process of obtaining the
necessary permits from the city of Bedford. We
expect to have the work completed for the 1996
Annual Memorial Service.

40th Anniversary Book.

Mr. Hennenberg reported at the last annual meeting and at the last board meeting that page reservations continue to be received for the 40th Anniversary book. He advises members to send in their reservations as soon as possible since the date he receives the reservation will determine the location of personal ads and/or stories in the anniversary book.

Life Membership

Most Jewish organizations boast significant numbers of life members. The Board of the Kol Israel Foundation is encouraging members to show their support for our organization by becoming life members. Cost of life membership for an individual is \$125 and for a couple \$250.

Membership renewal forms will shortly be in the mail and we hope that many of our members will opt for life membership. Commencing with the next issue of this journal, we will list the honor roll of our life members. 51st Anniversary Liberation - Celebration Plans for the 51st Anniversary Celebration of our liberation, which will take place on June 2, 1996, at Green Road Synagogue, are well on the way. You will receive shortly your invitation.

Spielberg - Survivors of the Shoah
Visual History Foundation
As you may be aware, the "Survivors of the
Shoah Visual History Project" continues to
videotape survivor testimonies. If you want to have
your testimony recorded, please send in the flyer
which appeared in the last issue as soon as
possible.

1996 Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura
Resistance, Conscience & Remembrance
Community Commemoration of the Holocaust and
the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

April 15, 1996
Monday 7:30 p.m.
Fairmount Temple
Holocaust Remembrance and a Tribute
to the Liberators and the Fallen Heroes

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura - Anita Gray
When Zev Harel called to ask me whether I would
consider co-chairing Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura with
Marcia Wexberg, I felt supremely honored to serve
our community in this capacity. Last year's commemoration, which honored World War II
liberators took place at Park Synagogue. This
year's Commemoration of the Holocaust and the
Warsaw Ghetto Uprising will take place in the
Main Sanctuary of Fairmount Temple on Monday,
April 15th, at 7:30 p.m. I know most of you will be
there with your families.

Resistance, Conscience and Remembrance reflect the theme of this year's Commemoration. Because Holocaust remembrance cuts across the generations, we again will include the March of the Generations. In addition, the artwork created by the children and youth of our community will be shown. Original poetry written for this year's commemoration, will be read by its student authors. One of the most moving moments of each year's commemoration is

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the Kol Israel Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony. Also, participants in the 1995 Journey of Conscience will contribute to the program.

Last year, the presence of the liberators, and how moved each one of them was made a lasting impression on all who attended. Many of them have requested to be in attendance this year as well, and their presence adds a special dimension. I was in high school when I first learned about the Holocaust. And, unbeknownst to me at that time, I would choose to become a Jew a few years later. I was paging through a history book in a school library and focused on some of the photos taken during the Holocaust. I remember how transfixed I was by those photographs. The enormity of the impact increased when I realized that they were accompanied by a two paragraph description of the events these pictures represented. To this day, I struggle with the thought of how the Holocaust was allowed to happen only a few short years before I was born. And how could I reach high school without having been taught about a world event of this magnitude.

I feel so very strongly about the Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration for many reasons, but most of all, because my children will live in the future in a world where memory will be the only tangible evidence of the Holocaust. That is one of the reasons why this annual commemoration is so important -- to educate our children, so that in turn they can educate theirs.

The world was forever blemished by man's inhumanity to man. And for those of us who are so privileged to be in attendance at this year's Commemoration, we will be blessed to be together again, to once again remember and recall the events which changed so many lives and to transmit our feelings to those who come after us.

Kol Israel Foundation Recent Financial Contributions

The Kol Israel Foundation Board, at its last meeting decided to make the following contributions in support of Holocaust education: \$250 to the Annual Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration; \$250 to AMCHA the organization headed by Rabbi Avi Weiss; \$200 to B'nai Akiva to support student participation in the Kol Ami program; and \$200 to Ms. Karen Austrian to participate in the March of the Living program.

Escape from Vienna - Mr. Kurt Loebel
Mr. Kurt Loebel, who has been a violinist with the
Cleveland Orchestra since 1947 will speak at
Congregation Beth-Am on Friday night February
16, 1996 at 8:15 p.m. He escaped the Nazis,
arrived in the U.S. and served in the U.S. Army,
under General Patton during World War II.

Second Generation Kol Israel
Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Scholarships
Second Generation Kol Israel continues to accept
applications for its 1996 Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky
Holocaust Education scholarships (Deadline march
15, 1996). Scholarships are granted for visits to
Holocaust sites, trips to Holocaust educational
facilities or studies in Holocaust-related areas.

Second Generation Kol Israel General Meeting and Program

On February 18, 1996, Second Generation Kol Israel held a general meeting, followed by a community awareness program. The program featured former Clevelander, Dr. Bernie Shore, a St. Louis physician, who spoke about his involvement in a fascinating project to help the Jewish community in Riga, Latvia. He and other St. Louis physicians are trying to revitalize the Jewish Hospital in Riga; the only remaining Jewish hospital in the former Soviet Union. Those who attended also learned about the history of the area, including the murder of most of its Jewish population during the Holocaust.

Second Generation Support Group

The Jewish Family Service is beginning a support group for children of Holocaust survivors. The group will meet weekly beginning March 7, 1996, at their Beachwood facility. Miriam Katz, a licensed social worker, will lead the group. Please call 371-2600 to register, or for more information.

Blood is not water - Julian Solonitz

I'm sitting in front of my typewriter and pondering which button to hit first.. My mood was capricious, partly because of my thinking which is often fickle, like the meteorological prognosis.

CNN was on, and there was a news lightning. Spilled blood in Israel!.. Well, spilled blood is not water, especially in our history and, in recent years, in Israel. A motive to write was born instantly.

Two bombs exploded in Israel... Some 30 people killed, including the suicide terrorists. Close to 100 injured. It was painful news, very painful to absorb. It was Jewish blood. Not long ago, a much bigger amount of blood was spilled in Israel. Our Ethiopian Jewish brothers blood, but that created emotional pain, not physical. It was spilled like dirty water. There was no murder involved in that case. Thank God. The Israeli health mavens goofed, never checking the Ethiopian donors before extracting their blood. That was before the knowledge that their blood could be contaminated by the HIV virus.

Blood is flowing like water in many areas of the world. In Bosnia, in Chechnia, Lebanon, in parts of Africa and Central America. And what about in our cities? The Bible tells us that the world was created in six days, and the creator declared that it was good and peaceful. But not for long. History is full of bloodletting. No use to repeat facts. We Jews remember Russian pogroms and will never forget the Holocaust...

It is clear that the world and its leaders are helpless to stop the blood spilling. And what about the creator?.. There is an old Yiddish saying: "Freg nit.." There were many questions after the Holocaust. Why? "Farvos liber Got? Farvos?" But our globe is spinning and spinning and somewhere, daily, blood is running.

But let not spoil our days, and try to keep our spirits high. Better days are ahead. Soon we'll have our Yom Hashoa event, our anniversary dinner (June 2) our Picnic (July 28), and Spring is very near.

And, in the meanwhile, our Jacob Hennenberg is working hard, preparing material for our biggest Anniversary Book and he need our cooperation and input. Have a Happy Pesach.

Refuah Slema! Speedy recovery!

Best wishes for a speedy recovery is extended to our members who had recent illness episodes.

Mr. Issac Alpert, Mr. Meyer Blecher,

Mrs. Wanda Dovin, Mrs. Rose Fierman,

Mrs. Lola Glicksman, Mrs. Pearl Goldstein,

Mrs. Rose Itzkowitz, Mrs. Jenny Kuricky,

Mr Irving Lerner, Mrs. Betty Lodger,

Mrs. Rose Marmor, Mrs. Rachel Sherman,

Mrs. Sophie Steinbach, Mr Benjamin Taub.

Congratulation on special simches Our hearty congratulations and best wishes are extended on the following joyous occasions: to Molly and Abbie Akst; Florence and Issak Alpert: Lilli and Mark Fiala; Mr&Mrs Joseph Friedman: Aranka and Moses Loeb; and Helen and Joseph Matlow; on their 50th anniversary celebrations. to Been and Philip Green, on their 45th anniversary celebration; to Sarah and Louis Radzelli on their 25th anniversary celebration; to Carol Feuer and David Paley, on their recent marriage;

Library Resources - Marc Cohen
Are you aware of our hidden treasure? Second
Generation Kol Israel maintains a library housed at
the Green Road Synagogue, The Holocaust related
materials include: books (in English, Hebrew,
Hungarian, Polish, Yiddish, German), maps,
audiotapes, videotapes, survivor lists, photographs,
and reference books. We welcome donations. Most
items may be borrowed for three weeks; some
items are marked as "reference" and may not be
removed from the library. To get library resources,
please call Marc Cohen (932-0666) or Susan
Saltzman (561-7709).

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Two letters written at this time, and included in Rabbi Elimelech's book Noam Elimelech, throw some light on the "civil war" that was raging so fiercely in Galicia between the Chassidim and the Misnaggdim.

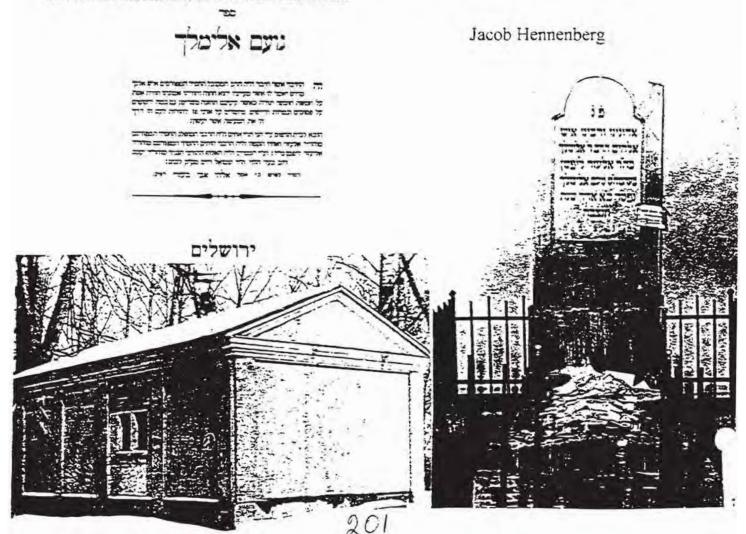
Rabbi Elimelech died on the 21st of Adar 1787. His grave became a place of pilgrimage and for over one hundred fifty years, until World War II, Chassidim would place petitions there.

Elimelech was survived by three sons: Rabbi Eleazar, Rabbi Lippa of Chmielnick, author of Orach La-Chayai, and Rabbi Yaakov, Rabbi of Moglienice. A daughter, Meirush, also survived him.

Rabbi Elimelech's work *Noam Elimelech*, a commentary on the weekly Torah reading, is one of the classics of Chassidic literature. It was first printed in Lvov two years after his death by his son and successor Rabbi Eliezer. It was subsequently reprinted in numerous editions.

In the course of thirteen years Rabbi Elimelech armed his follower with weapons that enabled them to survive the onslaughts of the Misnaggdim. These weapons were prayer, kindness and compassion. Not undeservedly was he call not only Rebbe Elimelech but "the Second Baal Shem Toy."

Many years ago I read about Rabbi Elimelech in some publication. I was very surprised, that in his travel through Poland he came to Ushpizin (Oswiecim) and went there to the Mikva, and exclaimed to his brother Zusyia, "This is the end of the line. We are not traveling further." Further meant to enter into what was then Germany. As I was growing up in Oswiecim, our family from the Bochner side was called, Rabbi Elimelechs (Einikloch). My grandmother Chane-Feigel Bochner was a direct descendant of the Rabbi Elimelech!



זכרונו לברכה

RABBI ELIMELECH 1717 - 1787

Rabbi Elimelech was born in 1717 in Lapacha, near Tiktin, one of the seven children of a wealthy landowner called Eliezer Lipmann. The family traced its descent back to the commentator Rashi (1040-1105) and even farther back, to the second-century *Tanna*, Rabbi Yochanan Ha-Sandlar. Eliezer and his wife, Meresh, were kind charitable people, who tried to ease the poverty of their hard-pressed neighbors. Their house was always open and all were welcome.

Rabbi Elimelech and his brother Rabbi Zusya studied in Tiktin, where they came into contact with Rabbi Shmelke Hurwitz, who was then living with his grandfather, Rabbi Meir Ha-Levi Hurwitz. From Rabbi Shmelke, one of Chassidism's great scholars, Rabbi Elimelech learned to study with single-minded diligence. Also beneficial was his meeting with Rabbi Shmelke's brother, Rabbi Pinchas ben Zvi Hirsch Ha-Levi (1730-1805), author of Sefer Haflauh (Offenbach, 1787) and the Rabbi of Lachowicze and later Frankfurt. The most dominant force in Rabbi Elimelech's life, however, was his own brother, Rabbi Meshulam Zusya, a remarkable man even in an age of remarkable men. He lived a life of total poverty, yet he would say: "I have never experienced suffering." His humility was equaled by his kind-heartedness and his single-minded devotion to the service of God and man.

Rabbi Elimelech and his brother decided to go into "exile." Wandering incognito for three years, they suffered the rigors of the road, often weary and hungry, often endangering their lives. They traveled to Poland and reached as far as Ushpizin (Auschwitz)(Oswiecim), spreading Chassidic teachings wherever they went. Rabbi Elimelech married the daughter of Rabbi Yaakov Margulies, a descendant of Rabbi Eleazar Rokeach of Amsterdam.

When Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov died, Rabbi Elimelech was forty-three years old. He visited the Maggid, Rabbi Dov Baer. After the death of Rabbi Dov Baer in 1773, Rabbi Elimelech became, for the next thirteen years, the most outstanding Chassidic Rebbe. He was loyally supported by most of the Maggid's great disciples, among them Rabbi Yaakov Yitzchak, the Seer of Lublin, Rabbi Yisrael, the Maggid of Kozinitz, Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Rymanov, the witty Rabbi Naftali of Ropczyce, and Rabbi. Kalman Epstein, author of Ma'or Ve-Shemesh.

Rabbi Elimelech's home town of Lezajsk became the Jerusalem of Chassidism. Like Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov, Rabbi Elemelech could establish instant rappor with both scholars and the masses. Like Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov, Rabbi Elimelech took up the wanderer's staff and visited many villages and distant hamlets. In this way he came to understand the economic struggles as well as the spiritual needs of the people. He was deeply concerned over the plight of orphans, and it have him particular pleasure to arrange marriages for them. There was never any money in the house of Rabbi Elimelech, for all gifts were promptly distributed among the poor.

Rabbi Elimelech himself composed a special prayer to be recited before every service. He counseled moderation in all things. Under his influence Torah study was intensified at Lezajsk. Chassidim were exhorted to apply themselves, each according to his ability.

When the Vilna authorities excommunicated the Chassidim, Rabbi Elimelech, like the Maggid, Rabbi Dov Baer, advised restraint. Even when he was physically assaulted by an overzealous Misnaggid, his reaction was mild: "Master of the Universe, I forgive him with my whole heart. Let no man be punished on my behalf." But when Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev was persecuted, Rabbi Elimelech rallied to his support. Similarly, when Rabbi Shmelke's defense of Chassidism brought considerable criticism in his own community, Rabbi Elimelech traveled to Nikolsburg and was able to reconcile the Rabbi and his community.



Liff and Mark Fiala CLEVELAND JEWISH NEWS / FEBRUARY 16, 1996



Abbie and Molly Akst

Aksts celebrate 50th anniversary

Molly and Abbie Akst of Beachwood celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 10 in Delray Beach, Fla. They are the parents of Kenneth Akst of Boca Raton, Fla., and Dr. Hymie and Barbara Akst of Moreland Hills; and the grandparents of Lee, Seth and Howard.

Fialas mark **50th anniversary**

Lilli and Mark Fiala celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 10. They are the parents of Ava and Bill Sigman and Donna and Jerry Fiala, both of Lyndhurst; and the grandparents of David Hirsch and Michael and Robert Fiala.

William Burstyn A man of Valor

This week we lost a great man and a great friend to all those who met him while he lived in Cleveland. He did not seek "Koved," but he most deserved it. He served as membership chairperson of the Kol Israel Foundation for many years, and was admired and respected by everyone. When I visited him in the hospital, he had a hard time speaking. I walked over to his bed, and I held his hand, and with a tremendous effort his voice quivered, "Hennenberg, how is the organization?" Those were his last words to me.

Willie, we will all miss you.

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May Your Soul be bound up in the bond of life.

Jacob Hennenberg

Historian of the Kol Israel foundation

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Community Commemoration of the Holocaust & Warsaw Ghetto Uprising



Monday, April 15, 1996 7:30 p.m. Fairmount Temple 23737 Fairmounf Boulevard

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Admired, respected by all

This past week we lost a great man and a great friend to all those who knew him while he lived f in Cleveland. William Burstyn did not seek koved (praise), but he most deserved it. He served as membership chairperson of the Kol Israel Foundation for many years and was admired and

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JACOB HENNENBERG, Historian Kol Israel Foundation

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Happy 50th Anniversary to our dear friends Molly & Abbie Akst

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but a sensible wife
is a gift from the Lord.

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Happy 50th Anniversary to our dearest aunt and uncle

Molly and Abbie Akst

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Happy 50th Anniversary to our proud members and very dear friends

Ann and Mike Frum

from the

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Happy 50th Anniversary to

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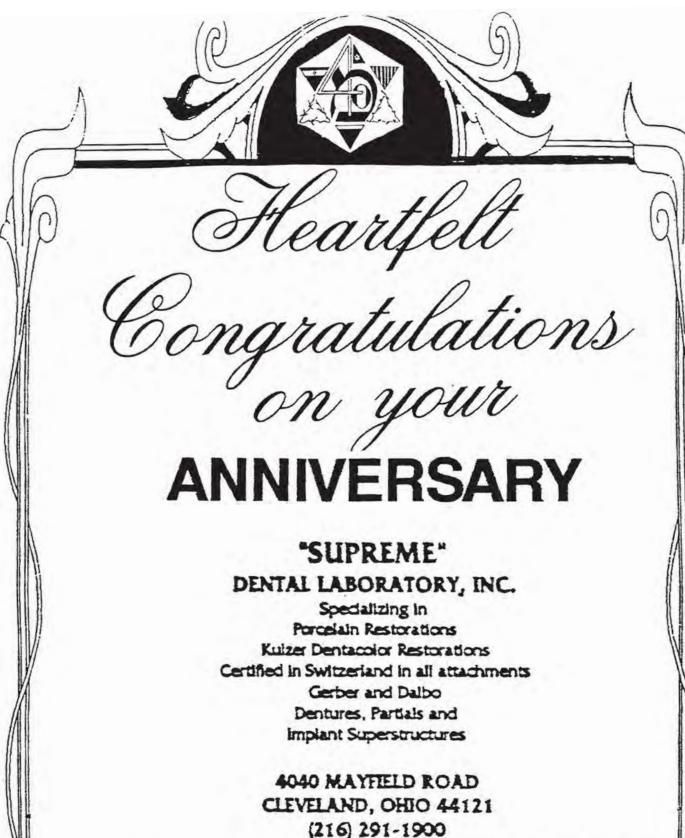
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(Proverbs 19:14)

Passing the torch of remembrance

Julie Hennenberg carries on a family tradition.



Julie Hennenberg ably reads from the Torah, while many members of her family, first and second generation Holocaust survivors, savor the significance and victory of Julie's bat mizzvah

Julie's entire family

would not have

been standing there."

Cantor Sarah Sager,

Fairmount Temple

Anna Spitz of Phoenix, are also Holocaust survivors.

Sometimes attempting to fathom the loss of so many family members at the hands of the Nazis, troubles Julie. "Occasionally, at night, when I can't fall asleep. I think about all those people," she says. "I wonder

who they were, and what they were like liked to have known all of them."

Then she counters. "I am so glad God gave me four wonderful grandparents who are living and are part of my life."

At her recent bat mitzva at Anshe Chesed-Fairmount

Temple, Julie elected to read from a restored Holocaust Toran Called. "The Survivor's Torah" it was brought over from England by congregants Sid and Betty Blumenthal.

"I told Julie to read from that Torah that it was so ionely up on the ark. as it was not used too often," says Jacob Hennenberg. "I also had made a special aron (Torah cover) for that Torah out of a tallit (prayer shawl)."

Not only did Julie proudly read from the Survivor's Torah, she wrote a poem "A Single Lamed," (see following page) honoring the memory of the Holocaust.

"When I heard Julie's poem on the morning of her bat mitzva, I cried." says Hennenberg. "Her sensitivity and intelligence touched me deeply. I know she wrote that poem to please

"Julie's bat mitzva was the embodiment of so many Holocaust symbols."

reflects Fairmount Temple's Cantor Sarah way, Julie's entire fami-"If Hitter had his way, ly would not have been standing there. Even the Survivor's Torah was supposed to be housed in a museum as a symbol of a vanished people. Yet, here they were on the bima, carrying on an ancient Jewish tradition and demonstrating so clear-

ly our people's will to survive."

Jacob Hennenberg says that Julie's understanding of the Holocaust assures him the torch has been ably passed to the next generation. "The memory of the Holocaust must never fall into oblivion," he says. "We are losing 10% of the survivor population each year. It is up to Julie's generation to keep the memory alive. The revisionists are saying it didn't happen while we are still alive. Imagine what they will say when we are gone."

Julie's academic prowess and literary skills have long been recognized by her teachers. She recently placed ARLENE FINE Staff Reporter

sk Julie Hennenberg who the most important man in her life is and without hesitation she will say the grandfather she calls "Papa." He is noted Holocaust survivor and self-taught Holocaust historian Jacob Hennenberg.

"I love Papa dearly with all my heart. He is the most loving and caring person I have ever met," says Julie, the attractive brown haired. dark-eyed teenager. "He cheers me up even when I am not sad. And, he has given me the rare opportunity to learn about his past and to study the Holocaust along with him.

Jacob Hennenberg has spent most of his adult life transmitting knowledge of the Holocaust from one generation to the next. His son, Michael. and daughter-in-law, Susan, are active in Kol Israel, Second Generation; now his granddaughter, Julie, has the maturity to understand information the Hennenberg feels compelled to share with her.

He could not have found a mor willing subject. Talented and intell gent, 13-year-old Julie attributes he love of life, vitality and positive ou look to her beloved grandfather.

The elder Hennenberg devised way (he calls it sneaky) for Julie t learn about the Holocaust from hi perspective and develop an insigh into the large, loving family Hennenberg lost in the war.

"We wrote a Passover haggadal together that explained the Jews struggle with the Egyptians 2,00 years ago and their later, more devas tating encounter with the Nazis, says Hennenberg. In preparing th haggadah, Hennenberg wrote th material in long-hand about his fami ly and friends and asked Julie to pu it into the computer "While she wa typing, she read the words. The sunk in, she understood them," he savs.

In addition to her Papa, Julie's maternal grandparents, Harry and



Wearing a silk tallit given to her by her "Papa" (grandfather Jacob Hennenberg). Julie stands before restored Holocaust Toran scroil that contained the Haltorah portion Julie read at her bat mitzva. The tallit covering was custom made by Jacob Hennenberg

second out of 8,400 entries in a BIC Corporation national essay contest.

At this point Julie can't decide whether she would like to be a professional writer or an emergency-

There are so many things I would like to do with my life," she enthuses. "And reminding people of what happened during the Holocaust is certainly one

Julie, her sister, Debbie, 10, and her parents reside in Pepper Pike. She attends Orange High School.







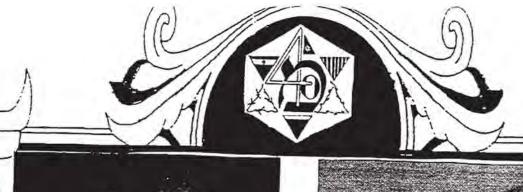
Daughter Gene

Son-in-law Georg Wald

Grandbaughters Sandy and Allison









Bernard and Pearl Yaeger

Yaegers celebrate 50th anniversary

Pearl and Bernard Yaeger of Mayfield Heights celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2 and were honored at a kiddush at Taylor Road Synagogue. They are the parents of Lillian Lichtman and Hal Yaeger; and the grandparents of Carrie, Julia and Kyla.



Helene and Joe Najfach

Najfachs celebrate 50th anniversary

Joe and Helene Najfach of Mayfield Heights celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1. The couple was married in Germany. They are the parents of Harry Naifach, David and Theresa Najfach, and the grandparents of Aaron.

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Richard and Dina Widman

Widmans celebrate 50th anniversary

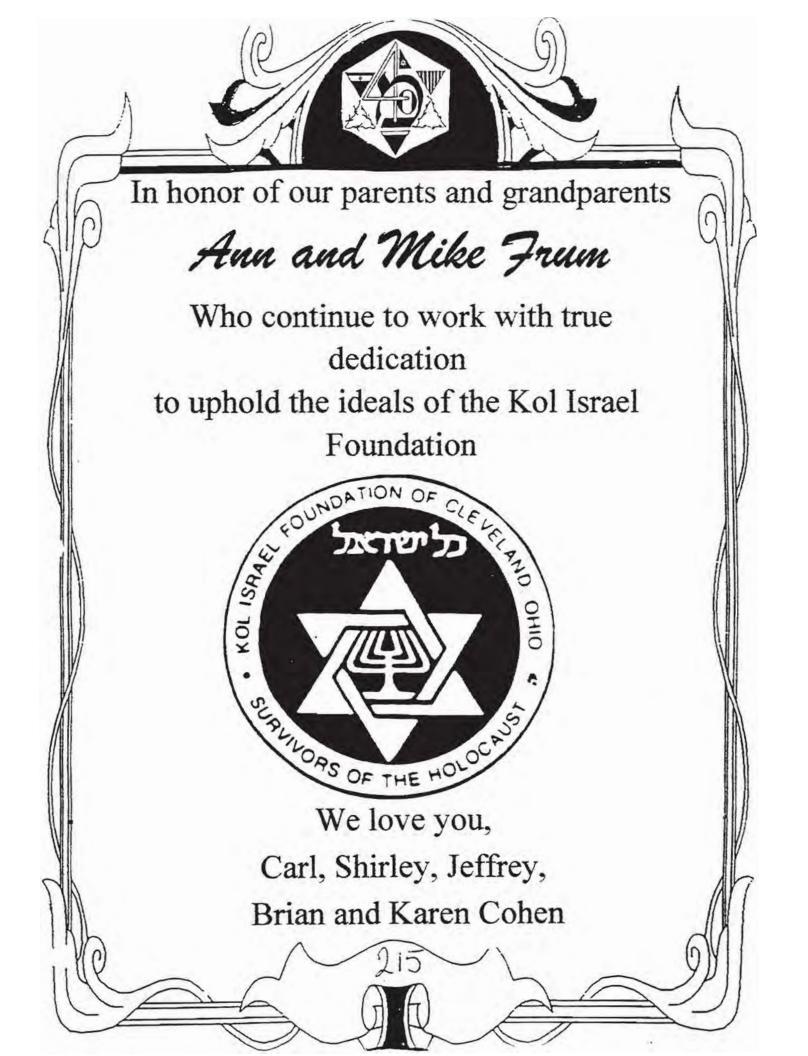
Richard and Dina Widman of University Heights celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 29th. In honor of the anniversary, the Widmans vacationed in San Francisco with their children, Joseph and Alice Widman, Paul and Lori Widman, Henry Widman and Sheila and Steve Gabriel. They are the grandparents of David and Hanna Gabriel.



Esther and Herman Frank

Franks celebrate 50th anniversary

Herman and Esther Frank of Pepper Pike celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 22. They are the parents of Irwin and Nancy of Pepper Pike and Mark and Dori of Solon; and the grandparents of Marcie, Adam, Jordan and Chloe. The family celebrated with a Caribbean







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The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority רשות הזיכרון לשואה ולגבורה

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Dear Dr Harel,

we gratefully acknowledge receipt of your donation in the sum of \$1000.

All such donations are of great importance to us, as they enable us to continue with our ongoing projects and important research work carried out during the year.

we locus today on the renovation and expansion of our Historical Museum. to make it more accessible, and up-to-date, utilizing the newest techniques, materials and knowledge at our disposal. A videotheque and a multi-media data center will be available to serve you, our visitors and supporters.

A project which will occupy yad vashem into the next century. It requires your patronage and staumon support, we hope that on your next trip to israel, you will be able to view the progress made, and assess our intentions and goals. Your comments are always appreciated.

once again, thank you for your invaluable support.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. cynthe de de Director

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Award Ceremony & Social Evening

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For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

Annual Membership Meeting and Elections-Green Rd. Synagogue -

On June 26, 1996, the Kol Israel Foundation held its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers at Green Road Synagogue. The meeting was opened by KIF Chairman Mike Frum, with a tribute of silence for departed members. The agenda included reports from KIF officers.

Following the reports, Mr. Jack Wieder presided over the elections. After a motion by Mr. Herbert Frankel and some discussion, the following slate of officers was elected for a two year term:

President - Mr. Simon Fixler, Vice-President - Mr. Steve Slomovitz, Secretary - Mr. Julian Solonitz, Treasurer - Mrs. Betty Berliner, Chairman - Mr. Mike Frum, Social Chairman - Mr. Henry Miller, and Historian - Mr. Jack Hennenberg.

Dr. Zev Harel thanked members for their support and the Board of Directors for their work. The meeting was followed by a social evening, which was organized by Mr. Steve Slomovitz and Mr. Henry Miller.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Zev Harel

First, I want to congratulate and pledge my unconditional support to the newly elected officers of our Kol Israel Foundation. As Past President, I will attend all Board meetings and as KIF community liaison, I will continue to represent the interests of the KIF in the community.

I have had the pleasure of serving as President of the Kol Israel Foundation for the past four years, and on the KIF Board for the last ten years. Any organization, and the Kol Israel Foundation is no exception, is as good or as bad as its members and leaders make it. I have had the pleasure to serve as an advisor to the two former presidents, Mr. Bob Birnbaum and Mr. Jack Wieder and, therefore, I can attest to the fact that there is a good deal of continuity in the life of the KIF.

Members of the Board of Directors have been dedicated to serving the goals of our organization and work hard to assure that every function is carried out effectively. I feel honored, therefore, to have served as President of the Kol Israel Foundation. I consider all elected and appointed KIF officers fellow survivors and personal friends.

During the past four years, we have fostered good cooperation with the Kol Israel Sisterhood and the Second Generation Kol Israel, with a goal of bringing as much unity as possible in the survivor community. The presidents of these two organizations have regularly attended our board meetings and are serving as Vice Presidents of KIF. We have added to the general membership of the KIF Board women (Mrs. Berliner and Mrs. Frankel) and younger members (Cindy Feuer, Avi Goldman, Anne Lukas and Marcia Wexberg).

I am pleased that we have very good working relationships with Second Generation Kol Israel and Kol Israel Sisterhood. We have made significant progress with the Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura program. This event is planned annually by a community-wide group with the leadership of the survivor organizations. There is significant attendance and participation at the program by both survivors and the general Jewish community.

The Annual Memorial Service and the Monument at Zion Cemetery are still the primarily the concern of the Kol Israel Foundation. Second Generation Kol Israel has joined us in sharing the planning of the Annual Memorial Service.

We have also evolved a significant working relationship with the leadership and staff of the Jewish Community Federation. It is noteworthy that Mr. Bennett Yanowitz and Dr. Sally Wertheim, presidents of the Jewish Community Federation, have participated in our activities.

We may take pride in our accomplishments to date; however, there are many more challenges ahead. Our survivor community has to foster still greater unity and more energetically support the leadership of the Second Generation Kol Israel.

Ramat Gan High School Band will be visiting Cleveland July 24-31, 1996. On Sunday, July 28, 1996, they will perform at the Kol Israel Picnic and, later that evening at Congregation Beth-Am.

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Election Day Report 1996; Green Road Synagogue - June 26, 1996 KIF Secretary Julian Solonitz

At about 6:40 p.m., with an attendance of some 100 members, KIF Chairman Mike Frum opened the meeting with a minute of silence, honoring the memory of our deceased members. Directed by KIF President Harel, various KIF officers reported their activities for the past and present times.

The following KIF officers reported about their duties and activities: Secretary Julian Solonitz provided a general overview of KIF Board activities. Treasurer Betty Berliner reported about the financial status of KIF. Others reporting were Herman Frank, Memorial Chairman; Jacob Hennenberg, historian, about the 40th Anniversary Book; Philip Green, Sunshine Chairman; Henry Miller and Steve Slomovitz, Social Co-Chairmen; and Leon Silberman, Membership Chairman. With report over, Jack Wieder, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, took over. He provided an overview of the committee's procedures and proposed a slate of nominees for KIF officers. There was a lively discussion that involved attending KIF members. Some proposed to change the by-laws concerning terms of office, to permit the current president to be elected for a third time.

Herman Frank made a motion to change the election rules, it was seconded by Bob Birnbaum, who by the way rejected the possibility of being a candidate for KIF President, giving family obligations as an excuse. At that time, the outgoing President Zev Harel, explained that the rules governing elections cannot be changed so simply at the meeting and, besides, he informed the audience that he would continue to be involved and helpful in the work of our organization.

Herbert Frankel made a motion, seconded by Philip Green, to accept the proposed slate of officers for the Kol Israel Foundation. The assembly was convinced and, almost unanimously, voted for the following proposed slate: President Simon Fixler; Vice President Steve Slomovitz; Chairman Mike Frum; Secretary Julian Solonitz; Treasurer Betty Berliner; Social Chairman, Henry Miller and Historian, Jacob Hennenberg.

1996 Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Remember * Honor * Reflect

Avi Goldman, Co-Chairman

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura 1996, the Annual Commemoration of the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, was held on April 15, 1966, at Fairmount Temple. The event was attended by about 1,100 people.

Many dedicated people participated and helped with the details of the Commemoration. Many local organizations also sponsored and helped make this a memorable event. To "All" I would like to thank you for all you do. With your continued help "We shall never forget."

Among the people who worked to prepare the Commemoration were 1st, 2nd and 3rd Generation Holocaust Survivors. It is indeed an honor to work with older and younger generations to insure that we all "Remember."

Annual Memorial Service - 1996

The Annual Memorial Service for victims of the Holocaust will be at Zion Memorial Park on

Sunday, September 22, 1996 Time 12:30 PM

The Memorial Service this year will start promptly at 12:30 PM, in front of the monument. This memorial service for victims of the Holocaust is held on the Sunday between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. This year the Sunday is on the eve of Yom Kippur. This is the reason for the earlier Memorial Service. Please, save the date and time so that you can attend this important Memorial Service.

Please, ask your family members and friends to attend. We count on you and looking forward to seeing you there.

40th Anniversary Book.

Mr. Hennenberg reports that reservations continue to be received for the 40th Anniversary book. He advises members to send in their reservations as soon as possible since the date he receives the reservation, determines the location of the personal contribution in the anniversary book. The number of pages continue to grow and we expect a real nice 40th Anniversary Book.

The Zion Cemetery Memorial Monument

In earlier issues of this journal, we shared with you, that the Zion Cemetery Memorial Monument was in need of repairs and upgrade. We are pleased to inform you that, all the permits have been obtained Mr. Steve Slomovitz, who donated his time, labor from his company and materials, has completed the removal of the shrubs and built a brick wall that surrounds the monument. Those that visited the monument recently expressed their appreciation for the significant improvement in the appearance of the monument

At the time of this writing, we are in negotiation with Classic Monuments company for acquisition of granite blocks and their application on the monument walls on which names may be inscribed. We hope that the work will be completed for the 1996 Memorial Service

Life Membership

The Board of the Kol Israel Foundation has been encouraging members to show their support for our organization and become life members. Cost of life membership for an individual is \$125 and for a couple \$250. Applications for KIF life membership will be received and processed any time.

We are most pleased to inform you that as of June 15, 1966 the following persons have become Kol Israel Foundation Life Members:

KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBER HONOR ROLE

Chaya & Anchel Lebovits Harry Abraham Molly & Abbie Akst Lola & Morry Malcmacher Sally Bergrin Lola Mandelbaum Rose Marmor Betty Berry Ester & Herman Frank Dina Offman Eva Reis Judith & Herbert Frankel Rina & Sam Frankel Frances & Stanley Newman Paula & Leo Silverman Ann & Mike Frum Evelyn & Steve Slomovitz Bernice & Zev Harel Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg Hans & Gisele Walter Eva & Jack Wieder Denise & Jack Herskovitz Rose Kaplovitz Perl&Bernard Yaeger Martin Lax

Second Generation KIF Internet Program.

Cindy Feuer, Second Generation KIF President On Sunday, May 19, 1996, Second Generation KIF members were treated to a very informative program, Judaism on the Internet.

Leon Adato, a Senior LAN analyst at Allen Bradley, and a very entertaining speaker, explained, in layman's terms, what the Internet is, how it works and how you "surf" it. Because of our group's interest in Judaism and the Holocaust, Leon surfed several Jewish and Holocaust-related web sites.

The amount of information available on the Internet is amazing. If you were unable to attend this program, but would like us to present it again, please call Art Rosenfeld, SGKI Community Awareness Chairman, at 381-3426.

Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the following KIF members who are in grief for a recently lost and dearly loved family member

Hilda Burstyn

for the loss of her dear husband KIF Social Chairman and officer;

Linda Edelstein

for the loss of her dear mother:

Bela Klein

for the loss of her dear mother;

Ethel & Jack Mintz

for the loss of their dear son-in-law:

Refuah Slema! Speedy recovery!

Best wishes for a speedy recovery is extended to KIF members who had recent episodes of illness and/or hospitalization.

Mr. Jack Beigelman, Henry Birnbaum Musia Birnbaum. Robert Birnbaum Sonia Birnbaum. Anna Duszkin Alice Fixler. Shirley Garn Hubera Gora. Rose Ickowicz Michael Lautman, Izidore Malcmacher Rena Moss. Morris Polster Sara Slivka. Helen Weisner Miriam Wexberg Eva Wieder

Congratulation on special simchas

Our hearty congratulations and best wishes are extended to the following KIF members:

Ester & Herman Frank
Ann & Mike Frum
Helene & Joe Najfach
Perl & Bernard Yaeger
on their 50th anniversary celebrations.
Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg on the
Bat-Mitzva of their granddaughter Julie
Sheila & Manny Adler on the
birth of their grandson Dustin
Dr. Zev Harel, for receiving a
Life Achievement Award from the Ohio
National Association of Social Workers

Congratulations to a very dear friend of the Kol Israel Foundation - Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky on her retirement from teaching in the Cleveland Heights High school system where she introduced students, year after year, to Holocaust studies and conducted many programs on the lessons and legacies of the Holocaust. She has conducted numerous trips to the U.S. Holocaust Museum and "Journeys of Conscience". She is a most highly recognized leader in Holocaust education on the local, state, national and international levels.

1996 March of the Living

The following three articles are personal reflections of students who participated in the 1996 March of the Living Program and were recipients of Second Generation KI Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Holocaust Education Scholarships and/or scholarships from the Kol Israel Foundation. The articles are beautiful personal accounts of these students. They write about what they have seen and experienced and, most importantly, the lessons that they have learned. These articles clearly indicate the importance of supporting the participation of Cleveland area students in this program.

"Bear witness," - Amy Fitzer

10th grader at Beachwood High School.
"Never again," '6 Million," "Arbeit Macht
Frei, "gas chambers, crematoria... all these words
I've heard countless times from survivors, in
Hebrew school, in history classes, read in books, or

seen in movies. After participating in the "March of the Living", I not only know these words, I've experienced their meaning.

I was fortunate enough to be one of the 300 members nationwide, chosen to represent B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) on this special trip, held every two years. It takes place during the two week period between Yom Hashoah and Yom Haatzmaut. It was inspiring to honor our people who perished during the Holocaust, and then celebrate their rebirth in the land of Israel. It is amazing to see what has come "out of the ashes."

In Poland we toured Auschwitz, Birkenau, Majdanek, the Warsaw Ghetto, Cracow, and Plaszow. We met with Polish teens, discussing the past, present, and future. It was interesting to hear their views on what happened in the 40's. Some said we should forgive, but never forget, some said that it happened 50 years ago, we have to leave it behind us, and go on, and some gave us their promise that it would never happen again. At the Jewish cemetery in Warsaw, each one of us was assigned a grave stone and plot to clean up and repair. We said prayers, lit candles, placed stones, and left a piece of our hearts there. Joseph Hersz Tennenbaum, I wish I could have known you during your life, but you will be a part of my life forever.

The concentration camps were each different. The most awful of them, Majdanek, could be fully operational within 48 hours. I touched the shoes. saw the hair, felt the luggage, and gazed in horror at 70 tons of ashes. Each one of us imagined the person who packed in haste, had their hair shorn. removed their shoes, and became a sad statistic. The commandant's bathtub is still there, in his favorite place to bathe, next to the oven, because of the warmth there. Yes, we did "bear witness", and the fact that Majdanek could be up and running in two days, gives new meaning to the words "never again." While many of us were feeling sad, depressed, confused, and a million other feelings, I felt lucky, and re-born. It happened in Auschwitz. All our people entered, walking to their ultimate death, under the sign "Arbeit Macht Frei" (Labor brings freedom), reading it from the front. I was lucky. I got to see the sign from behind, as I left the horrors of the past behind me.

Onto Israel. Yes, we kissed the ground, felt extremely excited, and heard the most beautiful word, "Shalom". As low as our spirits were, and as heavy as our hearts felt in Poland, that's how high and happy we felt in Eretz Yisroel.

Everything was great in Israel. The scenery was awesome, the forests incredible, the Old City seemed to have stood still in time, the Israeli people welcomed us with open arms and extreme friendliness. We planted trees, left messages in the Wailing Wall, visited Tiberias - the most biblical place in Israel, and experienced Ben Yehuda Street. We stood on the spot where the recent bombings were, and paid tribute to Itzhak Rabin. We saw the rows and rows of trees from our Tu B'Shevat contributions, and what came out of what we put in those blue boxes, common to every Jewish home. I hope the tree I planted will experience the same growth I gained during my stay in our home land.

I am so thankful to BBYO, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, the Second Generation Kol Israel, and Congregation Bethaynu for enabling me to be part of the "March of the Living." "Only the future can restore the past, and keep it from being forgotten." No truer words have ever been said.

March of the Living - Karen Austrian 10th grader at Brush High School

It's hard for me to sit down and put my feelings about the March of the Living into words. It has been over a month and still I am unsure of my thoughts, feelings, and beliefs. There has never been a period of two weeks in my life that has changed me and made me think more than the March of the Living. Every detail of the trip is still vivid in my mind and every feeling I felt I still remember. All the people I saw and the places I went are things that will never leave me for as long as I live. To single out one moment or one place that was the most significant or meant the most is impossible because it was the whole trip put together, every sign combined, that left an impact.

I know though that I cannot write about every memory, every place that touched my heart and mind. I will try to write though, what I can. When I was in Poland, day after day, we saw what happened to our people. Not from a book or in a museum, but at the places where it actually happened. I stood at

the places where our people were worked to death. I sat in the barracks where my people slept, never knowing if they would wake up the next morning. I stood ten feet away from a fence that had houses with people in them on the other side while still in the death camp. I walked into the gas chambers where hundreds of thousands were murdered. I touched the shoes that my people wore. I stood in front of piles of their hair.

Throughout all of this I was trying to find an answer, but I am still not sure what the question was. Now that I look back, I want to know why. Why six million innocent Jews were murdered, and the world remained silent. Why a whole nation was brainwashed into believing that it was okay to murder people simply because they were different. I was angry and I was confused. I don't understand how a person could live ten feet away from a death camp, with gas chambers in their backyard and never say a thing. I blamed these people and decided that their indifference was what allowed the Holocaust to happen.

Not until I came home and really thought about it did I really become confused. For those people, saying something, taking action, would have meant certain death. If I had to raise a family of five and take care of myself, would I risk death to do the "right" thing? I don't know if I can be angry anymore because I don't know what choice they really had But then I think back to the images I saw. the places I was, the emotions I felt, and all the anger comes rushing back to me. Now though, I know the question I was asking myself, and I don't think there is an answer. I don't think that I will ever understand why atrocities such as the Holocaust can happen. What I do know though, is that I can never stop questioning, because it is when people stop thinking for themselves and believing everything that is told to them, that disasters happen and tragedies occur. I keep thinking what would have happened if the German people had questioned what was told to them, would six million lives have been saved?

It is so important not to give in, and even though I say this now, after seeing what the survivors went through, I question how they were able to survive at all. This makes a statement about the strength of the human spirit and the Jewish people that speaks

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louder than anything I have ever known before. To go on living, through all that was happening and, after all the loss and pain, means more to me than I can express in words.

If it weren't for the survivors, I would not be here to write this article. Once I realized this I realized the importance of the trip such as the March of the Living. On Yom Hashoah, I marched the same path that fifteen thousand people took every day to their deaths. Yet this time, the march was for life. Five thousand Jewish teenagers came to the place where our people had been murdered. We weren't supposed to be there, the Jews were supposed to have been wiped out. Yet it is because of the survivors that we lived on. I now realize that it is my responsibility to carry on the stories of those who can't. The sky was gray, snow covered the ground, and the sea of blue jackets engulfed the streets as we pledged to those who died, and to those who lived on, that we would never forget.

Memory - The Key to our Survival -

Jamie Levine, High School student
Hitler had an idea, the Final Solution. He would
rid the world of a terrible problem: the Jewish
population. He set about accomplishing this with
legislation, ghettoes and concentration camps. Proof
of his success remains scattered throughout Europe,
in the form of crematoria, and cities depleted of their
Jewish people and culture.

However, there is greater evidence of Hitler's failure. An example of this occurred on April 16, 1996, when five thousand teens from around the world gathered to partake in the March of Living. I was in this group, and on these days, we did what our ancestors could not, we walked the three kilometers from Auschwitz to Birkenau, and we survived.

The March of the Living is a two week trip spanning Europe and the Middle East. It teaches the blessings of Israel through the horrors of Poland and the Holocaust, and crosses the bridge from Yom Hashoa, Holocaust Remembrance Day, to Yom Haatzmaut, Israeli Independence Day.

Our first destination in Poland was the town of Radom. We saw the location of the Ghetto, and the memorial that now stands as the sole testimony to the lost Jewish community. We saw other ghettoes, those of Cracow and Warsaw. Each had only plaques to note the magnitude of these locations. All that remains of the Cracow Ghetto is a piece of a wall connecting two apartment buildings. On our return from the Warsaw Ghetto, a group of young men smoking on a street corner sang songs about the camps and saluted Hitler. But one man did separate himself from his comrades to apologize for their behavior, a huge gesture in itself.

Along with Auschwitz and Birkenau, we witnessed the horrors of Plaszow, Majdanek and Treblinka. Each had a story to tell, from Plaszow's wide fields with two monuments to Majdanek's bunkers left intact, to the thousands of stones commemorating the violence at Treblinka. We departed for Israel after a week in Poland. I have journeyed there before, but never have I felt such an incredible sense of joy as I did when I touched down in my homeland at dawn of April 21, 1996. This was tangible proof of what millions had fought for and died for - a safe haven for Jews to live, accepted without question.

We visited many sites during our week in Israel Atlit, a Druse village, Har Arbel, the Old City of
Jerusalem, Tiberias, even venturing into Jordan. We
spent Yom Hazikaron, Day of Remembrance, with a
Golani troop, standing for a minute of silence,
honoring those who fell for their country. After
Yom Haatzmaut, all five thousand March
participants gathered at Latrun to celebrate our
journey and confirm the fact that we are very much
alive. Though we came from all parts of the globe,
with different languages and customs, we united to
raise one strong voice in Hebrew song and to dance
traditional Israeli dances.

The March of the Living is an experience I will never forget. I learned that life prevails everywhere, even in the darkest of places at the most oppressive of times. Sacrifices were made for the freedom of our people, and though the lives that were lost cannot be recovered, they can survive through our memory. We owe it to our history, and our survival, to remember forever.

Thank you Amy, Karen and Jamie for sharing with us your experiences.

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THE FIRST RABBI OF CHRZANOW, REB SHLOYMELE BOCHNER

Reb Shloymele was born in Olkusz. His father was Reb Moyshe Charif, one of the last members of the Council of the Four Lands. His name itself "charif" means someone with a sharp mind bears witness to his greatness in Torah. As a member of the Council of the four Lands, which met at the major fairs at set times, he played a considerable role in regulating the religious and social life of the Jews in Poland, Lithuania, and other areas.

It is said that one time his father, Reb Moyshe Charif, attended a very long session of the Council of the Four Lands at a fair in a large city in Poland. The session dragged on because the leading scholars present got involved in a dispute concerning a certain point in the Talmud. They couldn't determine the plain sense of the text, and eventually Reb Moyshe Charif called out to them: "You know what, gentlemen? I have a nine-year old son at home in Olkusz. With his brilliant mind, he'll get us out of this confusion." They immediately decided to hire the swiftest pair of horses, so that Reb Moyshe could ride home to Olkusz to ask the boy what the proper meaning of the text was, and all the scholars stayed at the fair to wait for the answer.

Arriving home at Olkusz in the middle of the night, Reb Moyshe immediately woke up his Shloymele, who was sound asleep near the warm oven. After the boy had washed his hands and rubbed his sleepy eyes, his father opened up the Talmud to the correct page, and asked the boy to explain the passage which had so confused the members of the Council. The boy scanned the entire page of the Talmud, and opened his eyes wide, as if to ask his father, 'What's so hard to understand here?"

At that, his father rewarded him with a resounding slap and angrily said to his son, "Several luminaries of the Torah are sitting at the fair struggling to understand such a complicated topic, and for you there's no difficulty whatsoever?"

The nine-year-old boy replied, "You see, Father, it would indeed be a difficult question, unless you remember what the Talmud said four pages earlier. If you compare the two, you will see that the meaning is clear and simple, and there's no need to apply fancy interpretations to it."

His father, abashed, kissed his child on the forehead and said, "May his kind multiply in Israel."

Of Reb Shloymele's earlier years, all we know is that he studied with the early Chasidic Rebe, Reb Shmelke in Nikolsburg, and that the "Seer" of Lublin was his closest friend. He was a unique personality, remarkable for his unusual modesty. A century and a half ago, already a well-known star scholar in Poland, he did not seek to assume a rabbinical pulpit, but instead decided to learn a trade, so that he could support himself without depending on the organized community and those who collected its revenues. In fact, he worked as a goldsmith in his earlier years, and he supported his wife and children from his income at this trade.

Having such a great scholar among them, the prominent men in town approached him to ask that he become their rabbi. However, Reb Shloymele categorically refused, explaining that he didn't want the Torah to become a source of material benefit.

Realizing that they wouldn't get anywhere with Reb Shloymele, the committee turned to his wife, the future rebetsin Hese, trying to convince her to influence her husband to accept the rabbinical position. Like every wife who wants to have a rabbi as a husband, she criticized him

sharply for his stubbornness, ever threatening to disrupt the tranquility of their home. One time Reb Shloymele responded to her with the famous pun, "You should love you work, even if it leads you to oppose the rebetsin."

It wasn't until the committee approached Reb Shmelke, who ordered his student to take the rabbinical post in Chrzanow and backed up the order with his own rabbinical authority, that Reb Shloymele agreed to become the rabbi of the city.

Reb Shloymele's greatness was centered in his simplicity. He had no pretensions to establish a rebe's court, nor did he consider the rabbinate to ve a position with a status above that of ordinary people. In contrast to his comrades, such as the above-mentioned Seer of Lublin, Reb Kalman of Cracow, the author of the Meor ve Shermesh, and Reb Berish Ospitziner, he led a poor and modest life, following the authentic way of the founder of Chasidism, Reb Yisroel Baal Shem Toy. Like the Baal Shem Toy he was involved with the simple people, the masses. It is well known that he even helped establish a congregation of completely unlettered men in Chrzanow, so that they wouldn't have to feel inferior to the Talmud scholars in the study house. Reb Shloymele and his family lived in an area that later became the back room of the study house. He sat studying the Torah day and night, carrying on extensive correspondence with the Torah luminaries of his generation. His modesty and honesty were legendary. His creed was that the Torah should not be exploited for material benefit. For Reb Shloymele, "the Torah for its own sake" was the highest value in life. He did not publish his letters and Torah insights, preferring instead to distribute them among his children. The extent to which Reb Shlovmele refused to view the rabbinate as a source of income may be seen from his will, which he left to his children and his children's children. He forbade them to become rabbis. Although some of his sons and grandsons become major scholars, they were true to the will of their great father and grandfather, until they died during the darkest of dark times.

Reb Shloymele died in Chrzanow on Lag Be'Omer in the year 1819. Thousands of Jews form Chrzanow and from other areas near and far would gather together from time to time to pour out their bitter hearts at his grave, weep their troubles away, and gather hope that they would be helped by Divine providence thanks to the merit of Reb Shloymele, h m.

Before WW II on Lag Be'Omer my whole family traveled from Oswiecim to Chrzanow to put petitions on the grave of Rabbi Schlomele Bochner, which is inside of an Ohel. Rabbi Moshe Charif of Chmelnik had a son Schlomele Bochner, whose older son Israel Leib went, in his later years to Jerusalem, and became the head of the court. Israel Leib had five sons and one daughter, their names: Elimelech, Asher, Izchak, Abraham-Moishe, Simcha-Berish, and the daughter Gitel. His oldest son Elimelech had three son and three daughters, the sons: Saiomon-Lipa Selig, Naftali David, the daughters: Feigele, Leah, and Mirl. Selig Bochner spent the last years of his life in Belgium, his descendants were the pioneers of the diamond industry in Belgium. Naftali David was the head of the Jewish Community in pre-war Oswiecim. He also was the father of my dear Mother, Pearl Hennenberg-Bochner. B.M. Naftali David Bochner and his wife Chane-Feigel, who had six sons and three daughters. The sons: Israel Leib, Jehoshuah, Chaim, Jaakov, and Samuel, the daughters: Gitel, Ita, and Pearl, my mother b m.

Jacob Hennenberg

A "DEGEL" FOR KOL ISRAEL

Since time immemonal peoples all over the world were represented by flags. The flags spoke for them who they were and what they represented. For instance, the tribes of Israel each had its own flag in a different color, corresponding to the color of the precious stone on Aaron's breastplate. For example, the tribe of "Reuven" on the breastplate was ruby, the color of his flag was red. Simeon was topaz and his flag was green. Levis was smaraged and the color of his flag was white, black and red. Judah's was carbunkle and the color of his flag resembled the Havens. Issaschar was a sapphire and his flag was black. Zevulund was an emerald and his flag was white. Dan's was jacinth, his flag was also black embroidered with a serpent. Gads was an agate, his flag was a blend of black and white. Nafali was an amethyst and his flag was a light red. Asher was a beryl and the color of his flag was like a precious stone. Embroidered on it was an olive tree, Joseph's was onyx and the color of his flag was jet black with the embroidered design of Efrain and Manasseh, his son Benjamin's stone was a jasper and the color of his flag was a combination of all twelve colors and with a wolf embroidered.

The term "Degel" was used in the Bible to describe the order in which the people of Israel pitched their tents and their battle array. (Num. 2:1-3, 10-18, 25) At the first Zionist Congress in Basel, 1897, it was David Wolfson who created the flag of Zion, on the "Tallit" which is the traditional flag of the Jewish people, adding in the middle the "Magen David." In 1995, the Kol Israel Foundation survivors of the Holocaust in Cleveland decided to honor the countries that liberated concentration camps, to display their flags at our annual Memorial Service at the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

At that memorial, I got the idea that our organization should have their own "Degel." The committee approved it and I went to work to design the flag. As in biblical times, the colors were selected for the individual tribes from the breast plate of the "Kohan Hadadol." So I was searching for the proper colors and design, the design we all ready had.

On April 30, 1978 the committee of the Kol Israel Foundation approved a seal for the organization. It was designed by Jacob Hennenberg and included the wording "survivors of the Holocaust" in the seal as suggested by Leon Bergrin of B.M. The design of the flag and background, six stripes running vertical, three white and three blue. These were the colors of the striped uniforms in the concentration camps that we wore. In the center, the "Kol Israel" seal that was designed before. Around the edges, a yellow fringe reminding us of the yellow stars that some of us were forced to wear during the Shoah. The flag was represented to the organization by Bob Birnbaum on the occasion of the 50th anniversary banquet to honor the liberation of Europe from the Nazi menace.



It's another story to remember- Julian Solonitz

The War ended over 51 years ago, but memories will never end. Especially for the Holocaust survivors, for the war veterans and for the partisans, who fought the Nazis.

Despite the many years that have passed since the War's end, and liberation from Nazi camps, there is always something new to find out from the various media. But something new and interesting hit my eyes recently.

These were pages from a Yiddish paper from 1947, preserved in Romanian archives and brought to our shores by immigrants. I was familiar with Jewish uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto, and a few smaller ones in other places. But this one describes a collective bravery of Baserabian and Bucovina's Jews, trying to help partisan groups in their fight against the Romanian and German murderers.

In it, the Jews of the Bershad's region were immensely involved, despite constant persecutions and tortures. Their food supplies were always inadequate, but the need to share it with the area's partisans was always on their mind. And not only on their mind. They improvised ways to deliver food to the partisans and even succeeded in collecting and hiding arms for future delivery.

One name became a legend. He was a former Senior Lieutenant in the Red Army, Yasha Tales, who dedicated his life to leading the partisan group against the Romanian Nazis of General Antonescu.

The Nazis found out about this Jewish leader and ordered an all out search. The military ring around the hiding area of this partisan leader Yasha Tales became smaller and smaller. Only the body of a dead Jew was permitted to cross the ring of the Nazis.

And so on a rainy evening a small procession of elderly Jews was following a funeral cortege toward the Jewish cemetery. Nobody bothered them. The cemetery bordered a dense forest. The burial place was ready to accept another body. But the body wasn't ready to listen to Kaddish. Yasha Tales, "the body," jumped out from his coffin and sprinted away toward the freedom and his partisan friends.

But each story needs an end. Yasha Tales lives in Cleveland now. A most devoted member of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, where his escapades are forever enshrined in Holocaust archives. I am proud to be his friend.

Children of the Holocaust reaching out to each other

ROSE GELBART Special to the CJN

e, the children of the Holocaust, are the last witnesses to a once-flourishing Jewish community of Europe.

From 1939 to 1945, we hid in convents, orphanages, hay lofts, sewers and forests, or were on the run. We were forced into ghettos, concentration and labor camps, where the horrors of war and of Nazi dominated Europe were among our first remembered images. Terror and death were our constant companions, never to be erased from our memories.



Arthur Gelbart, holding picture of himself at age 16, four weeks after he was liberated from one of the children's barracks in Buchenwald.

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The next generation's role

After reading the article, "The March of the Living" (CJN, June 7), I applaud and congratulat the schools, teachers, and most of all the young people who marched from Auschwitz to Birkenau. I am a survivor of Auschwitz. In the coming years, there will be fewer survivors to talk about the Holocaust, the pain, suffering and death of millions of Jews. The obligation will be on the shoulders of the younger generations to remind the world of this terrible tragedy.

On a personal note, my hope for these coming generations is to grow gracefully and to support and love Israel.

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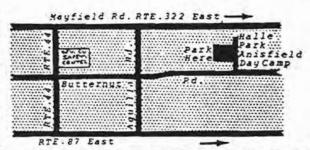
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ABOUT JEWS

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HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD'S LIST OF GREAT NAMES IN LITERATURE, SCIENCE, ART, MUSIC, FINANCE, MEDICINE AND ABSTRUSE LEARNING ARE VERY OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE WEAKNESS OF HIS NUMBERS. HE HAS MADE A MARVELOUS FIGHT IN THIS WORLD IN ALL AGES; AND HE HAS DONE IT WITH HIS HANDS TIED BEHIND HIM. HE COULD BE VAIN OF HIMSELF AND BE EXCUSED FOR IT. THE EGYPTIANS, THE BABYLONIANS AND THE PERSIANS ROSE, FILLED THE PLANET WITH SOUND AND SPLENDOUR; THEN FADED TO DREAM-STUFF AND PASSED AWAY. THE GREEKS AND THE ROMANS FOLLOWED AND MADE A VAST NOISE, AND THEY ARE GONE; OTHER PEOPLES HAVE SPRUNG UP AND HELD THEIR TORCH HIGH FOR A TIME BUT IT BURNED OUT, AND THEY SIT IN TWILIGHT NOW, OR HAVE VANISHED.

THE JEW SAW THEM ALL, SURVIVED THEM ALL, AND IS NOW WHAT HE ALWAYS WAS, EXHIBITING NO DECADENCE, NO INFIRMITIES OF AGE, NO WEAKENING OF HIS PARTS, NO SLOWING OF HIS ENERGIES, NO DULLING OF HIS ALERT AND AGGRESSIVE MIND. ALL THINGS ARE MORTAL BUT THE JEW; ALL OTHER FORCES PASS, BUT HE REMAINS. WHAT IS THE SECRET OF HIS IMMORTALITY?

Mark Twain in Harper's Magazine September 1897



In Memoriam



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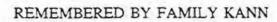
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I remember when I was 15-1/2 years old, 1944, a few weeks after Pesach. The Germans were retreating from the Russian Front. They began to gather the Jews from all of the villages surrounding my town of Salutvina in the Carpathian Mountains of Czechoslovakia. When we (Jews) were all gathered, we were loaded on trains and shipped to Birkenau/Auschwitz.

As my family, which consisted of my father, age 40, my mother, age 32, myself and four younger brothers, disembarked the boxcars in Birkenau, we were separated. My mother and three younger brothers went one way. My father, brother Schmiel and myself another. We never saw my mother or little brothers again. In Auschwitz we were tattooed. The next day those of us who were chosen for work walked to a nearby camp in Poland called Buna. Here, all the younger survivors were trained to become bricklayers. The older survivors worked as laborers.

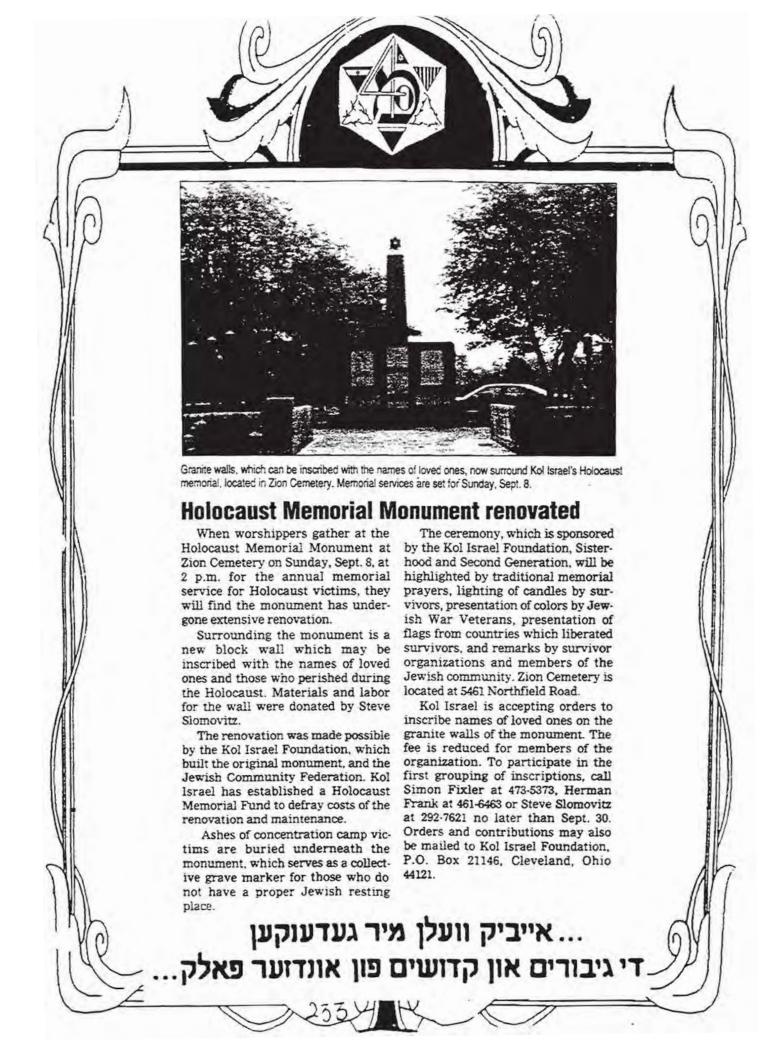
On January 18, 1945, as the Russian army advanced into Poland, the Germans began to retreat, taking their prisoners with them. We walked a day and a half to nearby Gliwice. We were then loaded on trains and taken to Buchenwold, far from the Polish front During the time I spent in Buchenwold my father and I were randomly selected, along with others, to be shipped off to another location. I was separated from my brother Schmiel From here, my father and I were taken to a makeshift camp of tents. We worked in the area building tunnels for the next ten weeks or so and then returned to Buchenwold. A few days later we were moved again, this time loaded in open boxcars, Nazi soldiers on each corner, and were told our destination would be Flossenberg. During this journey we were bombed repeatedly by the U.S. Air Force.

A day or so after arriving in Flossenberg the Germans began separating the Jews from the rest of the prisoner population. All Jews were ordered to step forward. I decided to take my chances and remain were I was. I watched as my father march out of the camp. Within a couple of days I found myself to be one of ten thousand prisoners of all ethnic backgrounds; Gypsies, Russians, Poles, French, etc. We were moved once more, this time to Dachau. We were to walk over 400km. from the Czech border to Munich.

We walked for four days, day and night. When we finally reached Dachau only 350 of us had survived the exhausting trek through the mountainous terrain. We arrived in Dachau on a Saturday, April 10, 1945, in the afternoon. By the next afternoon we were liberated by the American troops. . .

After living in Italy, Steve Slomovitz came to the United States in 1948 with his brother and father, the only surviving members of a family of seven. He and his brother became successful in the masonry trade. Steve lives in Beachwood, Ohio with his wife, Evelyn. They have four children and fourteen grandchildren. His brother Sam lives in Cleveland also. His father Eddy died here in 1965.

House and wealth are inherited from our fathers; but a sensible wife is a gift from the Lord. (Proverbs 19:14)



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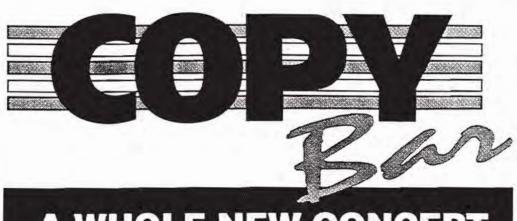
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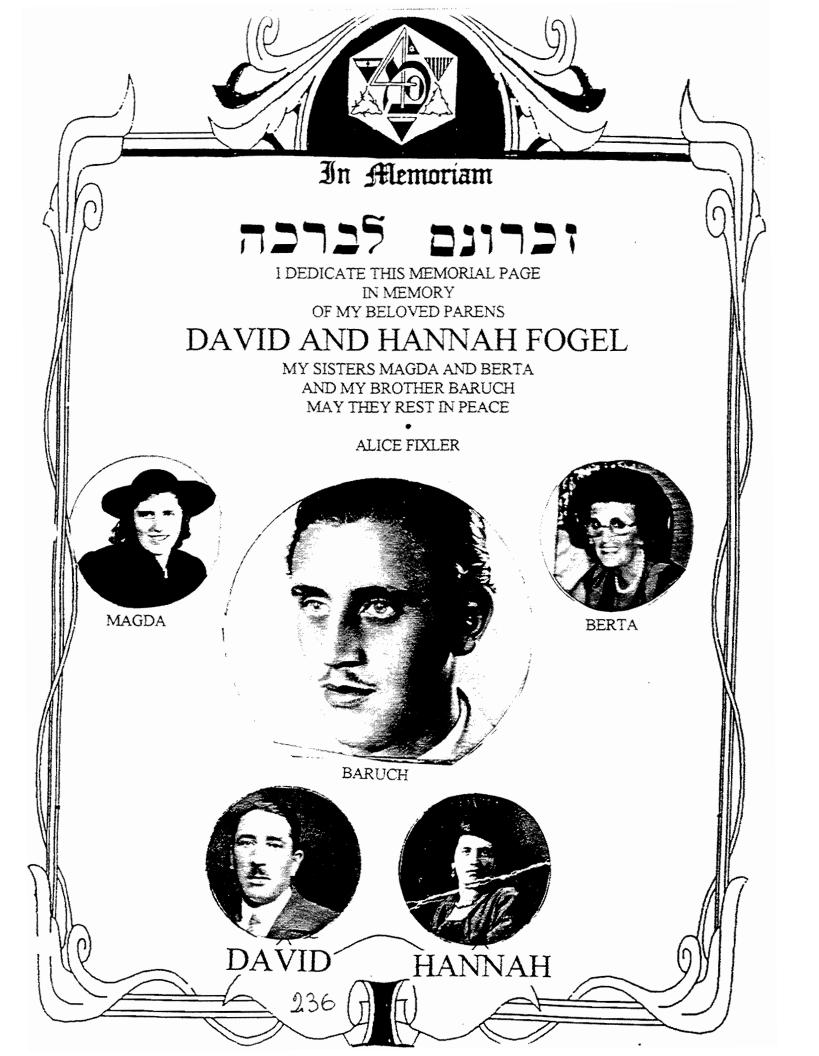
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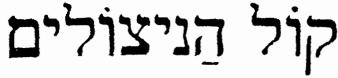
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SUMMER 1996 ACTIVITIES:

Kol Israel Foundation - Election of Officers

Green Road Synagogue - May 26, 1996

Kol Israel Foundation & Kol Israel Sisterhood

Awards Ceremony & Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue - June 30, 1996

Kol Israel Foundation & Second Generation Kol Israel

Annual Picnic Anisfield Park - July 28, 1996

FALL 1996 ACTIVITIES:

Kol Israel Annual Holocaust Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park - September 8, 1996

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Membership Luncheon

South Euclid Recreation Center - August 5, 1996

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Kol Israel Sisterhood, Second Generation Kol Israel,
Cleveland Jewish Community and State of Israel

<u>a healthy, happy, prosperous and</u> <u>peaceful New Year</u>

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

President's Greetings - Simon Fixler

I want to take this opportunity tothank the Kol Israel Foundation membership for the honor of electing me as President. I know that we have had very strong presidents in recent years and I'll try to do my best to continue the tradition of serving the goals of our beloved organization. I am counting on the dedication of our elected officers, Board of Trustees and members of our organization to do the best job possible.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish all members of our survivor organizations, The Kol Israel Foundation, The Kol Israel Sisterhood, and Second Generation Kol Israel, a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Annual Holocaust Memorial Service - 1996

The Annual Memorial Service for victims of the Holocaust will be at Zion Memorial Park on Sunday, September 8, 1996 Time 2:00 P.M.

The Memorial Service this year will take place on September 8, 1996, the Sunday before the New Year in front of the monument. This memorial service, for victims of the Holocaust, is usually held every year on the Sunday between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. This year, the Sunday is on the eve of Yom Kippur. We have decided, therefore, to change the date of the Memorial Service. Please save the date and time so that you can attend this important event Please ask your family members and friends to attend. We count on you; and look forward to seeing you there.

The Holocaust Memorial Monument -

We are pleased to inform you that most of the renovations at the Zion Cemetery Monument have been completed. What is still left to do, is the application of granite blocks to the walls around the monument.

Mr. Steve Slomovitz, who has donated his time, labor and materials, has done an excellent job. He completed the removal of the shrubs and built a brick wall around the monument. A contractor was retained to landscape and cover the area surrounding the monument with pavers. This has also been completed and looks great.

We have signed a contract with Classic Memorial Inc. for the application of granite blocks on the brick walls, on which names may be inscribed. Ms. Marcia Wexberg, KIF Board member, and Mr. Alan Wolk provided legal advice with the contract. This assistance was most appreciated. We expect the granite blocks to be in place within the next three months.

Total cost of the renovation is approximately \$65,000, of which Mr. Slomovitz contributed over \$10,000 worth of labor and materials.

Mr. Herman Frank, Memorial Chairman has agreed to work on fundraising to recover some of the costs of this extensive undertaking for Kol Israel Foundation. Members interested in having names of lost loved ones inscribed should call Mr. Herman Frank, KIF Memorial Chairman, 461-6463.

Members willing to contribute to defray the cost of the renovation should send checks to the Kol Israel Foundation, Holocaust Memorial Fund P.O. Box 21146 Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Life Membership

We are most pleased to inform you that as of July 31, 1996, we have twenty-eight individual and/or family Kol Israel Foundation Life Members. Applications for KIF life membership, \$100 for individuals and \$250 for a couple, will greatfully be accepted and processed any time.

KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBER HONOR ROLE

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40th Anniversary Book.

Mr. Hennenberg reports that reservations continue to be received for the 40th Anniversary book. The 40th anniversary book will be more extensive than the one produced for the Kol Israel Foundation 35 Anniversary. Mr. Hennenberg advises members to send in their reservations as soon as possible since the date of reservation determines the location of personal contribution in the anniversary book. Interested members should call Jacob Hennenberg at 464-5149.

Children Survivors of the Holocaust in Cleveland

A group of survivors, who were children during the Holocaust years, is being formed here in Cleveland. At the meetings held to date, the primary concern and interest of those who were in attendance were to evolve a support group that may offer special understanding for Holocaust survivors who were children during the Holocaust years whose concerns have not been understood and/or addressed by the existing survivor organizations. The group includes members of the Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood and Second Generation Kol Israel, as well as people who have not been affiliated with the survivor organizations. Nationally, several large cities have chapters of Children Survivors of the Holocaust with annual meetings. Next meeting will be held on Monday, August 26, 1996. Interested people should call Rose Gelbart at 360-9030.

Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the following KIF members who are in grief for a recently lost and dearly loved family member: Matilda Poster for the loss of her husband Louis Dubin for the loss of his brother

Refuah Slema! Speedy recovery!

Best wishes for speedy recovery are extended to KIF members who had recent episodes of illness and/or hospitalization.

Musia Birnbaum Jenny Kuricki Edith Rosenfeld Leon Weisberg Herman Frank Ann Pergericht Sam Saths

Congratulation on special simchas

Our hearty congratulations and best wishes are extended to the following KIF members:

Sylvia & Isidor Malcmacher

on their 50th Anniversary celebration Liza Alpert

on the birth of a great granddaughter Meier Blecher

on the birth of a granddaughter

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky is the recipient of Mandel Holocaust Education Fellowship Award

Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky is one of twenty-five teachers throughout the country who was part of the Mandel Teacher Fellowship Program at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Convening for five days, August 11-16, 1996, participants in the institute will be immersed in Holocaust history and pedagogical issues involved in teaching the Holocaust. The institute agenda will focus on Holocaust research and current trends and issues in Holocaust education. Participants are required to implement programs and activities in schools, communities and professional organizations. Follow-up meetings will take place in May 1997.

Dr. Rabinsky, a pioneer in Holocaust education, recently retired after 31 years teaching in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights school system. She conducts teacher-training seminars at area universities for the Ohio Council on Holocaust Education. Dr. Rabinsky will teach about the Holocaust at Fuchs Bet Sefer Mizrachi, Yeshivath Adath B'nai Israel and at other area schools during the coming school year.

Students honor Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

A group of former students of Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky at Cleveland Heights-University Heights High School held a surprise reception in honor of the retirement of Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky. To honor the occasion, her former students has decided to establish a fund to support Holocaust education at Heights High. Mr. Sol Factor, teacher at Heights High School will continue the Holocaust education tradition pioneered by Dr. Rabinsky.

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My Father's Miracle. Julian Solonitz

Some of our people survived by miracles, but for our six million Jewish martyrs there were no God's blessings, including 65 members of my own and my wife's families.

But yes! One miracle touched my family, it was my Dad. Blessed be his memory! He survived hell, to tell me his story...

Vilna (Vilnius now) was taken by the Germans on June 24, 1941. Twenty four hours earlier my wife Beba and I escaped east, for me at that time there was no other choice. Having a high position in the Soviet Lithuania's Immigration Department, I had been ordered to accompany the load of archives to Minsk.

It was a day of most painful memories for us. Whatever happened after we left, was an unsolvable puzzle in my mind, a period that cannot be described in a few pages. For the interested, I would advise to visit the libraries of Park Synagogue or the College of Jewish Studies. My book, The "Soviet Inspector" may be found at either one of these two libraries...

The liberation for my father arrived in the middle of July 1944, when the area near Vilna was liberated by the Red Army. On that day, my Dad was the only survivor from our families.

And here is the unusual story. Before the Germans occupied Lithuania, my Dad was the Director of a sawmill and, subsequently, the Nazis left him in the same position. As a specialist of forestry and lumber, he was needed by the Nazis.

From the Ghetto he was marched to-and-from his job. Naturally, it was very beneficial at that period of time to our families. But, for the great majority of the eighty thousand of Vilna Jews, the situation became most tragic.

It did not take long for the first deadly stroke hit my family, crushing the great psyche of my Dad. While he was at work, a group of Lithuanian Nazis seized my Mother and delivered her to the German SS. And so the history reveals, my mother, among two thousand Jewish women was marched some five or six miles to the Ponary hills, lined up in front of a ravine, and each received a bullet in the back of the head...

In the fall of 1943, the Vilna Ghetto was liquidated. By that time, most of the Jews were

either killed, died of starvation, or had been shipped to various concentration camps. My young brother Boris and father-in-law Israel perished in Klooge, Estonia.

The Germans had another assignment for my Dad. They placed him in charge of the last 300 ablebodied men and shipped them to a forest to work on lumber for the railroads. Again, as a specialist, my Dad was important to the Germans. In a way, he was even respected by them. For the next three months the group lived in tents, barely surviving the hard labor and meager food.

Till... Their world changed one November night. My father was called to the office of the top German who revealed a great secret to him. "Jacob," the German said, "this will be your last night. I can't help you. Do what you can. Keep this secret to yourself." Of course this could not be a secret. The terrible news, almost a death sentence, hit everybody hard. With bleeding hearts, tears and prayers, the 300 dispersed in the darkness of the big forest.

A distance away my Dad found a spot under some bushes, and, with an ax and shovel that he had with him, he dug himself a deep fox-hole. For a while, he still had with him a supply of potatoes, carrots and dried bread, but soon enough, his only diet consisted of leftovers found in the fields. The snow covered the fields and a vision of death from starvation turned into a reality.

He decided to take the only chance he could think of. In the middle of the night he reached a village and knocked on the door of a friendly farmer, who knew my father because he worked for my father before the war.

The farmer, highly surprised, opened the door and instantly closed it. My dad had lost any semblance of a human being. Unwashed, unshaved and in torn filthy clothes he resembled a wild man from some movie. But, knocking again and convincing the farmer that he was the friendly businessman Jacob from Vilna, he was permitted to enter.

The Polish farmer and his wife were angels.

Twenty four hours later, my father, clean shaven, washed and dressed in a farmer's clean outfit, was taken to his hideout in the barn. A very large "Noah's Ark" has been built, a large grain container with a double deck.

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The upper part had a layer of grain, some four feet deep, underneath was the hiding nest for my Dad. For the next months, till Springtime, my father was taken care of like he would be their own, risking their lives every day he was there.

The farmers from the village started to work in the fields, it was time for sowing. My father realized that his Christian Angels did already enough for him. With tears in everybody's eyes, they parted.

The next few months he spent in his foxhole, again. For a while, he still had the food supply given to him by his saviors and, then, the nightly thefts from the freshly planted fields. He survived the filth, the crawling night creatures, and the steady, terrifying noises. The only blessing came from the rain-water.

Late in June 1944, explosions reached my Dad's ears. Was the front nearing? He, not exactly a praying man, started to pray. His belief in God died. His eyes witnessed the great Jewish tragedy. This old, broken man was again reaching for God's miracle.

Another day was gone. In the early morning of the third day, there were voices reaching his foxhole. Russian voices. My Dad's eyes filled with tears, his body shaken. He crawled out to his redeemers. The soldiers backed away from the filth and rags-covered wild man...

In charge of the small Red Army unit was a Jewish Captain who spoke Yiddish, In a few words my Dad explained a ton of history.

For the next two weeks, there was a battle for the liberation of the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius. My father, dressed in a soldier's outfit, was taken care by the unit.

The years after the war, my Dad spent in Italy. He refused to join me in Germany. He could never forget my mother's murder and carried with him a deep psychological hate of the Nazis.

In 1972, after a Thanksgivings visit with our family in Cleveland, he suddenly died at the Newark airport in New Jersey, his American home where he arrived in 1952. He closed his eyes without a sound. God was helping him on his last journey.

He had never missed to send the monthly packages to his Christian Angels in Poland.

Yom Hashoah Media Project - Avi Goldman, Sherri Koppel & Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

We are embarking on a video project, involving Holocaust survivors for an original Yom Hashoah film and display program. Interviews with Cleveland Holocaust survivors will focus on the world that was (life before the war), what was experienced during the Holocaust, and life since liberation.

We are fortunate to have film producer, Jesse Epstein, an award winning cinematographer, who will film and produce the video. The completed video will also be available for classroom use and for national distribution as an educational medium. An accompanying display of photographs and memorabilia will be part of this monumental program.

Survivors who are interested in being interviewed for this project or would like to lend items for the special display, please call with your interest:

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky 321 7030; or Avi Goldman 382 4412 or send a note indicating your interest to: Jesse Epstein, Yom Hashoah Media Project Cinecraft 2515 Franklin Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44113

"Tizmoret Ramat Gan" Visits Cleveland

Avi Goldman, former President of Second Generation Kol Israel and Kol Israel Foundation Board member, helped to bring the Ramat Gan Youth Orchestra to Cleveland. Members of the orchestra visited the Kol Israel Annual Picnic and performed very successfully that evening (July 28, 1996) at Temple Bet Am.

Holocaust Project - From Darkness Into Light

The Judy Chicago exhibit from Darkness to Light, which was on display at the Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art (May 5 - August 11, 1996) is about to close. In conjunction with the exhibit, several audio-visual programs and video presentations were held, which honored the memories and legacies of the Holocaust. It was a most memorable and worthwhile project. -5-

JOURNEY OF A "MATZEVA"

After liberation from the K.Z. Camp Waldenburg in 1945, I went back to my hometown of Oswiecim to see if any of my family had survived the war. Upon arriving, I discovered that my only sister Karola left for West Germany. My mother died in 1937. So I went to the Jewish cemetery in Oswiecim to say "Kadish." To my dismay, when I arrived there, the cemetery was empty of all tombstones and in the middle was a dug reservoir holding water. I asked some people; what happened here? They told me that the Nazis took out all the tomb stones across to "Buna" or Monowice, or it was called Auschwitz III, and put them under a steel building.

I went there and I was told they were under the building. I stood there and said "Kadish" for all of them. Not until 1979 did I return with my cousin Zita to Oswiecim. In the morning we went to the cemetery and did not expect to find anything. As we entered the cemetery, we faced an unusual sight, something similar to a moon scape. All through the place, lying like dominos, the grave markers filled the entire cemetery. Again, I asked around about what had transpired here. The story went like this.

When the Russians came, they dismantled the steel building and took it to Russia and the city picked up the markers on trucks and brought them back to the cemetery, slid the markers off the trucks and there they laid. Needless to say, we were distraught. To the left of the entrance stood a large tree, the only thing what was left standing. I went to the tree and started to recite the "Kadish" while gazing at the tree, sometimes in the middle of the prayer. Loud rock music started playing on the other side of the wall. I turned my head to the right in disgust. My mood certainly was not to hear rock music.

As I turned my head to the right, I noticed a reflecting object in the distance. I finished the prayer and said to my cousin, "I noticed something glittering in the distance; what could it be?" There was no path. In order to get there, you had to climb over the markers. I removed my shoes so as not to trample on the stones and went there. To my amazement, the item that glittered was a black granite marker laying face up on the ground. I looked at it with fearful amazement. It was my grandfather, Henoch Hennenberg's, stone put up in 1938 which I remembered very well.

I called my cousin to come over. It was even very difficult for her in her high heeled shoes. I took a picture of the marker as I found it. Later, I sent the driver to get a bucket of water and I washed the grave marker as best I could. I stuck a stick on the head of the stone so as not to lose its location. We went to the mayor of the city to get a permit to take the stone with us to America so that it could stand it up with dignity. We could not get a permit because the law forbade us from taking anything out of the country that was before the war. It was considered an antique.

However, he gave us an address to a Warsaw office that was in charge of such matters. Coming back to Cleveland, I had given the film to develop and print. When I picked up the photos, I could not believe my eyes. The glittering object that I saw at the cemetery in Oswiecim was the sun shinning on that stone in the moment. That brought me to the discovery of my grandfather's stone.

In December, the stone arrived in New York via a Polish vessel named "Lachowicz." The weight of the stone is one ton. The stone is now standing in the Jewish cemetery in Clifton, New Jersey by the name of King Salomon. The day we dedicated the stone the Rabbi said, "I will not make any speeches. I will just translate what is written on the stone." When the stone was originally dedicated, the lettering on the stone was arranged in a particular way. My grandfather's name was Henoch Henich, the letters Henich vertically and from each letter, a verse praised him for his accomplishments during his lifetime.

The fact that the sun shone on the stone at that particular moment when I gazed in that direction that showed me the way to the stone in a maze of a thousand stones was a coincidence? Maybe? And maybe not.

Jacob Hennenberg

They Lived Among Us

Jozef Trebacz saved a Jewish man during the Nazi occupation in Chrzanow. Jozef Trebacz lived under the address Pogorskiej 28, now brzezina 5. He manufactured bricks, lived in relative peace with his wife and eight children and grandchildren, during the Nazi occupation, until the 21st of June 1942. On that day a Jewish man by the name Pinkus Jakubowicz arrived at his home. He was the owner of two large houses in Chrzanow (one at Mickiewicza street, and the second one in the park that housed his business. As he arrived, he was hungry and cold, in spite of the summer warm weather. He was taken with his family by the Nazis to a town far away from Chrzanow to Tarnow. They killed his daughter-in-law and grandchildren, only he, his daughter and son were able to escape from a transport to Dulova. At the cover of night, Jakubowicz arrived at the Trebacz house. Mr. Trebacz fed him and made him a secret space among the all ready made bricks. When Jakubowicz contracted Pneumonia he got him a doctor. Afterward, Trebacz made him a room in the attic, with an entrance through the cow barn. He covered the entrance with straw and poured on the straw kerosine, so that the dogs could not smell the hiding place. When the weather was good Pinkus sat in the yard under the trees reading the newspapers that Trebacz brought him from the town. Trebacz's daughter states that the Nazis came to look for partisans, and they even once looked in to the hiding place, but with the carefulness of Jakubowicz and the Trebacz family Jakubowicz survived there, until the end of the war.

Trebacz's daughter also states the during the Nazi inspections she almost died from fright. After the war Jakubowicz resided in Fairlawn, New Jersey. While in New Jersey Jakubowicz contacted Mr. Trebacz and had correspondence with him until Trebacz died in 1968. The daughter of Mr. Jakubowicz, Bronislawa Stahl, continued correspondence with the rest of the family, and invited the daughter of Trebacz to visit her in the U.S.A. The daughters of Mr. Trebacz claim that their neighbors new that they were hiding a Jewish man. Mr. Trebacz showed tremendous courage and humanity. Trebacz had a constant worry about his customers, who came to buy bricks, not to discover the secret. The house where Jakubowicz was hiding is still in existence today. It would be proper to honor the Trebacz family as the Righteous Gentiles, for they hid a Jewish man for three years. Putting themselves at grave danger, which was unusual for a family with eight children, in those dark days and years.

The Jakubowicz family was very appreciative to the Trebacz family. We have to consider the danger that his family suffered constantly. After the war Mr. Trebacz did not consider his deed heroic. He thought of is as just simply helping a close friend of his.

Written by Victoria Hadys, director of the museum in Chrzanow, and translated from a local Polish paper in the town of Chrzanow by Jacob Hennenberg
Dated September 1995
The name of the newspaper, "Kronika Chrzanowska"

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ANNUAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE

at the recently renovated
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1996
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Co-Chairs: Herman Frank and Avi Goldman
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Memories of Rosh Hashana past

From my small hometown in Poland I remember the High Holiday preparations – my mother's cleaning, the food, the family, the smells. Most of all, the smells: cooking, roasting, baking. Aromas enfolded our house and permeated the town.

I recall the voices of my friends and family, excited and happy. We children got new clothes. Neighbors, friends and relatives wished each other blessings for a happy, healthy new year. It was a time of joy and renewal.

Then, on the first day of Rosh Hashana, 1939, Hitler invaded Poland. Panic, chaos, death and destruction followed. The rest is history. Everything changed for my family and town, for the Jews and the whole world after that terrible breaking of the new year's peace.

Where are the wonderful fragrances of hearth and home, the joyous voices of family and friends, the experiences of long-ago holidays and a life now vanished? They live on in my memory, in our collective memory as a people. They remain alive and fresh through remembrance. No act of war or hatred can erase those precious memories. Now again, this is the time of renewal.

BETTY BERRY Mayfield Heights

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On behalf of the Kol Israel Holocaust survivor organizations and the community sponsoring agencies, we wish to express our appreciation to the Cleveland Jewish News for years of recognition and support of Yom Hashoah V'Hagyura.

Printing students' artwork and poetry brings acknowledgment and inspiration to young people and their teachers dedicated to transmitting the lessons of the Holocaust. Articles and editorials about survivors' experiences add a dimension of sensitivity and compassion to efforts in Holocaust education.

Faye Sholiton's heartfelt report of this year's Kol Israel monument rededication resulted in a capacity audience at this significant event.

AVI.GOLDMAN & LEATRICE B. RABINSKY, Co-chairs. Yom Hashoah V'Hagyura

My father's miracle: surviving hell to tell his story

JULIAN SOLONITZ Special to the CJN

While 65 mems of my and
my wife's families perished in
the Holocaust,
one miracle
touched to be
involved my
dad who survived hell to tell
me the story ...

Vilna (Vilnius now) was taken by the Germans on June 24, 1941. Twenty-four hours earlier my wife and escaped east. Having a high position in Lithuania's emigration department, I was ordered to accompany our archives to Minsk.



A haggard Jacob Solonitz photographed less than one month after his liberation in June 1944.

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It was a day of most painful memories for us.

Liberation for my father came in the middle of.
July 1944 when the area near Vilna was liberated by

Red Army. On that day, my dad was the only survivor from our families.

And here is the unusual story: Before the Germans occupied Lithuania, my dad was director of a sawmill. As a forestry and lumber specialist he was needed by the Nazis, and so they left him in the same position. He was marched to and from his job from the ghetto. While he was at work one day, a group of Lithuanian Nazis seized my mother and delivered her to the German SS.

My mother along with 2,000 other Jewish women, was marched some five or six miles toward the Ponary hills and lined up in front of a deep ravine. Each then received one bullet into the back of the head ...

In the fall of 1943, the Vilna Ghetto was liquidated. By that time, most of the Jews were either killed, had died of starvation or were shipped to various concentration camps. My young brother Boris and my father-in-law, Israel, perished in Estonia's Klooge.

The Germans had another assignment for my dad. They placed him in charge of the last 300 able-bodied men and shipped them to a forest to work on lumber for railroads. Again, as a specialist my dad was important to the Germans. He was even respected in a way. For the next three months the group

ed in tents, barely surviving the hard labor and meager food.

Then one November night, their world changed. My father was called to the office of the top German, who revealed a great secret to him. "Jacob," the German said, "This will be your last night. I can't help you; do what you can. But I warn you, keep this secret to yourself."



Julian Solonitz, right, and his father, Jacob, four months after Jacob's liberation, Jacob survived by living in foxholes and with the help of a kindly Polish family.

Of course, he couldn't keep that secret. He shared the terrible news, almost a death sentence, with everybody. With bleeding hearts, tears and prayers, the 300 dispersed in the darkness of the big forest.

Some distance away, my dad found a spot under the bushes and, having with him an ax and shovel,

Not exactly

a praying man,

my father started

to pray.

he dug out a deep foxhole. He had a supply of potatoes, carrots and dried bread, but soon enough his only diet consisted of leftovers found in the fields. Snow then covered the fields, and a vision of death from starvation loomed.

He decided to take his only chance. In the middle of the night he reached a village and knocked on the door of a friendly farmer who knew my father from his work at the sawmill.

Unwashed, unshaven and in torn, filthy clothes, my dad resembled a

wild man from some movie, so when the farmer first opened the door, he instantly closed it.

But knocking again and loudly convincing the farmer that he was the friendly businessman

Jacob from Vilna, he was permitted to enter.

The Polish farmer and his wife were angels. Twenty-four hours later, my father, clean-shaven, washed and dressed in the farmer's clean outfit, was taken to his hideout in the barn, a large grain container with a double deck. In 1972 after a Thanksgiving visit with our family in Cleveland, he died suddenly at the Newark airport. He closed his eyes without uttering a sound. God was helping him for his last journey.

In late June 1944, explosion reached my dad's ears. Was the fror nearing? Not exactly a praying mar my father started to pray.

In the early morning of the thir day, voices reached the hole. Russia:

voices. My dad's eye filled with tears. Hi body shaking, h crawled out to hi redeemers. The sol diers backed away from the filth and rags covering the wild, old man.

In charge of the small Red army unit was a Jewish cap tain who spoke Yiddish. In a few words, my dad explained his story.

For the next two weeks, there was a battle for the liberation of Vilnius. My father, dressed in a soldier's outfit was taken care of by the unit.

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Ann and Mike Frum

from Bernice and Zev Harel Cleveland, Ohio May 11, 1996

REMEMBERING, NOT FORGETTING:

When Pharaoh restored the chief butler to his position as foretold by Joseph in his interpretation of the butler's dream, he forget Joseph. "Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him?" (Genesis 40:23). Why does the Bible use this repetitive language? It is obvious that if the butler forgot Joseph, he did not remember him. Yet, both verbs are used, remembering and forgetting. "The Bible, in using this language, is teaching us a very important lesson," said the Rabbi of Bluzhov, Rabbi Israel Spira, to his Hasidim.



"There are events of such overbearing magnitude that one ought not to remember them all the time, but one must not forget them either. Such an event is the Holocaust." The Rabbi of Bluzhov, Rabbi Israel Spira

> YOM HASHOAH SERVICE At Fairmount Temple FRIDAY, MAY 2, 8:00 P.M. MARCIA WEXBERG will speak

"Reflections Across The Generations: Children of Holocaust Survivors"

Marcia Wexberg is an author, lecturer, attorney and a child of Holocaust survivors. She is a partner with the law firm of Calfee, Halter & Griswold, focusing on estate planning, estate and trust administration, charitable planning and corporate succession planning. She serves on the boards of Fairmount Temple, Benjamin Rose Institute, Kol Israel Foundation, Cleveland Holocaust Center and the Jewish Community Foundation and the Cleveland Museum of

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Journey of remembrance and reunion

In an emotional visit, Max Curtis returns to his pre-World War II hometown of Anyksciai, Lithuania.

JORDAN F. LUBETKIN Staff Reporter

t had been 55 years since Holocaust survivor Max Curtis set foot in his hometown of Anyksciai, Lithuania, a shtetl located 70 miles from Vilnius.

But Curtis, a resident of Mayfield Heights, had always wanted to return, so that he could once again meet the gentile woman who saved his life. At the age of 72 he got his chance.

Curtis' story began in 1941. The German army had overrun Anyksciai en route to Russia. Many Anyksciai residents fled the town, but were overrun by the German army. Hitler's forces brought the Jews back to Anyksciai, and divided the Jews into two groups: Young men were locked in the city's temples; older men, women and children were confined to their homes. Curtis, whose name then was Montka Kuricki, was assigned to wait in the temple, as Lithuanian Nazis dug ditches around the sanctuary and began to take groups of 10 Jews at a time, throw them into the ditches and shoot them. Curtis' father was one of the first Jews to be taken outside and shot.

For the entire day Curtis heard the sounds of machine-gun fire and screams, followed by silence. By the time Curtis was called, however, the ditches were filled with dead bodies. He was escorted back to the temple and told to wait. More ditches would be dug the next day.

That night he sneaked out of the temple and went home to stay with his eight brothers, four sisters and mother.

The next day, the remaining townspeople were rounded up and taken away. Curtis' mother and siblings were among those taken.

"That was the last time that I saw them," says

Curtis, who along with other young men, was thrown in jail.

That night, Curtis and the others in jail were severely beaten. In the morning they were taken to

Max Curtis points to Verutka, the Lithuanian

gentile girl who saved his life at the onset of

World War II. Inset, Curtis after immigrating

to the U.S. in 1949.

the ditches, where they received another beating, and told to undress and to get in the ditch – which was already half-filled with dead bodies.

The Nazis gunned them down with machine guns.

THE TESTIMONY OF ARNOLD FRIEDMAN WHO WAS BORN IN IRSAVA, AND MOVED AS A YOUNG BOY TO MUKACHEVO, CZECHLOSLOVAKIA

Auschwitz/Birkenau

Approximately April of 1944

It was a Saturday, we were going to go to Synagogue. The Germans were all over, beating Jews and ordering us to work. I ran into my house and told my parents. My father got a piece of challah put it into a bag and walked out saying he would be back soon. I can still hear my Mother's cry of "Please take care of yourself"

We were close behind him, when we got into the street there were SS everywhere, they whipped most who walked by. I was fortunate, I ran as the whips raised to hit me, they yelled, "Faster, faster, you dirty Jews": We were scared. We were in line when an SS man asked my father what he had in the bag, when he replied that he had bread, he pushed him so hard he cried out in pain. He went to others and pulled their beards, they too cried out in pain.

I intervened, was told. You Jew, can't you stay in line?, I asked why he hit my father, and he hit my head with his gun butt., blood was everywhere. Somehow I heard people telling me walk, walk or they'll shoot you. My memory to this day is fuzzy at times because of being beaten in the head. The Ghetto was erected that Saturday. We stayed for about three weeks in our houses and then we were taken to Shoyowiches Brickyard where we stayed for a few days and then weretaken to boxcars, destination unknown. From the boxcars we were chased by SS with dogs and whips. I was with my Mother, father, 2 sisters, and younger brother. At this time I was unaware of my older brothers whereabouts.

There were piles of suitcases and shoes. People in striped clothing were running around. The Germans were yelling "Line Up", Mach Schnell". People in the striped clothing were whispering in each other's ears "tell them you are a worker". People went north and lined up and were directed to a big room approximately 20x20 with plywood walls. There were SS officers at a table in the back of the room, some were standing, some seated. They asked my age, the line to the officers right were women, children and the elderly. There was a door and my Mother and 2 sisters went thru that door with lots of others. I later found out they were told to go into a place that I later learned was the gas chamber and were brutally murdered. I, myself had one foot inside the door and from the other side where people lined up my Father, brother and others. I heard my younger brother say "Shnle" (that was my nickname) why don't you come with us?" I asked SS officers can I go with my Father and brother, they said "gai mensch" We started marching towards Birkenan and somehow thring the night, my father and I were separated and wound up in Birkenan. As they marched us by towards Birkenan I saw chimneys with smoke coming out which appeared to be some type of factory. There was a terrible stench which I can to this day remember as a smell of meat burning. They shaved our heads, making a line in the middle of our head, gave us striped clothing, wooden shoes a pair of pants and a light jacket. The clothing was blue and white striped. I was given a string with a wooden number to wear around my neck. We stayed there a few days and found out from a slave laborer from Poland that Auschwitz was where people were gassed, burned and the ashes were scattered. No one of course believed him. I remember a man crying, he worked at the crematorium and was forced to burn his own relatives. We were starting to believe that something horrific was happening.

We slept in double bunk beds made out of wood. We were given no food except at approx 5AM when we were awaken and given black coffee out of milk cans. This coffee had a chicory flavor. I cant remember but two or three days later we were taken on a train to Doernhan in Upper Silesia.

Camp Doernhau-Upper Silesia

We surrived here from Auschwitz. This was an imprisonment work/slave camp surrounded by electrified wire. It was a factory like building with 2 floors. To the north was bunk bld to the left gate was the SS Officers building. It was a big building, the bunks were wooden.

We worked for Butzer-Holtzman Company for approximately 3 weeks making roads in the mountains

We were given very little food and were forced to take cold showers. There were horrendous beatings by the Camp Commander who ordered us to do inhumane exercising. If you didn't comply killings or beatings took place. It was indescribable. They used whips, 2x4's gun butts anything they could get their hands on. Rain came and they chased us into barracks. There were some who were dead already. We went up to beds and prayed to God, why were they brutally murdered for no reason at all? We later found out that another group of slave laborers loafed around and had blamed it on us. The camp commander asked for volunteers to work in the stone quarry and promised those who did would get cigarettes.

Approximately 40 of us volunteered. We worked in the stone quarry for Ile Company.

I worked for Ile Company for approximately 9 months drilling and breaking big stones, breaking them with a sledgehammer making gravel.

There was a Lager Alste from Slovakia by the name of Mookey. He was a short man not too mean to us- he was Jewish. Under Lager Alster from Slovakia was another named Sheffler, he had the face of a bulldog and was very cruel to us. He was also Jewish. I remember a miniature train coming at hunch time and bringing us soup in milk cans, it tasted like water.

Obersharf Fuhrer was named Wolf. (The Camp Commander)

This I have learned from a man I came across from my home town Munchackevo who was in the stone quarry with me at Doernhan. When I met him he was 93 years old, very sick but with a mind as sharp as a tack. He was in Menorah Park Nursing Home in Cleveland Ohio and died early last year. His name was Joseph Margolis. His daughter is alive and living in Cleveland He and I were possibly the only survivors from that camp-Seiffenwasser-Graben.

As slave laborers walked out of the camp with the guards to work in the quarry we went west, then turned right and walked through this forest which was around 3-5 miles from camp Doernhau to Camp Seieffenwasser-Graben which was around 10 miles from Doernhau. My memory is cloudy of some things due to my injury from the beating I received to the head. I still have a bump on my head.

We left camp Doernhau about the end of December, 1944.

Camp Seiffenwasser-Graben

Here too was a slave labor camp. I stayed for two weeks working in another stone quarry. This time the conditions were worse. There was no food, no water, conditions were deplorable., horrifying, bodies were everywhere, people were dying all over the place from lack of starvation, disease, I stayed here for approximately three weeks.

When I went to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, I searched the archives with the museum staffs help. There I searched for testimonies and looked for someone, just someone I knew.I could find none. I am possibly the only survivor of this horrific place.

Death March (From Seiffenwasser-Graben)

Approximately 600 were ordered to leave Upper Silesia and Marched to Flossenbuerg. We marched over 2 months thru towns and villages. We had no food and ate frozen snow, horse manure, apple cores and any garbage we could find along the way.(all were frozen of course) We were freezing, but somehow my will to survive took over the delirium that I must have been in. We arrived at

Camp Flossenbuerg

On the way people were shot, some couldn't go on and begged for mercy.

The camp was deplorable. Only 40-50 people were alive, and barely alive at that. We were beaten, chased into barracks. SS asked for volunteers to work at the railroad station. I volunteered with about 9 others. Food was promised. We were escorted by 2 storm troopers and escorted to the station. We were given shovels and brooms and ordered to sweep. It was wintertime and very cold. I would find frozen cabbage, carrots and apples and ate that. I was there for two weeks. 1st Barracks was to the right. There were lines of latrines. For two weeks I was only given a quarter piece of bread., however I was a lucky one, I found the frozen cabbage etc. which sustained me. I put the bread in my shirt and while in a line it fell out of my shirt, an SS man beat me so badly, kicking and pummeling me - I can still hear his screams "ill give you stealing bread from the 3rd Reich you thief". I was bleeding badly. Somehow I dragged my body under the bunk, there were dead bodies and human waste everywhere. For 2-3 days I lay there and crawled outside moaning, bleeding all over. I walked over to the latrine. People all around were in various stages of death, "Musselmen" all around begged for food screaming, "Essen, Essen",

One guy says to me you go to place, hospital, I could barely walk but somehow again dragged to a building to the left 2nd or 3rd one from the gate. There were steps, a man in a white jacket took me to lay down. I didn't know who or where I was. I dont know who came but someone came with a bowl of some. I lay there for several days, rested and must have miraculously got some strength back. Suddenly I heard "Rouse Out Mensch" we were chased out the gate, near the gate they chased us into a building, a stone block building about 40x40 I remember we were locked in, there was a big door, there was the sound of a snake-like hissing sound. There were about 50-60 of us. Some were choking, myself included, screaming, "They are gassing us" and were begging to God. There were people falling down. I ran to a big keyhole and inhaled air from outside, when the door was opened I ran and was chased out by the SS. Next we were put into box cars again. People again dying all around. The train took off through the night with us on board. The next morning we could hear machine gunfire on the sides of the boxcars. There were big explosions and the train came to a stop. It was mass chaos. The SS shouted for us to get off. The locomotive blew up. Some SS ran away, we were barely walking. Jews were being shot. They took us to a forest near Cham, Bavaria. There was a rain storm which essentially saved my life, We were marching towards the town. People were being machine gunned, I was shot in the leg, dragged msyelf into a haystack and got in, found potatoes there and ate them and passed out. When I awoke and came out no one was there. There were dead everywhere, including the SS soldiers. I dragged myself to a house, French people were there, I went outside and saw two U.S. soldiers outside. They gave me a gun and told me to shoot the people inside the house, I couldnt do it. I then passed out again. I was taken by a an American Red Cross Ambulance to a hospital where I stayed for 6 weeks. The Red Cross took me towards my home town to locate my family. Russians were there and were told that they are taking Jews to Siberia. I left and went to Bucharest, Romania and they there helped the survivors. In BUDAPEST I found my brothers and a consin. I was told my Father had been killed. I found my way from BUDAPEST to Austria and then to Italy. There were Israeli soldiers who fought for the British during the second world war and who took me to Padna to a DP camp. Somehow I was lucky enough to find odd jobs and survived. My brothers Herman and Michael live in Israel. I was in a DP Camp in Santa Maria DeLuca, the southern part of Italy from 1945 until 1948 when I took the boat from Naples- SS Marine Perch to America and I became a U.S. Citizen.

*Note

My grandfather, grandmother and 3 aunts had been able to go to the US before the war started. I sent a cable to them in the US and my Grandfather met me in New York. I ended up in Cleveland Ohio, met my wife Betty there. We have been married for 48 years and are blessed with 4 children. I thank God everyday for allowing me to have met her. We have ten grandchildren, one who died at birth.

I visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington for the first time in the spring of 1994 with my wife,my oldest daughter and two of my grandchildren. I knew then that I must share my memories with the world, no matter how horribly painful they were. I have become involved after years of avoidance.



Class on Holocaust at CWRU spurs student to express her own thoughts

This past fall I took a class on the Holocaust taught by Professor Susanna Heschel in the religion department at Case Western Reserve University. Two of the many questions we spent the semester pondering were: "Where was God during the Holocaust?" and "What can we learn from the Holocaust?"

As an outgrowth of this experience, I have come away with my own thoughts about these questions. Where was God during the Holocaust? The spirit of God was in the people who spoke out against the atrocities the Nazis inflicted on the Jews and other non-Aryans.

Those who took responsibility for saving people by not being complicit and complacent under Nazi authority were choosing God. The people in the French town of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon succeeded in helping Jews escape their death sentence by hiding them in their homes or smuggling them into Switzerland. Even some of

the Nazis disobeyed Hitler by ignoring the actions of the people of Le Chambon.

God gave human beings free will to make the right or wrong decisions. Evil is the choice of human beings; the Nazis are responsible for their actions.

What can we learn from the Holocaust? I began to recognize that in spite of the horrors of the Holocaust, it teaches us that we should respect other people even if they are different from us, and to value our diverse cultures, religions and lifestyles. An important lesson is to be kind to others, the way you would want to be treated if you were in their situation.

No human being is sub-human, and if we start viewing someone in less-fortunate circumstances as less than us, we enforce the cycle of hate that causes oppression.

It is essential for us to have our own strong

convictions so that we do not fall into worshipping other people as idols. As many Germans idolized Hitler. Speaking up against wrongful or destructive propaganda is a way to educate those people who still believe falsehoods.

During this class, not only did we have the expertise of Prof. Heschel, a specialist in the period in Germany that led to the Holocaust, but she brought in several guest speakers, as well. The speaker who touched me most was a Holocaust speaker, Jacob Hennenberg, who shared his experiences and that of his sisters at Auschwitz. We also watched provocative films and were continually challenged by our interfaith discussions among 40 students of different religions, ethnicities and ages.

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Marissa Birnbaum, 75, lawyer, businesswoman and activist

Marissa Birnbaum, co-owner of the Malibu and Capri lounges, died on March 25 at the age of 75. She was a partner with her late husband in both business and volunteer efforts. The couple belonged to the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and were instrumental in spearheading the construction of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Birnbaum also belonged to the sisterhood of Kol Israel Foundation, Women's American ORT, Hadassah and Warrensville Center Synagogue.

A native of Leningrad, Russia, Mrs. Birnbaum studied law at the Leningrad Institute of Law until the German army launched its 900-day siege of the city. The school was moved to the Soviet Union's Asian region. Following her graduation with honors, Mrs. Birnbaum worked as a criminal lawyer in Soviet Asia. She and her husband immigrated to Munich before coming to Cleveland in 1951.

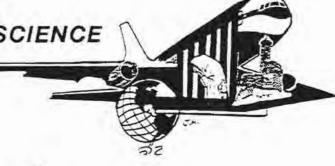
Mrs. Birnbaum was predeceased by her husband, Robert, four months ago. Surviving are a daughter, Lillian Horvat; two grandchildren; and a brother. Contributions may be made to the U.S. Holocaust Museum Education Fund, P.O. Box 90988, Washington, D.C. 20090-0988 or the Kol Israel Foundation, P.O. Box 24376, Cleveland, 44124.



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Dear Friends of Tol Israel:

I come to you as a member of the Kol Israel extended family. You have given to my life and to work together on beha Holocaust education.

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Ever since 1975 Hol Israel has encouraged and supported our most ambitious effort, the Journey of Conscience to the sites of the Holocaust in Europe and to Israel, Land of Rebirth. It was a heartfelt experience when many Hol Israel members embarked on the memorable 1989 Journey of Conscience. You have always been ready to ensure the continuation of Holocaust rendendrance and education. You are the true teachers.

Now we are about to begin our seventh Journey of Conscience Our financial responsibilities are greater than ever We have system students (more than on previous Journeys) and nine adults. The students all need financial aid Most The students are paying 2000 of the total cost of \$460.

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Journey of Conscience students are the bridge
to the coming generations.

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work together in remembrance and reverence
of our Kedoshim who perished during the
Holocaust. May our joint efforts in teaching
the lessons of the Holocaust help to bring
a world of Shalom-Peace for all humankind.

So heartfelt appreciation,
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October 10, 1997

Mr. Simon Fixler 1828 Edenhall Drive Cleveland, OH 44124

Dear Simon:

It was a pleasure to work closely with you and Kol Israel to co-sponsor the memorial service. The service was moving and the Federation is honored to continue to co-sponsor this program in the future.

I want to let you know about a call I received on Monday from Laurie Gross-Kammer at the JCC. As we discussed, she had arranged for several teenagers to volunteer at the Holocaust Memorial Service, by distributing programs and kippot. When students arrived on Sunday they were told that they were not needed and were not directed to anyone who might help them. I had hoped to be there by 1:30, but because of some complications, I unfortunately did not arrive until close to 2:00.

I have enclosed a copy of the apology letter that I am sending them. I wanted to bring this to your attention so that we can make sure that we improve youth involvement in the future.

Sincerely,

Ellen Babil

Staff Associate

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Enclosure

cc: Laurie Gross-Kammer

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December 12, 1997

Mr. Simon Fixler, President Kol Israel Foundation P.O. Box 21146 Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Dear Mr. Fixler:

On behalf of The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland (the "Federation"), I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from The Kol Israel Foundation, Cleveland, OH, to establish The Kol Israel Foundation Special Purpose Memorial Fund, component fund of the Federation ("Kol Israel Fund").

In general, the purpose of the Kol Israel Fund will provide for the preservation of the Holocaust Memorial Monument located at Zion Memorial Park, 5461 Northfield Road, Bedford, Ohio, and an annual memorial service in honor of those who perished in the Holocaust. So long as it is reasonably feasible, all distributions shall be made after consultation with the president and secretary of The Kol Israel Foundation and the president of Second Generation Kol Israel. However, the Federation shall retain ultimate authority over the use of principal and income of the Kol Israel Fund. In general, annual distributions shall be limited to 5.5% of the market value of the Kol Israel Fund; based on an average market value for the prior 12-calendar quarters, except when repairs and/or renovations are necessary.

In the event that the general purposes of the Kol Israel Fund may not be reasonably achieved, annual distributions shall be used for Holocaust education after consultation with the president

and secretary of The Kol Israel Foundation. As a Federation component Fund, the Kol Israel Fund shall be subject to said Federation's rules, from time to time, governing the operation of endowment funds (including rules regarding changes of purpose).

The operating terms of the Kol Israel Fund as stated herein may be amended, from time to time, by written agreement entered into between the Federation and The Kol Israel Foundation (or successor organization). It is recognized that the Federation has not provided any goods or services to you or to any other person in consideration, in whole or in part, for any gift acknowledged herein.

Please acknowledge your agreement to the foregoing terms by signing, dating and returning to me the enclosed copy of this letter.

Acknowleged and Agreed to:
The Kol Israel Foundation

President and

With all good wishes Sincerely,

Alan D. Gross Director of Endowment Development

cc: Barry Reis Marcia Wexberg, Esq.

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The Bible says to teach your children. Dad taught us to LOVE LAUGH, LISTEN, ENJOY THE SILLIEST CARTOONS, RESPECT AND CARE FOR THE EARTH, STUDY AND WORK HARD, CHANGE A TIRE, TAKE LIFE SERIOUSLY, LOVE EACH OTHER, MAKE INVESTMENTS, BUILD HOMES, TAR A ROOF, APPRECIATE GOOD FRIENDS, BE HONEST, LAUGH AT YOURSELF, ENJOY NATURES BEAUTY, RESPECT MONEY, TRY, BELIEVE IN ONES SELF, FORGIVE AND FORGET, PROTECT WHATS YOURS AND NEVER GIVE UP.



He taught us how to be a success all we needed to do was watch him.

Although he is gone, his lessons have not stopped. They continue in our memories. As he watches over us, we know he enjoys seeing us use the knowledge he has passed down. Whenever we pickup a stock page or do a household project we think of him. It helps us.

This is why we remember him everyday. What he gave is inside each one of us. It has become part of our existence, part of what has helped to mold who we are. Part of him lives on in us and what better gift to leave on this earth..... then a part of yourself..... and we will pass it on to our children..... and they to theirs...... THANK YOU DAD...

WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU !!

Hedy, Fred, Jenna & Katie Gelin

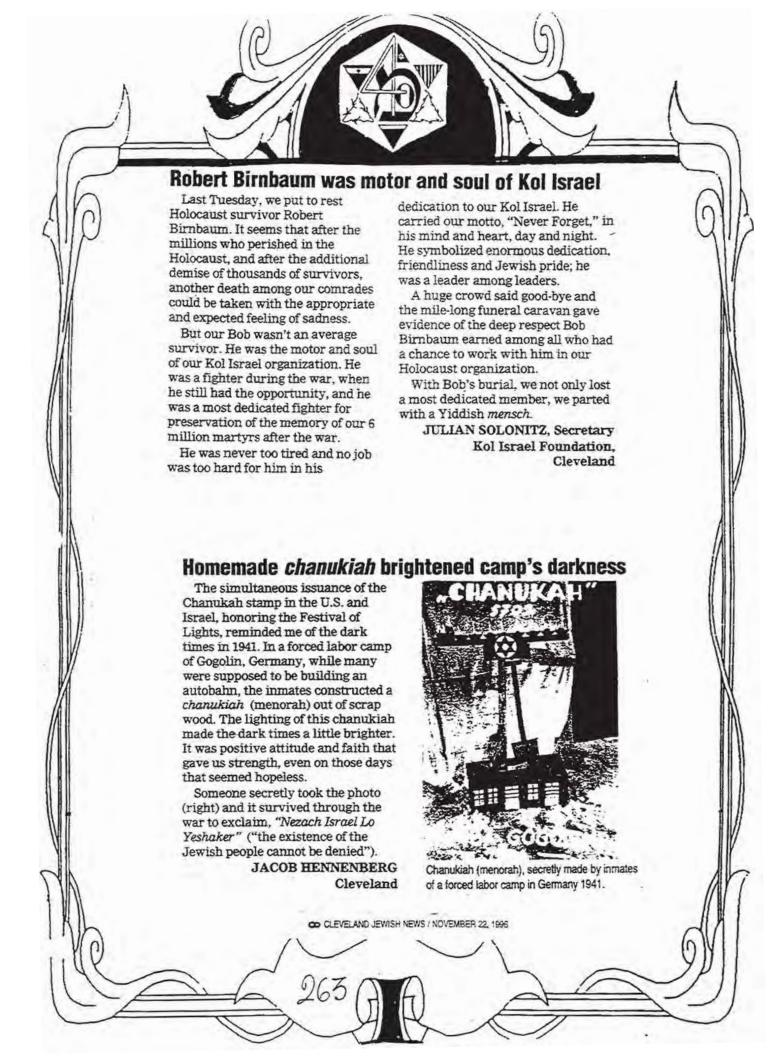
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Just as an artisan is proud of work well performed, so does the Almighty take pride in the man of worthy conduct.

(Midrash Tehillim 119)







March 24, 1997

Mr. Simon Fixler Kol Israel Foundation P.O Box 21146 Cleveland OH 44121

Dear Mr. Fixler:

I sincerely thank you for your generous contribution of \$250.00 to the victims of the Ohio Valley floods.

Your gift is helping us assist more than 18,000 families in eight states, including Ohio, where Red Cross workers and volunteers have been working tirelessly providing flood victims with food, shelter, clothing and emotional comfort.

The report I have just received from the field indicates that our workers will be on the scene for at least another three months. Our disaster experts are also telling me that our total cost of helping people in their dire time of need will exceed S5 million, clearly the biggest disaster this area has seen in some time.

Of that sum, approximately \$1,500 in aid will go to each family of four persons affected by the floods. The remainder goes to keeping the hundreds of Red Cross workers nourished and warm as they take time out of their own lives to help their neighbors recover from their tragedy.

Again, thank you for allowing us to provide help when help can't wait. I speak on behalf of all flood victims and Red Cross volunteers in saying we are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Steve D. Bullock

Vice Chairman, Ohio State Service Council

Steen D. Bullow,

Chief Executive Officer, Greater Cleveland Chapter

THIS LETTER WILL SERVE AS SUBSTANTIATION FOR YOUR 1997 TAX RETURN THAT NO GOODS OR SERVICES WERE RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ABOVE NOTED CONTRIBUTION AND THUS IS FULLY TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AS ALLOWABLE BY LAW.



Robert Birnbaum, was Kol Israel president

By RICHARD M. PEERY PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

SOUTH EUCLID — Robert Birnbaum was a former president of the Kol Israel Foundation of Cleveland-area survivors of the Holocaust and was a national leader in Holocaust activities.

He served on the executive committee for the construction of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. He frequently spoke in schools and participated in ceremonies as a survivor.

Mr. Birnbaum was also involved in efforts to fight to deport accused Nazi war criminals.

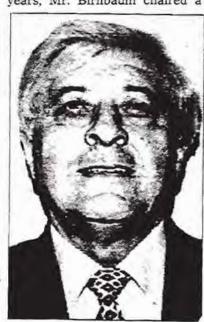
Mr. Birnbaum died Saturday at Meridia Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Heights. He was 75. He was born in Novasaunch, Poland. Although he was a teenager when Germany invaded Poland, he participated in resistance efforts. He and a brother, Henry, managed to escape to Russia, the only members of their extended family to survive. About 300 relatives, including their parents and four siblings, died in concentration camps. The Birnbaums wanted to continue fighting, but were sent to labor camps in Siberia instead.

Mr. Birnbaum met his wife, Marisa Grakow, in Russia. They were married 52 years. They came to the United States in 1951 and settled in South Euclid. As president of Kol Israel for many years, Mr. Birnbaum chaired a committee that brought ashes from concentration camps in Europe and placed them in a Cleveland monument of the Holocaust.

He also raised funds to support projects in Israel. He was a member of the Warrensville Center Synagogue.

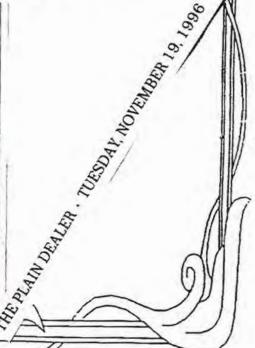
Mr. Birnbaum became a real estate owner and manager. He opened and operated the Capri Night Club in the old Cleveland Arena in the 1960s, when the section of Euclid Ave. between E. 30th and E. 40th streets was the center of the city's night life.

In addition to his wife and brother, Mr. Birnbaum is survived by a daughter, Lillian Horvat of Orange; and two grandchil-



Robert Birnbaum

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The Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel Winter Newsletter - December 1996

Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Ms. Cindy Feuer, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz, Ms. Anne Lukas and Mr. Julian Solonitz

Fall 1996 Activities:

Kol Israel Annual Holocaust Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park - September 8, 1996

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Membership Luncheon

South Euclid Recreation Center - August 5, 1996

Second Generation Kol Israel - Hidden Jews of Poland

Menorah Park Auditorium - November 22, 1996

Kol Israel Annual Meeting

Green Road Synagogue - December 9, 1996

Winter-Spring 1997 Activities:

Second Generation Kol Israel -

Holocaust Expression Theater Time & Location TBA Family Social at Shaker Lakes Time TBA

Anne Frank in the World 1929-45 - touring exhibit

Cleveland Play House April 1 - May 23, 1997

The Diary of Anne Frank

Cleveland Play House - April 1 - May 17, 1997

Memorial Monument Rededication

Zion Memorial Cemetery - May 4, 1997

Yom Hashoah V'HAGVURA Community Commemoration

B'nai Yeshurun - May 4, 1997

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Spring Luncheon

South Euclid Recreation Center - May 12, 1997

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

President's Greetings - Simon Fixler

On December 7th, we had our Annual Meeting at Green Road Synagogue. Our Chairman Mike Frum opened the meeting, followed by reports of our officers and committee chairs.

I am very proud of the dedicated work of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. I want to offer two special thanks, one to Mrs. Hilda Burstyn for doing a great job for our organization, and a second one to Evelyn and Steve Slomovitz for preparing and organizing a beautiful Chanukah Party.

I am very pleased with the fact that we have currently 505 members, including 54 Life members, may both numbers continue to grow.

I am very pleased with the great response we had for the inscription of names on the Memorial Monument Wall. We received over 700 reservations which are in the process of being etched on to the walls. We all owe a special thank you to our Vice-President, Steve Slomovitz, who not only contributed his time, materials, and labor to construct the wall, but also worked with Mr. Vladimir Konstantinovsky on the planning, ordering and applying of the granite blocks and the name inscription.

We also owe special thanks to our historian, Mr. Jacob Hennenberg, who has done a great job in organizing and coordinating with Mr. Konstanovsky the orders and name inscriptions.

There is still time and room to add names to perpetuate the memory of lost loved ones who perished during the Holocaust years.

I am proposing that we work on the establishment of a Kol Israel Memorial Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to assure the upkeep and perpetual care of the monument for many years to come. I ask our members to donate to the fund at every occasion.

Kol Israel Foundation General Meeting -Secretary Julian Solonitz

In a festive atmosphere, it was a Chanukah day, the assembled membership honored the memory of our departed members. Mr. Berliner, our Treasurer's husband, was invited to light the Chanukah candles and we were ready for the official Agenda. Secretary Solonitz gave a review of the latest Election proceedings, followed by reports of various officers and committee chairmans.

Betty Berliner reported about our financial status.

Leo Silberman followed with the membership report. Herman Frank provided information about the Memorial Wall and the inscription of names on it. He also informed us about the Yom Hashoa Day which will take place on May 4, 1997, at Bnai Yeshurun Temple.

Our new President, Simon Fixler, greeted the assembled members and expressed thanks to the outgoing President Dr. Harel. He informed the audience about the need and plans to establish a special Memorial Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to secure the upkeep of the Memorial Monument in the future. He also reported that our membership dues would be assessed for the period from January to the end of December, starting with 1997.

We also learned that Mr. and Mrs. Hertz have become life members of our organization.

Talking about ideas for our future socials, Secretary Solonitz suggested interesting topics, a video done by the Lithuanian T.V. showing the story of Max Curtis' unusual survival, or a video of the famous Kabatchnik's Soviet Klezmer.

Dr. Harel, our former President, explained our Code of Regulations which require that any changes be approved by our membership. He offered a motion, seconded by Betty Berliner, to include the Memorial Chairman - Herman Frank- on our Executive Board. The motion passed unanimously. Since some of our officials could not be present, our official business came to a close.

And thanks to the gracious contributions of Mr. and Mrs. Slomovitz our "Social" provided a good time to all.

Annual Holocaust Memorial Service - 1996

The Annual Memorial Service for victims of the Holocaust took place at Zion Memorial Park on Sunday, September 8, 1996. Herman Frank and Avi Goldman cochaired the memorial service which was held at the recently renovated Kol Israel Memorial Monument.

Following the traditional presentation of the colors by Jewish War Veterans flags of liberating countries were also on display. Participants included Kol Israel President Simon Fixler, Rabbi Pickholtz, community leaders Mr. Sam Miller and Mr. James Samuels. Beth Am cantor Arthur Shragg chanted the Kadish and the K'El Malei Rachamim.

The Holocaust Memorial Monument -

We are pleased to inform you that most of the work, including the application of granite blocks to the walls around the monument at the Zion Cemetery Monument, has been completed.

Mr. Steve Slomovitz, who has donated his time, labor and materials, has done a great job. The contractor who was retained to landscape and cover the area surrounding the monument with pavers has completed much of the work prior to the 1996 Memorial Service. We are very pleased with the quality of the granite blocks and the work of Mr. Vladimir Konstantinovsky. He has completed the application of the granite blocks on the brick walls surrounding the monument. The monument looks great. It is one of its kind and we can be very proud with this memorial for the six million Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust.

The etching of names on the granite blocks is in progress. All the names for whom reservations have been received will be inscribed on the granite blocks prior to the dedication ceremony, planned for Yom Hashoa, May 4, 1997. Members who are still interested in having names of lost loved ones inscribed on the granite blocks at the Memorial Monument should call our historian, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, 464-5149.

The Holocaust Memorial Fund

Mr. Herman Frank, Memorial Chairman will be providing the leadership for fund-raising to establish a Memorial Fund which will assure the perpetual care for the Memorial Monument. Members willing to contribute to the Kol Israel Holocaust Memorial Fund should send checks to the Kol Israel Foundation, Holocaust Memorial Fund. P.O. Box 21146 Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Children Survivors of the Holocaust in Cleveland

A group of survivors, who were children during the Holocaust years, has held several organizational meetings during the Fall 1996. The primary interest is to evolve a support group that may offer special understanding for Child Holocaust survivors whose concerns have not been understood/addressed by the existing survivor organizations. The group includes survivor organization members as well as unaffiliated survivors. Several large cities have chapters of Children Survivors of the Holocaust with annual meetings. If interested, call Rose Gelbart at 360-9030.

Kol Israel Foundation Life Membership

We are most pleased to inform you that as of July 31, 1996, we have fifty-four Life Members. KIF life membership, \$125 for individuals and \$250 for a couple, will gratefully be accepted any time.

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Harry Abraham Molly & Abbie Akst Tova & Sam Baron Sally Bergrin Alice & Simon Fixler Betty Berry Ester & Herman Frank Judith & Herbert Frankel Rina & Sam Frankel Ann & Mike Frum Nitza & Nehemia Hampel Bernice & Zev Harel Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg Clara & Alex Hertz Denise & Jack Herskovitz Rose Kaplovitz Suzanne & Bernard Krakow Martin Lax Chava & Anchel Lebovits Lola Mandelbaum Lola & Morry Malcmacher Rose Marmor Frances & Stanley Newman Dina Offman Leatrice & Irving Rabinsky Eva Reis Paula & Leo Silverman Evelyn & Steve Slomovitz Hans & Gisele Walter Eva & Jack Wieder Norman Weinstein Perl& Bernard Yaeger

Kol Israel Foundation 40th Anniversary Book.

Mr. Hennenberg reports that reservations continue to be received for the 40th Anniversary book. The 40th anniversary book will be more extensive than the one produced for the 35 Anniversary. Mr. Hennenberg advises members to send in their reservations as soon as possible since the date of reservation determines the location of personal contribution in the anniversary book. Interested members, who want to contribute personal stories, or adds, should call:

Jacob Hennenberg at 464-5149.

Returning to Chmielnik - Henny Morehouse
Henny Lukas Morehouse, member of Second
Generation Kol Israel, recently returned from her
second trip to Poland, having visited her mother's
shtetl Chmielnik. She met the mayor, who helped her
find a key to her mother's house, and managed to get
the present owner to give her a tour and even
videotape the interior! Vith the help of a translator, she
held a meeting with the mayor to discuss renovations
of the deteriorated synagogue, which are now
seriously planned.

Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to families in grief over the loss Kol Israel family member:

Musia Birnbaum and family for the loss of Bob Birnbaum, leader and former president of

Kol Israel Foundation:

Tonka Blinbaum and family for the loss of Ber Blinbaum:

Berta Frayman and family for the loss of Aaron Frayman;

Rose lekovicz and family for the loss of Joseph Ickowitz

Moss family for the loss of Rena Moss

Zion Family for the loss of Phila Zion

Refuah Slema! Speedy recovery!

Best wishes for speedy recovery to KIF members who had recent episodes of illness and/or hospitalization.

Issac Alpert Molly Akst Musia Birnbaum Ruth Davis Herman Frank Rezel Ganz Hilda Hennenberg Morris Horn

Rose Lewan Sylvia Malcmacher

Henry Miller Lola Reis

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to Kol Israel Foundation friend Bea Stadtler

Congratulation on special simchas

Our hearty congratulations and best wishes are extended to the following KIF members:

Eva & Joseph Dorfsman Rywka & Morry Grunspan Lola & Morry Malcmacher Svlvia & Isidor Malcmacher Dina & Richard Widman on their 50th Anniversary celebration

Celia & Abe Milchiker

on their 55th Anniversary celebration

Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, founded and chaired by Steven Spielberg, is continuing in its efforts to have all survivors' testimonies videotaped. If you have not yet given your testimony, call 1-800-661-2092, or send the enclosed application.

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura and Holocaust Monument Rededication - Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

Our greater Cleveland community will be privileged to participate in a unique two-part ceremony of Holocaust commemoration and monument rededication on Sunday, May 4, 1997.

During the morning at eleven o'clock, at Zion Memorial Park, Holocaust survivors, their family members and members of the community will conduct a solemn ceremony in memory of their departed lost loved ones. Twelve hundred names of victims of the Holocaust and of departed Kol Israel Foundation members are/will be inscribed in the new Wall of Memory which has been built encircling the Kol Israel Foundation Holocaust Memorial Monument, The renovated structure is a fitting "matzeva" to memorialize cherished family members. A meaningful rededication ceremony will include tribute invocations. psalms, choral presentations and traditional memorial prayers. Multi-generations of survivor families will join in the commemorative prayers after the memorial unveiling ceremony.

At 7:30 p.m., the Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Holocaust Commemoration will take place at B'nai Yeshurun Temple. A special tribute media presentatio:. will tell the experiences of Cleveland Holocaust survivors, based on the video created by the National Council of Jewish Women and Channel Five. Jesse Epstein, Cleveland cinematographer, will produce the new documentary which will also be appropriate for educational purposes in schools.

An area-wide Creative Arts competition will include poetry and art work of students from elementary, middle and high schools. The children's choir of B'nai Yeshurun will sing songs of the ghettos.

Three generations of families of Holocaust survivors will participate in the solemn candle lighting service. School children from religious and public schools will participate in the commemorative "March of Generations.

This year's tribute book will feature a memorial section dedicated to Sender Wajsman, founder of the Warsaw Ghetto and Holocaust Commemoration annual events, created by Bea Stadtler, Holocaust educator.

Co-chairpersons of the Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura are Avi Goldman and Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

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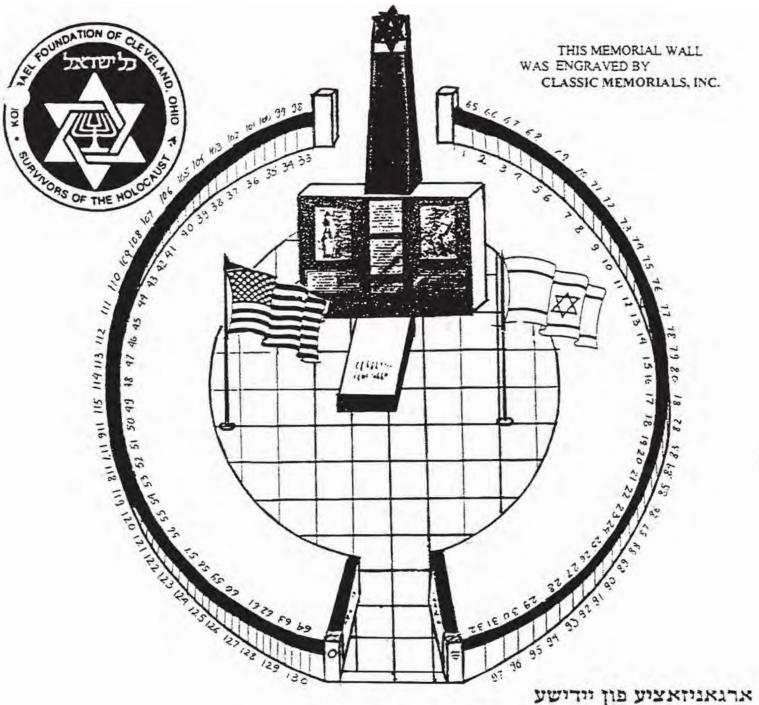


Diagram of the Memorial Walls

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P. O. Box 21146 South Euclid, Ohio - 44121

This diagram will help you find your family's inscribed names.

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Slabs 33 through 64 can be found on the left inner wall.

Slabs 65 through 97 can be found on the right outer wall.

Slabs 98 through 130 can be found on the left outer wall.

As Historian of the Kol Israel Foundation, I hope that these memorial walls will give those who put their relatives' names on them, a sense of accomplishment. I hope you feel that you have fulfilled your obligation of erecting a monument with their names on it. Our sages refer to the monuments as Vefash, which literally means "soul." It is considered a mittya to honor the dead, while in the same time giving you peace of mind.

Etched in Stone

By Julie Hennenberg

The unique skill he brought with him is his portraiture in stone, etched either on memorials or on honorary plaques. Using only a set of three precision hand tools and slabs of black granite, Vladimir Konstantinovsky creates images that have already earned him commissions all over the country. Vladimir was uncertain, if his work would be appreciated and needed here in America. His success has proven otherwise. "In Europe, stone portrait work has been very popular for many years," he explains, "Soviets are more elaborate with their monuments. They go to the cemetery every week, planting flowers, washing the stones. They go there instead of to temple," he remarks. Konstantinovsky notes that finding black granite in America is difficult, which works best for etching. The stone, which is white under its polished surface, is imported only from India and South Africa, and is quite costly.

Mr. Konstantinovsky studied art for four years in addition to graduating from engineering school. The artist has been doing etchings for around thirty years. First in his homeland and now out of Classic Memorials, Inc., Through the years Vladimir has done etchings on about 4,000 stones, impressing all who know his work. In the Soviet Union 99% of his work were just portraits, because symbolizing religion was illegal! Konstantinovsky says that he enjoys representing religious subjects and landscapes, which allow his creativity to flow, since they do not have to be as accurate. Vladimir Konstantinovsky believes that in portraits accuracy is very important, because of emotional connections between friends and family. He has perfected a technique that resembles pointillism; Vladimir inscribes a pattern of dots, rather than scratching the surface. Every stroke is freehand, and once the diamond-tipped instrument is tapped into the surface of the granite it is permanent. Vladimir Konstantinovsky's choice of trade, is very familiar to his family. Both his father and grandfather worked on engraving and lettering monuments. "Because of them, I knew the stones and how to work with them," he notes.

The artist says he is indebted to many people in the Cleveland area for making his success possible. In 1975, he and his parents applied for visas to the United States. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leyb Konstantinovsky, received their papers to travel, but he and his family did not get theirs until 1987. Vladimir believes that during those twelve years, the eleven times he applied for visas, and the appeals from members of the B'nai Jeshurun Congregation had a great deal to do with his release from the Soviet Union.

Konstantinovsky knows how to make loved ones remembered in such a special way. Many times Vladimir meets the loved one's who hire him, and learn just how special the people he etches were. The recent monument dedicated at the Bay Village City Hall in memory of Amy Mihaljevic, who was brutally murdered, was work that Konstantinovsky donated. "I also want to help create a monument to the Holocaust here," he said with intent. His ten aunts and uncles died in the Holocaust, and both his father, and his father-in-law, Yefim Shteyngart (b/m), participated in the war. "... I want to honor them. Everyone coming here lost family," Vladimir said. This Kol Israel Foundation member's intentions are becoming real as he continues to do work on the Kol Israel Monument, and the surrounding wall at Mount Zion Memorial Park. Vladimir, together with his wife, Marina, operate their monument company, Classic Memorials Inc., which is located at 13880 Cedar Rd., Cedar Center. The telephone number is 321-6740. They have two children, Elina and Daniel. They believe that a bright future is clearly etched in stone.

The Missing Link: Rabbi Chaim Zvi Kuperman

Rabbi Chaim Zvi, Chief Justice of Oschpizin did not have a rabbinical background. His father, R. Moshe was a businessman, a partner in the manufacturing of alcoholic beverages. Rabbi Chaim Zvi was the son-in-law of Reb Josef Libyonzer Schenker. Rabbi Chaim Zvi acquired the mosaic law from the distinguished Rabbi Dov Berisch Frummer, a justice in Oschpizin. From Rabbi Frummer, he learned and acquired his honorable traits. Due to his great talents of wisdom, knowledge, and honesty the Jewish population of Oschpizin elected Chaim Zvi to the position of Rabbi, after the death of the town's former Rabbi.

During the administration of Rabbi Chaim Zvi, a bitter struggle took place between the Orthodox and the liberal community, for the power to shape the community's foundation. During this struggle, the leadership of the community changed from one group to another. When the liberals achieved the majority, they appointed Rabbi Dr. Ephraim Israel Blicher to the position of Chief Rabbi. When the Orthodox had the majority, they appointed Rabbi Schlomo Halberstam, the founder of the Bobov Dynasty. When Rabbi Schlomo Halberstam left his post due to differences in opinion, and moved to Wischnica, they appointed Rabbi Abele Schnur the Chief Rabbi. Following him was Rabbi Dr. Leibusch Mintz, an intelligent man with original ideas. Since then, and until the Holocaust, all Chief Rabbis were Orthodox. A few of these Rabbis included: Rabbi Bombach, Rabbi Lando, Rabbi Rosenblum, and Rabbi Halberstam. During this period. while different Rabbis served as Justices, Rabbi Chaim Zvi Kuperman held on to his position as Chief Justice. Rabbi Chaim Zvi had a tremendous knowledge of the Torah, and he was acknowledged of his righteousness by Rabbi Ascherl of Ropczyc, Rabbi Chaim of Sanz, and was a good friend of Rabbi Schlomo Halberstam of Bobov. During those forty years. Rabbi Chaim Zvi guided his community in the tradition of the Torah. He passed away of natural causes during the week of Passover 5642 (1882). He was buried near the Ohel of his mentor, Rabbi Dov Berisch Frummer, author of the book, Pious Words.

Rabbi Chaim Zvi Kuperman was the father of my grandmother, Rose Kuperman. She was married to Henoch Hennenberg, and my father Chaim Zvi Hennenberg was born in the year 1888, in Oswiecim, being named after his grandfather, who passed on six years before his birth. My father had eight siblings: his sisters - - Tauba and Kreindel, and his brothers - - Abe Eliezer, Izaak, David. Buroch, Moishe Leib and Salomon Nathan, who was named after his father's father. May Their Memories Be of a Blessing.

Jacob Hennenberg & his granddaughter Julie Hennenberg





Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland has been awarded a grant by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc. to provide essential social services to elderly Jewish victims of Nazi persecution/occupation. The services offered include case management, counseling, and home care services. Additional support services such as transportation, shopping assistance, referrals to community resources, Home Delivered Meals and Help-Line services are also available through the program. The main objective is to help elderly Holocaust survivors remain in their own homes as long as possible. The program will help sensitize institutions to the special needs of the survivor community through consultation and educational programs. A corps of volunteers will be developed to visit isolated, lonely or sick members of the community. There are no financial eligibility restrictions. Any person who is a survivor is eligible for services of the program. Fees for in-home services are based on the cost of service.

The Holocaust Survivor Program has been funded in seven (7) U.S. cities, to date. Miriam Katz, a Licensed Social Worker, has been appointed as Case Manager/Counselor to the program. She speaks English, Hebrew and Yiddish and has experience in working with the elderly. Mrs. Katz can be reached at 371-2600, extension 137 for further information.

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The archive of testimonies will be made available to museums and nonprofit organizations for historical research and other educational purposes. Each testimony is a legacy for children, grandchildren and generations to follow. These testimonies honor the memory of those who will never be heard.

If you would like to give your testimony to the Shoah Foundation, please fill out the information below as completely as possible. Your contribution to this endeavor will be invaluable to the education of future generations.



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Community to mark Yom Hashoah May 4

A community-wide commemoration of Yom Hashoah will be held on Sunday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation.

The free event, titled "Survivors, Legacy and Testimony," will begin with the presentation of colors and includes a March of the Generations and a candlelighting ceremony by three generations of families of survivors.

A new documentary of the survivors' testimonies and legacies, "We Remember," will be featured. The video presents excerpts from the oral histories of several Cleveland survivors. A choir of young people and adults representing local congregations, led by Hazzan Edward Berkovits of B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, will sing.

Jacob Hennenberg's Precious Legacy collection of memorabilia of the Holocaust years will be featured. Hennenberg will give a guided tour of the documents and artifacts.

Avi Goldman and Leatrice B. Rabinsky are co-chairpersons of Yom NAME Hashoah V'HaGvura. Herman Frank is memorial chairman and Mary Chaitoff created the memorial presentation.

Poems and artwork relating to the Holocaust, which were created by area schoolchildren, will be on display, and winners of the poetry contest will read from their work. (See related article on pages 26-27.) The program is co-sponsored by area organizations, agencies and congregations and coordinated by the Jewish Community Center.

Jacob Hennenberg to speak

Holocaust survivor Jacob Hennenberg will speak at an interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service on Monday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal in Hudson. Music will be provided by area choirs and soloists. The collection gathered at the service will be donated to the Honor A Rescuer fund-raising drive sponsored by Temple Beth Shalom. Call 216-655-5384.

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Anne Frank Play and Exhibit - Cindy Feuer

This coming Spring, 1977, The Cleveland Play House and the National Conference will be presenting "Anne Frank: The Legacy.. The Promise." This event will feature the internationally acclaimed tourist exhibit "Anne Frank in the World 1929-1945" from April 1 to May 23, 1997 and the Pulitzer-price winning play, "The Diary of Anne Frank" from April 1 to May 17, 1997.

The exhibit which will include more than 600 photos, the film "Dear Kitty", and a model of the Secret Annex where the Frank family hid for over two years. The play captures the warmth, wonder, humor, and anguish of Anne's passage from childhood to womanhood in this account of the Frank family's struggle to survive the Holocaust.

Volunteers will be needed to: 1. staff the bookstore and make cash sales; 2. board a school bus and go through the expectations of students while they visit the exhibit; 3. be tour guides (docents).

Docents will be given two training sessions. Other volunteers will receive one training session. Anyone interested in being a volunteer or would like more information, please call Cindy Feuer - 691-0123

Second Generation Kol Israel Activities

Second Generation Kol Israel co-sponsored with Cleveland Hillel Foundation and the Jewish Genealogical Society a presentation by Rabbi Michael Schudrich of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation on Sunday, November 24th, 1996. His topic was "Today's Hidden Jews of Poland". The program was held at Menorah Park Auditorium.

The youthful American Rabbi has spent the past five years as the Director of Education and Outreach for the Jews of Poland. He spoke about his vision of giving every Jew the opportunity to be Jewish. While there are only two full-time rabbis in Poland today, estimates of people of Jewish heritage are between 5.000 - 30.000, including many hidden Jews of World War II and their families.

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The Greens honors Harel

Bernice Harel was recently hon- [ON ored by The Greens Adult Living Communities when she received its first annual-Greens Heart-to-Heart Recognition Award. Harel has been the executive director of the Tri-City Consortium on Aging for the past three years. Her agency, which was also honored, promotes independence for people 60 years of age or older and provides support services for family caregivers living in South Euclid, Lyndhurst and Highland Heights.

The award was presented at the grand opening celebration of The Greens Adult Living Communities in Lyndhurst. The campus consists of three communities: wellness-based assisted living at The Fountains of the Greens; assisted living for persons with Alzheimer's disease at Emerald Court at the Fountains; and rehabilitation and post-acute care at The Greens Post-Acute and Rehabilitation Center.

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דאס שטעטל ווו איך בין געבוירן און דערצויגן געווארן איז געווען קליין. ביים אויסברוך פון דער מלחמה אין 1939 האט די באפעלקערונג געציילט נישט מער ווי צוויי טויזנט יידן און בערך פינף טויזנט פאלאקן.

עס זיינען געווען צייטן ווען דאס שטעטל איז געווען גרויס און זייער אנגעזען. לויט דער געשיכטע איז באוווסט, אז דאס שטעטל האט שוין עקזיסטירט אין יאר 1780. דער רב איז דעמאלט געווען הרב יהודה-לייב מארגאליס, אן אנערקענטער שרייבער און פילאזאף וועלכער איז נפטר געווארן אין וו18 אין פראנקפורט. ווי עס האט געטראפן מיט אסך אזעלכע שטעטלעך האבן -אין גאנג פון יארן לאקאלע און וועלט קריזיסן גורם געווען עס זאל זיך פארקלענערן דער וווקס פון די שטעטלעך און עס זאל זיך אויך ענדערן זייער אויסזען.

ביז היינט שטייט מיר נאך פאר די אויגן מיין שטעטעלע ווו איך בין געבוירן געווארן, פארבראכט מיינע קינדער און יוגנט-יארן. דא האב איך געחלומט און געהאפט אויף בעסערע

נאך מיין בר-מצוה האט מען מיר געשיקט קיין פולטוסק אין דער נעווארדאקער ישיבה. נאך צוויי יאר האב איך געמוזט איבעררייסן דאס לערנען און פארן צוריק אהיים זיך לערנען א פאך. איך בין געווארן א שניידער. אין די צוויי יאר וואס איך אלעמאל געווען אקטיוו אין פון זיין גייסטיקן וויסן. ארטאדאקסישע קרייון. איך האב פארבליבן עד-היום.

מוז איך דערמאנען א פאר מענטשן, געווען זייער טרויעריק. א טאג פאר וועלכע האבן אויף מיר געמאכט דעם יום-כיפור 1942 זיינען די דייטשן שטארקסטן איינדרוק און וועלכע געקומען צום רב און אויפגעפאדערט, האבן באווירקט מיין געדאנקען-גאנג אז אויף מארגן, אין דעם טאג פון אין מיינע שפעטערדיקע יארן. אלס יום-כיפור זאל ער צושטעלן א צאל

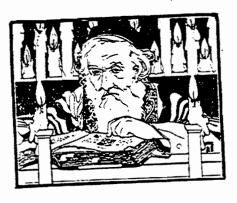
ערשטער ביישפיל זיינען פאר מיר געווען מיינע עלטערן. זייער אויפפירונג, ליבע צו מיטמענטשן, די דיטציפלין און גלייבצייטיק די ווארעמע ליבע צי די קינדער און די ליבע און דער כבוד פון די קינדער צו . זיי - דאס לאזט זיך נישט פארגעסן דער כבוד וואס מיינע עלטערן האבן באקומען פון פארשיידענע מענטשן האט געמאכט א גרויסן איינדרוק אויף

איך פיל ווי צו דערמאנען מיין דרדקי-מלמד רב קיבה-בערל ראזענבלאט, דעם חזן פון שטעטל חיים-יואל אראנסאן, דעם רבי ר׳ שמואל-אבא זעמל און נאך אנדערע שיינע בעל-תפילה פערזענלעכקייטן וועלכע האבן באאיינפלוסט מיין כאראקטער. דערמאנען די וואס זיינען אומגעקומען איז א גרויסע מצוה. וויל איך אביסל שרייבן וועגן דעם לעצטן רב פון שטעטל הרב חנוך הענעך נאוורי ז״ל. וועגן זיין באשיידענער ליבשאפט און אויפריכטיקער מענטשלעכקייט צו יעדן יידן פון שטעטל. ליידער האט ער געטיילט דעם זעלבן טרויעריקן גורל מיט אנדערע שטעטלדיקע יידן נאר מיט נאך מער רציחה. ווען מען האט אלע יידן ארויסגעפירט פון באדזאנאוו אין מערץ 1941 האט מען אונדז געבראכט קיין טשענסטאכאוו. רב נאוורי איז געווען באליבט אין באדואנאוו און איז אויך תיכף זייער באליבט געווארן ביי די טשענסטאכאווער יידן. מען פלעגט קומען צו אים נאך הילף. צי האב פארבראכט אין דער ישיבה און דאס איז געווען א גוט ווארט, אן עצה אין די אלע יארן דערנאך בין איך אדער סתם א וויכוח און צו געניסן

די דייטשישע רוצחים האבן איינגעזאפט דעם ארטאדאקסישן וועג זיך דערווווסט וועגן די אפטע באזוכן פון לעבן, וועלכער איז ביי מיר און עס איז זיי געווארן פארדעכטיקט, עס האט צו זיי אויסגעזען ווי א צום אנדענק פון מיין שטעטל קאנספיראציע. דער סוף פון דעם איז

מענטשן צו צוואנגס-ארבעט. האט דער רב ז"ל זיי געענטפערט, אז ער -וועט קיין איינציקן מענטשן אין יום כיפור אדער אפילו אין אנדערע טעג נישט צושטעלן. ״אויב איר דארפט די מענטשן מוזט איר דאס אליין טאן" האט ער זיי געענטפערט. זיי האבן אים געווארנט, אז אויב ער וועט נישט צושטעלן די מענטשן וועט מען אים דערשיסן. האט רער רב אן שרעק זיי געואגט: אויב עס איז אווי באשערט בין איך גרייט צו שטארבן. דער רב האט געהאלטן ווארט, ער האט קיין איין מענטש נישט געשיקט צו דער ארבעט. ליידער האבן די דייטשן ימח-שמו אויך געהאלטן ווארט. צומארגנס נאך יום-כיפור האבן זיי אים ארויסגעשלעפט פון הויז און געשאסן. אזוי איז אויסגעלאשן געווארן דאס לעבן פון א ליכטיקער געשטאלט, וואס האט זיך מקריב געווען פאר זיינע מיטמענטשן.

מיט א צייט שפעטער האב -איך זיך אין איינעם פון די ארבעטס לאגערן אין טשענסטאכאוו דערוווסט, אז אין דער פינצטערער שטילקייט פון דער נאכט איז דער רב געבראכט געווארן צו קבר ישראל. כבוד זיין אנדענק.







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STEWART HOICOWITZ Freelance Writer

Your Hashoah V'Hagvura commemoration of the Holocaust and Warsaw Ghello uprising last Sunday evening at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation.

This year's commemoration paid tribute to the legacy and testimony of survivors with a video documentary and a memorial candlelighting ceremony by survivors and members of their families.

Survivors Simon Fixler, Rose Kaplovitz, Max Curtis, Ida Zelwin, Adam Beer and Helen Potash were called upon to light six memorial candles. Accompanying them on the bima (pulpit) were members of succeeding generations

The video, "We Remember," featured excerpts from the oral histories of several Cleveland area survivors. The oral histories were a project of the National Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland Section; the video was a collaborative effort of Leatrice Rabinsky, Sherri Koppel and Jesse Epstein.

In their opening remarks, Dr. Rabinsky and co-chair Avi Goldman spoke of the duty to preserve sur-

vivor legacies so that future generations can remember the "voices of the Holocaust." They also paid tribute to the life and recent passing of Warsaw Ghetto

Commemoration paid tribute to the legacy and testimony of survivors.

survivor Sender Wajsman who was instrumental in gaining community support for an annual Warsaw Ghetto uprising program that later became the Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura commemoration.

Leading off the program was the "March of Generations," young students who circled the sanctuary with lighted candles.

Also included in the program was a presentation of original poems by poetry- and prose-award winners from area public and private schools. Reciting their original works were winners Sarit Henig of the Cleveland Hebrew Schools, Julie Hennenberg of Orange High School and Karen Spero



Holocaust survivors and their families stand alongside six memorial candles at Yom Hashoah VHagvura commemoration at Bhai Jeshurun Congregation last Sunday.

The Cleveland Jewish Youth Cholr, under the direction of Cantor Edward Berkovits, performed "Songs of Remembrance," accompanied by keyboardist Mark Frehman.

This year's commemoration coincides with the dedication of a renovated granite wall at the Zion Memorial Cemetery.

"The most important thing we

should have learned from the Holocaust is that we are one people and we must respect each other," Dr. Sally Wertheim, president of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, told those in attendance.

The program was co-sponsored by area organizations, agencies and congregations and coordinated by the Jewish Community Center.

Wall of memories

FAYE SHOLITON Contributing Writer

"In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them ..."

or a Holocaust survivor, the Jewish commandment to remember the dead prompts particular anguish. Most loved ones perished without a trace; and half-a-century later, many of their names have become as distant and blurred as the memory of their faces.

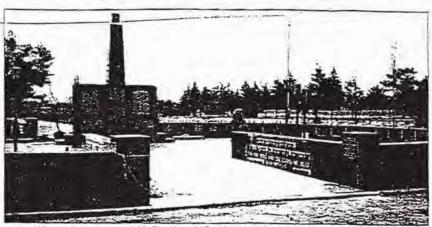
Members of the Kol Israel Foundation. Cleveland's largest survivor group, will honor the memory of their martyred relatives on Sunday, May 4, at II a.m. when they unveil their new wall of names at Zion Memorial Park in Bedford. Those to be honored also include area Holocaust survivors who died since 1945.

For the past 36 years, the foundation has provided a place for communal mourning at its black granite monument in Zion Memorial Park. Buried there are artifacts from Auschwitz, including human skeletal remains. But the monument and its setting needed both a face lift and a plan for long-term care.

Beachwood builder and Kol Israel member Steve Slomovitz took the lead in the restoration project, drawing a plan, acquiring the building permit and doing the actual construction. Following years of discussion on the subject, he was able to secure the

permit in 15 minutes and finish the preliminary construction in three days.

Slomovitz's contribution included tearing out overgrown shrubs and erecting a rounded 32-inch-tall concrete wall surrounding the brick-andgranite plaza around the monument. In the second stage, 200 polished black



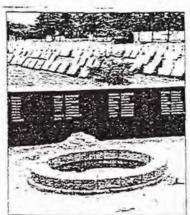
Kol Israel Foundation's new memorial in Zion Memorial Park honors relatives who perished. The brick and granite plaza is surrounded by a low wall containing 1,300 names inscribed on black granite tablets.

memorial tablets were affixed to the wall on both its outer and inner surfaces.

Slomovitz says the concept was inspired by the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., aithough in this design, each line recalls a single individual or family name, rather than a series of names strung togeth-

er. When the project is complete, there will be 1,300 names.

Last year, the planning committee commissioned artist Vladimir Konstantinovsky of Classic Memorials to carve the black granife tablets; four panels that border the two walkways will contain his signature hand-tooled engravings.



By design, each memorial panel was limited to nine names because in numerology, nine symbolizes both permanence and new life.

Monitoring every step are members of the current Kol Israel memorial committee, some of whom began the project more than 36 years ago with door-to-door solicitations.

One of the leaders, Jacob Hennenberg, has been instrumental in every aspect, from concept to realization. It was he who insisted on limiting each panel to nine names, recognizing that in numerology, nine symbolizes both permanence and new life. causing undue financial hardship for , their children and grandchildren. To that end, they have set up an endowment fund under the leadership of Herman Frank to cover anticipated costs for care and maintenance. Donations to the memorial fund may be addressed to Kol Israel Foundation, P.O. Box 21146, South Euclid, OH

"We are so happy to perpetuate something which will stay forever," says Fixler. "It's just beautiful."

What's in a wall?

or master engraver Vladimir Konstantinovsky, no day is complete without a call or visit that begins with an eager "Nu?"

His anxious supervisors are members of Kol Israel, who are watching him enter name after name on their memorial wall at Zion Memorial Park.

Konstantinovsky, who came here from Odessa in 1987, has found this time-consuming project to be a labor of love. Since Koi Israel arranged for names to be delivered directly to him, he says, he has had a rare opportunity to meet hundreds of members of the survivor community.

---- Devalonment

Hennenberg also serves as proof-

reader of names, providing some consistency in spellings. During the months of installation at the Bedford site, he has been a daily visitor.

Joining him on that watch is Kol Israel president Simon Fixler, who describes the project as the organization's "baby." As 20-year chairman the of group's memorial committee, he has spent days and nights on the phone explaining the project to anyone who wanted to participate. It remains open to all survivors, regardless of their affiliation with Kol

Israel.

Fixler and Hennenberg have prepared a listing with the location of every inscription so that visitors can find the names of their loved ones on the 250-foot space. They have also made provisions for names to be added to existing slabs so that family members will at last be united in death.

Even when the memorial is rededicated on May 4, the task of remembering will be unfinished. The planners want to ensure that the site is preserved for future generations without

Master engraver Vladimir Konstantinovsky, is entering the names of survivors on the newmemorial wall at Zion Memorial Park.

"Very seldom do people just come

in, give the names and leave," he explains. "They start to talk about what happened. A few have brought in pictures. Most have only memories."

Survivors bringing in names often have to wait in line, but few complain, he says. After their business is concluded, many return to his Cedar Center shop just to say hello.

Konstantinovsky and his wife, Marina, have become so involved with the project, they have joined Kol Israel.

"We never felt the same way as we do when we are among them," he says.

"When they come here, they are doing something from their heart."

The Konstantinovskys have reawakened personal memories with this project. Eighteen of their Soviet Jewish relatives were killed during World War II and never got a proper monument.

To set that right, three lines on the Kol Israel memorial now bear the names of the Konstantinovsky, Hazan and Vaysenberg families.

"We are survivors, too," he says.

- F.S.



VOICE OF THE SURVIVORS





The Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel Spring Newsletter - March 1997

Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Ms. Cindy Feuer, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz, Ms. Anne Lukas and Mr. Julian Solonitz

Fall-Winter 1996 Activities:

Kol Israel Annual Holocaust Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park - September 8, 1996

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Membership Luncheon

South Euclid Recreation Center - August 5, 1996

Second Generation Kol Israel - Hidden Jews of Poland Today

Menorah Park Auditorium - November 24, 1996

Spring 1997 Activities:

Second Generation Kol Israel - Demjanjuk and Future Nazi Prosecutions Fairmount Temple - March 9, 1997

Kol Israel Purim Party

Green Road Synagogue - March 30, 1997

Anne Frank in the World 1929-45 - touring exhibit

Cleveland Play House - April 1 - May 23, 1997

The Diary of Anne Frank

Cleveland Play House - April 1 - May 17, 1997

Second Generation Kol Israel -The Diary of Anna Frank

Group Event - April 6, 1997

Memorial Monument Rededication

Zion Memorial Cemetery - May 4, 1997 - 11 a.m.

Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura Community Commemoration

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Kol Israel Sisterhood - Spring Luncheon

South Euclid Recreation Center - May 12, 1997

Kol Israel Annual Picnic

Anisfield Park - June 29, 1997

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

Holocaust Monument Rededication -Zion Memorial Park Sunday, May 4, 1997 - 11 a.m.

After much work, the Zion Memorial Monument is ready for rededication. The ceremony will take place on May 4th, 1997 in the morning at 11 o'clock, at Zion Memorial Park. Survivors, family members and members of the community are invited to attend a solemn ceremony in memory of departed lost loved ones.

The etching of names of victims of the Holocaust and departed Kol Israel Foundation members on the new wall that encircles the Kol Israel Foundation Holocaust Memorial Monument is expected to be completed, weather permitting, by May 4, 1997.

The renovated monument is a product of individual commitment and organizational collaboration. Mr. Steve Slomovitz, did not only secure the necessary permits and do the work, but also contributed the labor and materials for the brick wall. Kol Israel Foundation and the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation jointly contributed to the expense of the landscaping and the granite wall.

Mr. Vladimir Konstantinovsky of Classic Memorials applied the granite blocks on the block walls and engraved the names. Reservations for name inscriptions are still being accepted. For information please call Mr. Simon Fixler (473-5373) or Mr. Jack Hennenberg (464-5149). Mr. Herman Frank, KIF Memorial Chairman is working on the establishment of a Kol Israel Memorial Fund, to assure the future care of the monument.

Kol Israel Foundation 40th Anniversary Book.

Mr. Hennenberg reports that reservations for memorial adds continue to be received for the 40th Anniversary book. The 40th anniversary book will be more extensive than the one produced for the 35th Anniversary, Mr. Hennenberg advises members to send in their adds as soon as possible, because the date of reservation determines their location in the anniversary book. Interested members, who want to contribute personal stories, or adds, should call: Jacob Hennenberg at 464-5149.

Kol Israel Life Membership Grows

We are very pleased with the continued growth of our life membership. At present, we have 62 life members, 25 families and 12 individuals.

KIF LIFE MEMBER HONOR ROLE

Harry Abraham Molly & Abbie Akst Tova & Sam Baron Sally Bergrin Betty Berry Max Curtis Alice & Simon Fixler Ester & Herman Frank Judith & Herbert Frankel Rina & Sam Frankel Pearl Goldstein Ann & Mike Frum Nitza & Nehemia Hampel Bernice & Zev Harel Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg Clara & Alex Hertz Denise & Jack Herskovitz Rose Kaplovitz Suzanne & Bernard Krakow Fanie & Isak Koen Martin Lax Chaya & Anchel Lebovits Lola Mandelbaum Lola & Morry Malcmacher Rose Marmor Frances & Stanley Newman Dina Offman Leatrice & Irving Rabinsky Eva Reis Judy & Marshal Rosenberg Paula & Leo Silverman Evelyn & Steve Slomovitz Hans & Gisele Walter Miriam & Philip Wexberg Eva & Jack Wieder Norman Weinstein Peri& Bernard Yaeger

Survivors of the Shoah -

Visual History Foundation Videotapes,

The foundation, founded and chaired by Steven Spielberg, is continuing in its efforts to have all survivors' testimonies video-taped. If you wish to have your testimony taped, call 1-800-661-2092.

Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families of the following Kol Israel Foundation members for the loss of their loved ones:

Sara Adler.

Eta Feuerwerger.

Lola Glicksman.

Congratulations.

Best wishes are extended to the following KIF members on the attainment of the following milestones in their lives:

Hildegard & Jacob Hennenberg -

50th Anniversary

Ingeborg & Jack Weiss Sam & Ida Zelwin 55th Anniversary



Refuah Slema! Best wishes for speedy recovery to KIF members who had recent episodes of illness and/or hospitalization.

Ami Aszodi Henry Birnbaum
Vanda Dobin Anna Duszkin
Rachel Feigenbaum Fanny Kerschberg
Israel Lipsitz Henry Miller
Abraham Schwartz Ethel Silberstein
Meyer Silberstein Julie Simon
Evelyn Slomovitz Jack Wieder
Ida Zelwin Sam Zoldan
Kol Israel Foundation friend Bea Stadtler

Anne Frank Play and Exhibit The exhibit "Anne Frank in the World 19291945" will be on display from April 1 to May 23,
1997 at the Cleveland Play House.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" will be performed from April 1 to May 17, 1997. Second Generation Kol Israel has set April 6, 1997 as a group event to see the play. Interested parties should call: Cindy Feuer 691-0123.

Journey of Conscience 1997

Our very dear members and friends, Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky and Mary Chaitoff, are well on their way with the planning of the 1997 Journey of Conscience. The journey will commence with a trip to Denmark and Sweden, followed with visits to camp sites in the Czech Republic and Poland, and concluding with a visit to the site of renewal, the State of Israel. With the assistance in fund raising of our board member. Marcia Wexberg, the trip is likely to have full enrollment.

Holocaust Funds Update - Miriam Katz

The Swiss government has agreed to establish a fund for Holocaust survivors who are in need. The fund will be in conjunction with the World Jewish Congress. To date, there is no information on the dispersal of the funds. It is thought that monies will be distributed to Israel, Europe and the United States, based on percentage of survivors in each country.

Survivors who believe their families may have had secret bank accounts in Switzerland, may apply to the Swiss government for forms to fill out. Miriam Katz, Jewish Family Service Holocaust Survivor Program Coordinator will be getting the forms. For further information call 371-2600 ext 137.

The German government has lifted its restriction regarding people who had received more than DM 10,000. The Claims Conference is currently pulling files of survivors, according to age, (people born before 1921) and asking for verification of income. If eligible, these survivors will begin receiving a pension of DM500 per month beginning in July 1997.

Child Survivors of the Holocaust In Cleveland.

The group that includes members of the survivor groups as well as unaffiliated survivors continues to meet. It has formed a organizational structure, including leadership. Ms. Rose Gelbart serves as President of the group. The group will be active in assisting the National Conference with the Anne Frank Exhibit. The group will attend the Anne Frank play on April 27, 1997. Interested parties should contact Rose Gelbart, 360-9030.

"To Speak the Unspeakable:
The Message of Elie Wiesel" Cleveland International Film Festival
The Avenue at Tower City Thursday, March 20, 1997 - 6:45 p.m. and
Friday, March 21, 1997, at noon

This documentary film follows Elie Wiesel as he visits his home town, Szighet (in Romania today, but was under Hungarian rule in 1944), where he recalls his life as child, including the days prior to his deportation to Auschwitz. He also visits the camp at Auschwitz and the crematoria there, where his family was killed.

"What we experienced exceeds anything that can be expressed in human language; it's unspeakable," says Elie Wiesel in this ducumentary film. Elie Wiesel's words in the video are read by actor William Hurd as voice-overs in the film. As in all his writings, Elie Wiesel is masterful and very powerful in "speaking the unspeakable" for all of us survivors. Following Thursday night's showing, Dr. Zev Harel will lead a discussion of the film.

Preben Munch Nielsen - A dear friend of survivors in Cleveland - Zev Harel.

Our dear friend and life member, Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky was the one who introduced us to Sonia and Preben Munch Nielsen. By now, they are well known to us and, through them, we have come to appreciate the "Danish Decency." Many of us have had the opportunity to spend time with them, in public and at private occasions. Everyone who spent time with them felt good to be with them, enjoyed their friendship and appreciated their unpretentious graciousness. They have become our very dear friends.

Denmark - A symbol of righteousness

Julian Solonitz

The humane story of saving the Danish Jewish population from the Nazis is well known by now. The word "appreciation" to the Danish heroes does not describe the great gratitude we cherish in our minds.

Their leader Mr. Preben Munch Nielsen. now Director of the former Danish resistance movement, now called "Friends of the Sound". visited Cleveland recently, bringing the inspirational story into many schools. Not only closer to our area, but also to other American cities. For me, it was an unusual opportunity to be his companion and escort on his visits to high schools in Streetsboro and Kent. The large assemblies in both schools listened with great attention to the Danish story, known to us from his past visits to Cleveland and from press releases. The visit to the large and modern Kent High School with its great assembly hall full of students, spiked with faces of a variety of colors, left a very positive impression not only on the students but also on us visitors.

But this wasn't all. The school's Holocaust Committee prepared a unique program appropriately suited for the stimulating event. There was a unique performance entitled "Spirit Unbroken" where six dancers with silent movements produced the tragic picture of fear and terror of the Holocaust period. The large school assembly was visibly moved. It affected my emotions also in a strong way.

Impulsively I decided to have my own short talk.

The subject was "Hate and Holocaust." I'm proud to admit that it created an unexpected effect. Youngsters surrounded me, some with embraces and tears in their eyes...

This Holocaust program was a huge success. In a letter that reached me later from Kent, I was informed that the school will never forget Mr. Nielsen's and my presentations.

My Life in the Ghetto - Harry Schuster

Life in the ghetto in my small town. Lenin, was hell day by day. When my town was occupied by the Germans in June 1941, the soldiers were wild and terrifying. They gave orders for all Jews to wear armbands and vellow stars of David on our chests and backs. The Germans told the Gentiles to take away whatever they wanted from the Jews. They took away from us our two cows. They also took away furniture, and a sewing machine. We could say nothing because they killed people on the spot. They ordered us to walk in the middle of the road, the sidewalks were off- limit. They organized a Judenrat, a Jewish leadership council, whose primary role was to collect jewelry and valuables from us to hand over to the Germans, who packed these in boxes and shipped them to Germany. They encircled the Ghetto with barbed wire. We moved to our grandfather's house where 20 people were crowded in. People had nothing to eat and were starving to death. We worked every day for the Germans and the Lithuanians. One day, the Lithuanian police came and started killing people indiscriminately. They took away six Jewish boys, five of whom they killed. The sixth attempted to run away, he jumped in the river and drowned.

Life in the Ghetto was hell day by day.

Classic Memorial

Classic Memorials has applied the granite on the walls at the Zion Memorial Cemetery and is etching the names on the walls. Mr. and Mrs. Konstantinovsky, owners of Classic Memorials, are offering KIF members quality service and special prices, and will do everything possible to give full satisfaction to their customers.

Where Were They?

In 1863 Henry Dunant a Swiss citizen proposed that the world should form a civilian organization within the frame work of the so-called *Geneva convention*. They made a draft in 1864. Some basic rules of the convention are: killing is forbidden or injure an enemy that surrenders, the lives, dignity, religious convictions and personal rights of captured soldiers and civilians must be respected, civilians are not to be subjected to attack, because the flag of the international Red Cross is a red cross on a white field and the flag of Switzerland is the reverse, a white cross on a red field. The I.R.C. did not recognize this. The Red Shield of David is a respected emblem, mostly used in Israel.

During World War II Nazi Germany did not respect the rules of the I.R.C. and of the Geneva convention. They did everything the Geneva convention forbids, and yet the German Red Cross was part of the organization throughout the war. The I.R.C. did nothing, or very little about it. We, who were in the camps and the millions of dead that cannot speak, so I will speak for them, felt abandoned by the I.R.C. between 1933-1945.

On July 23, 1944, the Nazi propaganda machine allowed a Red Cross commission to enter the resident ghetto. Before the Red Cross commission came to inspect the Nazis prepared a section of the ghetto, so that it would look good. The SS even made a movie showing part of the camp. Afterwards, the S.S. shipped all of the actors in the movie Auschwitz Concentration Camp. There was a washroom, in the so-called "Kleine Festung," for the inmates that they showed to the I.R.C. representatives. I visited Theresienstadt in 1989, and upon checking the faucets, where the water was supposed to come out, I discovered that they did not connect them to any water supply. I am sure that the delegates or the I.R.C. was aware of the deceit. The credit of the I.R.C. goes to the Swiss by using their flag in reverse.

I would like to mention another credit to the Swiss that they deserve. It is for the invention of the J on the Jewish passport, "Eine Schweitzer Erfindung." According to a Swiss magazine of 1989 the J on the Jewish passport, caused directly and indirectly the deaths of many Jewish people. The main responsibility for this shameful act in Swiss history, is the chief of the so-called "Fremden Polizei," Rothmond. Frolicher, the Swiss Government representative in Berlin, suggested to the Nazis to stamp the J on the Jewish passports, so when they would come to the border they would recognize them as Jews, and sent back. The Swiss Chief of Justice was Von Steiger.

At the Swiss border the situation was unbearable. When they told the Jews they had to go back to Germany many committed suicide. Going back was equal to immediate death. According to Swiss official numbers, between 1942 - 1945, they turned Nine thousand seven hundred and fifty-one people back. The official historian Edgar Bonjour of Switzerland, said that the government knew of the mass killings and gassing of Jews, and they knew what awaited those whom the Swiss turned back.

The civilian population personalities and Priests, however, openly supported the effort to save as many Jews as possible, although it was against government regulations. Again as I recently ask myself, "Why is it when it comes to Jewish lives, a government, that is supposed to be neutral and democratic, changes its course and corrupt itself and joins the Dark Forces?"

On May 3, 1945, five days before the end of World War II, the I.R.C. took control over the camp, Theresienstadt.

I was liberated in K.Z. Waldenburg, there, no I.R.C. showed up. In Arolsen today the I.R.C. keeps account of the losses of lives during World War II, and the survivors. I ask myself, "Why were not the I.R.C. active during World War II when they could have helped to eliminate or reduce the losses?" Even today the I.R.C. will not accept the Red Magen David of Israel, as an equal partner, while they accept the red crescent. Thanks to the American Red Cross, which cooperates with the Red Magen David, in the United States there is an A.R.M.D., American Red Mogen David. They are helping the sister organization in Israel, with ambulances, medical equipment and medicine.

The Kol Israel foundation of Cleveland, Ohio Survivors of the Holocaust have supplied the Magen David Adom, in Israel, with five fully equipped ambulances to bring life and aid to the population. In contrast to this life giving organization, the S.S. Red Cross Ambulances delivered the Cyclone B Gas to the many gas chambers in Auschwitz, which brought death. Where was the International Red Cross then?

Jacob Hennenberg

SECOND GENERATION KOL ISRAEL

NOMINATIONS FOR OUR 20TH YEAR: May 18th @ 7:00p.ml.

Henry Lukas Morehouse, Parliamentarian

The upcoming 20th anniversary of SGKI promises to be exciting. Our active leadership base is growing. We continue to increase awareness, remembrance, and education in the Cleveland community. We are successfully developing a "third" generation, and are reaching out through international networking as well as local Jewish affiliates. We also are now formally doing strategical planning to better deal with issues of the future. With our past accomplishments in mind, we urge you, our members to actively participate in the upcoming year. Plan to attend the elections and be a part of our activity for 1997-98. We will present a slate of officers and open up the floor for nominations. The Board is encouraging all who are interested to get involved. Only the candidate for president and vice-president must have served for the past two consecutive years on the Board. All other positions are open to any interested member. There are many ways to help in our goals. Please call Henry Lukas Morehouse at 390-9664 or Heidi Krizer at 791-9373 for information on offices and committee involvement options. We will be happy to give information on various offices/committees, take nominations, or note your interest to serve on a committee. We look forward to seeing you on May 18th!

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Art Rosenfeld, Chairman

Demjanjuk and Future Nazi Prosecutions

On Sunday, March 9th, over one hundred members of the Cleveland Jewish community had the pleasure of hearing a noted Nazi-hunter Ephraim Zuroff, Director of the Wiesenthal Center in Israel. The program was co-sponsored by Second Generation Kol Israel and the Fairmount Temple Young People's Congregation.

Mr. Zuroff. Coordinator of Nazi War Crimes Research at the Wisesenthal Center and formerly with the Office of Special Investigations, was able to give a brief history of how Nazis and their collaborators were allowed to freely emigrate to several countries and live peaceful and prosperous lives. He described several investigations in which he had had a considerable role, where Nazis and their collaborators were investigated and forced to answer for their actions during the War.

Unfortunately, several instances also exist where known murderers, including John Demjanjuk, are not paying for their crimes. He stated that the mission of the Office of Special Investigations and the Simon Wiesenthal Center was to take away that peace and prosperity and ensure that they are deported or imprisoned for their heinous crimes. At the very least, he felt that they should no longer have peace, but should always be looking over their shoulders. We can be sure that Ephraim Zuroff and his colleagues will continue to work tirelessly to bring these vicious criminals to justice.

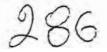
Today's Hidden Jews In Poland

On Sunday, November 24, 1996, Second Generation Kol Israel, Hillel Foundation of Cleveland and the Jewish Genealogical Society co-sponsored "Today's Hidden Jews in Poland." Rabbi Michael Schudrich, a New York-born rabbi, in his 40s, has been living for the past several years as one of ordy two rabbis in Poland today. As a teenager studying Eastern European Jewry, he was haunted, then skeptical, about the absence of Jewish life in a country with such a predominant Jewish population and influence before the Holocaust years.

He estimates that an astounding 10,000 to 30,000 people with Jewish roots live in Poland today. After decades of devastation, repression and isolation, a new generation of Polish Jewry is beginning to explore its history and discover the richness of Jewish culture and tradition.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, Jewish schools, Jewish community youth clubs and educational centers exist again.

Please join us in helping the Jews in Poland to rebuild Jewish life. See the enclosed flier which describes the many ways we can assist in this effort.



Help Second Generation Kol Israel and

The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation to support the JEWISH COMMUNITY OF POLAND

- o The Lauder Foundation encourages Jewish education and religious activities among the growing Jewish population of Poland.
- o Due to the ravages of the Holocaust and the oppression of the Communist era, many Polish Jews are just now having their first opportunity to learn their heritage and religion.
- To meet the Lauder Foundation's goal of education and renewal they have opened a Jewish primary school, Jewish youth clubs, and Jewish educational centers.

Polish Jews need our help!

Our Community Awareness Committee has put together a wish list. Since it is difficult to find Judaica in Poland and costly to purchase once found, please donate items so that Polish Jews can live more fully as fellow Jews.

- Yahrzeit Candles
- Sabbath Candles
- Non-Perishable Kosher Foods
- Adult-Level Books on Jewish Related Topics (in English)
- Sabbath Candle Holders
- o Mezzuzot
- Mezzuzah Parchment
- Passover-Related Goods (Seder plates, Kiddush cups, Haggadahs)
- Computers and Computer Accessories (new and used)
- Money (make tax deductible checks payable to Lauder Foundation)

Passover-related items should be donated by April 1, 1997. All other items may be donated at any time — but please give whatever you can as soon as possible.

Please call Heidi Krizer at 216/791-9373 with any questions or to make arrangements for the collection of donated goods.

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Community Commemoration -Survivors' Legacy and Testimony

Sunday, May 4, 1997 - 7:30 p.m. B'Nai Jeshurun Congregation

Having been involved in the annual Yom Hashoa Commemoration for years and, as Co-Chairman this year, it gives me great pleasure to see how this important event in the lives of survivors and the Jewish community has evolved. The first commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising took place in Cleveland on April 27, 1965. Many of the people who were involved in past commemorations still care. They continue their contribution to making this a meaningful evening for the community, to remember and honor the memory of the victims and foster the legacies of the Holocaust.

The 1997 Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Holocaust Commemoration will take place at B'Nai Jeshurun Temple on Sunday, May 4, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. Much planning and work have made this year' commemoration a special one. Earlier in the day, at the Zion Memorial Cemetery the Kol Israel Memorial Monument will be rededicated. During April-May a community-wide tribute to the legacies of Anne Frank takes place at the Cleveland Playhouse under the leadership of the National Conference in Cleveland.

In line with the tradition that has been established here in Cleveland, committees have been hard at work for several months. The fruits of their labor will be seen in the art work of school children that will be on display in the hallways, and in the meaningful program that involves Holocaust survivors, members of their families and the entire community. Of special meaning and importance is the active participation of children, in the "March of Generations," reading of original poetry, and in the songs performed by the B'Nai Jeshurun Children's Choir.

As has been the tradition for many years, Jewish war veterans will present the colors, survivors of the Holocaust will present the Kol Israel flag, and survivor families will light the candles in memory of the six million Jewish martyrs. A special media presentation will tell the experiences of Cleveland Holocaust survivors, based on the videos created by the National Council of Jewish Women and TV Channel Five. Jesse Epstein. Cleveland cinematographer produced the documentary which will also be used for educational purposes in the future.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people, those who have worked on Yom Hashoa for years as well as those who have recently joined us recently, for their hard work and many hours they spent to bring to our community an evening that has memory, meaning and continuity. We can not forget the past, but we have to work to assure our future. Thanks to the efforts of all who were and are involved in planning and implementing this meaningful event, the Yom Hashoa tradition will continue in the future.

To assure that this commemoration continues, we need your help today. Please, mark your calendar that on May 4, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. you will participate in the Yom Hashoa V'HAGVURA Commemoration at B'NAl Jeshurun Congregation. Please, ask your children, grandchildren and friends to attend. We count on you.

Avi Goldman and Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky - 1997 Co-Chairs



Leatrice and Irving Rabinsky

Rabinskys mark 50th anniversary

Leatrice and Irving Rabinsky of Cleveland Heights celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 15. A family dinner and a theater event was held in their honor. Mrs. Rabinsky's grandfather, Rabbi Dr. Philip Rosenberg, z"l, of Knesseth Israel Congregation, married the couple. They are the parents of Linda (Rabbi Abraham) Bensoussan and David of Cleveland, and Rena (Marc) Kurs and Marc (Peninah) Rabin of Israel; grandparents and great-grandparents.

YOM HASHOA V'HAGVURA

Community Commemoration of the Holocaust & Warsaw Ghetto Uprising



"Survivors, Legacy, and Testimony"

Holocaust Remembrance & Tribute to the Liberators & Fallen Heroes

Sunday, May 4, 1997 Congregation B'nai Jeshurun 7:30 p.m.

Why is this haggadah different from all others?

All others discuss deliverance from slavery. Jacob Hennenberg's adds deliverance from Nazis.

LEE GOLDMAN Freelance Write:

Jacob Hennenberg's Passover haggadah, which he created in 1995, is similar to most other versions, but it is also vastly different. Along with Passover-related general information. Hennenberg's loose-leaf-type book tells of another time in Jewish history when, like the days preceding the Exodus from Egypt, Jews were persecuted, enslaved and, ultimately, killed in the Holocaust.

Hennenberg, who lives with his wife, Hildegarde, in Beachwood, is a Holocaust survivor. His arm still carries the tattoo "64242" which, he points out, adds up to 18, or the Hebrew word chai (life). His computer e-mail "handle" is "Ben Chaim 18."

Hennenberg feels strongly about life and also about ensuring that the Holocaust's tragedies are retold to young people who may have little, if any, historical orientation. He still visits local schools to tell students about some of his experiences in six German labor camps from 1941 until he was liberated from Waldenburg concentration camp on May 9, 1945. He also tells students about the extermination of almost his entire family in the death camps.

Hennenberg was a little more than 16 when he



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to a cart pulling stones while their slave master brandishes his whip. The parallel is unmistakable.

An illustration of the Hebrews crossing the parted "Sea of Reeds" with Egyptian soldiers being inundated behind them is paired with a newspaper photograph of American Gis fording a German river in 1945. In the photo's foreground is the body of a German soldier.

Facing his tribute to "a wooderful, caring famity – Minns and Eugene Freedheim – who gave the Hennenberg family a chance for a new life in the United States," are the typewritten names of Jews and their concentration-camp numbers (including his own) who were held by Germans at Waldenburg on Oct. 1, 1944.

There are also photographs of his mother's grave (she was spared her family's fate because she died in 1837) and his sister Karoia who, like him, survived the Holocaust and later emigrated to Israel. Hennenberg's "search for Karoia" expiains the many steps he had to take - a combination of "luck and pluck" - in order to eventually find her in Weiden, Germany, after her own liberation from Nazi imprisonment.



Jacob Hermenberg wrote a personalized version of the happardish parity so that granddaughters Debby, left, and Julie could learn more about their taminy's Holocaust expeniences while retailing the Passover alony.

persuaded Nazi soldiers who invaded his home in Poland to "take him instead" of his father. Chaim, to the first of six forced-labor camps. The exchange gained his father, a wine maker, two additional years of life.

German concentration camp.

"While in Lodz, I found in a heap of old Hebrew books a solied and torn haggadah written in Hebrew and Polish." he writes. It was printed in Austria in 1938, the year Austria was annexed by Nazi Germany. Hennenberg incorporated some of its pages into his original haggadah, which he dedicates "to my grandparents, parents, alsters, all those who are not here to tell their story ... and the 50th anniversary of the liberation from the Nazi scourge."

Almost 200 pages thick. Hennenberg's book is part family album, part Passover narrative, part history, part personal philosophy. It combines photographs of some of his own family members (living and deceased) and those of himself and others, along with original and traditional drawings from other books.

The text, reproduced in English, Hebrew, German and Polish, combines prayers, articles, letters and Hennenberg's personal recollections. In his recollections, he talks about historical events that occurred during the time he calls "the dark years, 1983-45."

Hennenberg also raises some moral questions, like the role of the International Red Cross durHennenberg's unique haggadah came about, he explains on the first page, during his 1995 visit to Lodz and Oswiecim, Poland. He and his four sisters were born in Oswiecim, which is more familiarly known as Auschwitz, site of the infamous

ing the war. Another concerns the neutrality of Switzerland which, he charges, citting a Swiss magazine article, turned back from its borders almost 10,000 Jews who were later exterminated in the death camps. The Swiss were also responsible, he writes, for the incursion of the letter "J" in Jewish passports, making it easier for Germans to identify them.

He wonders why the 15th U.S. Air Force "did not bomb the gas chambers, crematoriums and railways leading to Auschwitz" since, operating from Italy in December 1943, "officials in Washington had data on the Auschwitz killing installations, their location and their purpose." But "they relayed none of this information to the Air Force command in Italy," he charges.

Hemmenberg's haggadah also includes the Four Questions, recited in Jewish homes since the period of the Second Temple (5th century B.C.E. to 1st century C.E.). Included, as well, are recipes for charoset and his wife's Passover fudge brown-

Hennenberg's stark drawing of German laborcamp prisoners breaking up stones, circa 1940, faces an ancient drawing of Hebrew slaves yoked

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Hennenberg's book is part family album, part Passover narrative, part history, part personal philosophy.

After emigrating to the U.S. and Cleveland, Hennenberg became a draper, a profession mentioned as one of the six artisans in the prayer, "We Are As Clay." This prayer has special significance for him because it was sung solo at Shaarey Tikvah Congregation during the first You Kippur service he and his wife attended in this country in 1949.

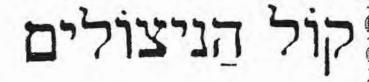
He has since created a painting interpreting this prayer, which hangs in his library alons with other Hennenberg originals. Most of his designs, he explains, are with a six-pointed star "in memory of my father ... who said in 1839 when we were forced to wear armbands with blue stars in them ... we should wear (them) with pride rather tham be ashamed to be 'marked' as Jewa."

A collector of Holocaust and pre-war Jewish mementos, Hemnenberg discovered one of his father's original wine bottles during his Auschwitz visit. So years after the Germans plucked him from his family, He received another memento of his former life from a Polish youngster – the contents of the menusa that originally hung on his family's door frame. Today it graces his own door.

Hennenberg reproduced 10 copies of his haggadah and distributed them to nme relatives and friends, including his son, Michael, and daughterin-isw, Susan, whose parents are also Holocaust survivors. It will be used on Passover, the Festival of Freedom, when the Hennenbergs gather for their family seder.



VOICE OF THE SURVIVORS





The Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel Summer Newsletter - June 1997

Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Ms. Cindy Feuer, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz. Ms. Anne Lukas and Mr. Julian Solonitz

Spring 1997 Activities:

Anne Frank in the World 1929-45 - touring exhibit Cleveland Play House - April 1 - May 23, 1997

The Diary of Anne Frank

Cleveland Play House - April 1 - May 17, 1997

Second Generation Kol Israel -The Diary of Anne Frank Group Event - April 6, 1997

Memorial Monument Rededication

Zion Memorial Cemetery - May 4, 1997 - 11 a.m.

Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura Community Commemoration B'Nai Jeshurun Congregation - May 4, 1997 - 7:30 p.m.

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Spring Luncheon

South Euclid Recreation Center - May 12, 1997

Kol Israel Annual Meeting

Green Road Synagogue - May 25, 1997

Summer&Fall 1997 Activities:

Kol Israel Annual Picnic

Anisfield Park - June 29, 1997

Kol Israel Annual Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Cemetery - October 5, 1997 - 2 PM

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

President's Message

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky for chairing the Monument rededication on Sunday, May 6th, 1997, at Zion Memorial Park.

Next, I would like to thank Rabbi Lawrence Zierler for participating in the service and for the beautiful delivery of Psalm 23.

I would also like to thank Rabbi Isidore Pickholtz for participating in the program and for providing us with the beautiful prayer inscribed on the monument.

Next, I want to thank Betar members for their help with the unveiling of the Memorial Tablets.

I am also thankful to our Memorial Chairman, Herman Frank, for the beautiful menorah, the candle lighting ceremony, and for the fund raising activities.

To our Vice-President Steve Slomovitz, I am especially appreciative for the terrific job on the wall, and for getting everything to be ready for the rededication.

I would like to stress the importance and dedication of three ladies who were involved directly with the Memorial project, Mrs. Betty Berliner, our treasurer: Mrs. Hilda Burstyn, our financial secretary; and last but not least, Mrs. Ann Frum.

I want to thank Leo Silberman for repairing and servicing the electricity at Zion Memorial Monument.

I want to personally thank our historian, Jacob Hennenberg, for the dedication and service to this project. We still have 32 slabs available for name inscription. Jacob and I urge our members and friends to perpetuate names of loved ones. Our Memorial Service this year will take place on October 5, 1997 at 2 p.m. It would be wonderful if we could complete the job by that date. For information, call Classic Memorial (321-6740), Simon Fixler (473-5373), or Jack Hennenberg (474-5149).

I want to thank Dr. Zev Harel, our Past President for being a spokesperson for our organization, for editing the Kol Hanizolim, and for continuing to be involved in the life of our organization. I also want to thank the Kol Israel Board for its cooperation and for making my leadership easier. Please, do not forget the forthcoming 40th Anniversary Journal. Send your journal entries soon to Jack Hennenberg.

Shalom Ubracha, Simon Fixler, President

Kol Israel Foundation General Meeting

Green Road Synagogue May 25, 1997

The meeting commenced at 7 p.m. Chairman Mike
Frum called for a minute of silent tribute for departed
members, followed by secretary Julian Solonitz
reading the minutes of the previous general meeting.

Betty Berliner, the treasurer, reported briefly on our financial status. Next, our Vice-President Steve Slomovitz informed about the upcoming yearly picnic, which will take place at the JCC Anisfield Park on June 29, 1997. He asked for volunteers to help with this important event.

In the absence of Avi Goldman, Herman Frank, Memorial Chairman, reported about the successfully organized rededication of our Zion Memorial Monument Wall and the Yom Hashoa commemoration at B'Nai Yeshurun Temple. He included an appreciation for Steve Slomovitz's special input to the successful project. The membership was also informed about the future \$100,000 Memorial Fund for the permanent upkeep of our Memorial Monument. We were informed about the availability of space for the engraving of names on the wall.

Sunshine Chairman Philip Green asked members for prompt information about happy or sad events, which would benefit him and all of us. There were instances of lack of information about members who passed away.

Jacob Hennenberg informed about the Anniversary Book. He asked for adds, articles and informed us about the monies needed to accomplish this project.

It was the turn of President Simon Fixler. He lauded and gave credit to members of the Committee who proposed, planned and helped in constructing the Memorial Wall around our Zion Memorial Monument. He also thanked Herman Frank for collecting a nice sum for the Memorial Fund. Ending his remarks President Fixler informed the audience that we have 62 life members. Recent life member received their plaques.

There followed a question from Esther Frank:
"Why don't we have a men's calling committee to help spread important news that happen in our organization?" Others agreed with her suggestion and, let's hope that this will be accomplished. We were informed that our 40th Anniversary celebration is projected for 1999.

This ended the official part of the meeting, followed with the social evening which was organized by Steve Slomovitz.

From minutes taken by Secretary Julian Solonitz.

Historian Report

My job as a historian requires me to wear different caps. One is to coordinate the 40th Anniversary Book of the Kol Israel Foundation.

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Members who do not want their commemorative or memorial pages to be at the end of the book, should give me their pages now (\$50 for half page and \$100 for a full page).

My second job is to coordinate the name inscriptions on the Memorial tablets at Zion Memorial Park. The cost for members is \$75, and for non-members \$100 per name. Please, do not miss this opportunity to memorialize your loved ones on the last remaining 5 granite slabs facing the front. We have, at present, 785 names inscribed on the memorial tablets.

A third job I have is constructing plaques of the names inscribed on the granite tablets for your memorial remembrance at home, particularly at Yizkor time. The cost of the plaque is \$36 for members and \$50 for non-members.

I also make the plaques for new life members. As you can see my time is well spent and I am always willing to take on new jobs for our organization.

Jacob Hennenberg-Historian

Holocaust Monument Rededication
Zion Memorial Park

Sunday, May 4, 1997

After much work, the Zion Memorial Monument was ready for rededication. The ceremony took place on May 4th, 1997, at 11 a.m. at Zion Memorial Park.

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, Herman Frank and Avi Goldman presided over a solemn ceremony attended by survivors, family members and members of the community.

The names of victims of the Holocaust and departed Kol Israel members, engraved by Mr. Vladimir Konstantinovsky of Classic Memorials on the new wall that encircles the Kol Israel Foundation Holocaust Memorial Monument, were unveiled and their memory was honored.

Reservations for name inscriptions are still being accepted. Please call Mr. Simon Fixler (473-5373) or Mr. Jack Hennenberg (464-5149).

Kol Israel Memorial Monument Fund

Mr. Herman Frank, KIF Memorial Chairman has been working to get donations from select individuals toward the establishment of a Kol Israel Memorial Fund which will be established at the Jewish Community Federation. A Kol Israel Monument Memorial Fund committee was established to assure the future care of the monument. Members of the committee include Herman Frank, Rena Frankel, Zev Harel, Marcia Wexberg, Jack Wieder and the presidents of Kol Israel, KI Sisterhood and Second Generation KI.

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration -Survivors' Legacy and Testimony

The 1997 Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Holocaust Commemoration took place at B'Nai Jeshurun Temple on Sunday, May 4, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

Much planning and work have made this year' commemoration a special one. In line with the established tradition, committees have been hard at work for several months. The fruits of their labor were seen in the art work of school children that were on display in the hallways, and in the meaningful program that involved Holocaust survivors, members of their families and the entire community. Of special significance was the active participation of children, in the "March of Generations," reading of original poetry, and in the songs performed by the B'Nai Jeshurun Children's Choir.

As has been the tradition for many years, Jewish war veterans presented the colors, past presidents presented the Kol Israel flag, and survivor families lit the candles in memory of the six million Jewish martyrs. A special media presentation provided experiences of Cleveland Holocaust survivors, based on the videos created by the National Council of Jewish Women and Channel Five. Jesse Epstein, Cleveland cinematographer produced the documentary which will also be used for educational purposes in the future.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the many people, those who have worked on Yom Hashoa for their hard work and many hours they spent to bring to our community an evening that had memory, meaning and continuity. We cannot forget the past, but we have to work to assure our future. Thanks to the efforts of all who were, and are, involved in planning and implementing this meaningful event, the Yom Hashoa tradition will continue in the future.

Avi Goldman and Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky -1997 Co-Chairs

Congratulations.

Mazal Tov to Liza Alpert on the birth of a great grandson Joshua Taylor

Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families of the following Kol Israel Foundation members for the loss of their loved ones:

Sam Auerbach Musia Birnbaum William Miller

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Henry Birnbaum Joseph Edelstein Phila Zion

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Refuah Slema! Best wishes for speedy recovery to KIF members who had recent episodes of illness and/or hospitalization.

Wanda Dovin Berta Lautman

Herbert Frankel Morry Malemacher

Dina Offman

Jack Wieder

Kol Israel Foundation friend Bea Stadtler

Kol Israel Life Membership Grows

Our life membership continues to grow. We have 64 life members, 25 families and 12 individuals.

KIF LIFE MEMBER HONOR ROLE

Harry Abraham Tova & Sam Baros Molly & Abbie Akst

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Nitza & Nehemia Hampel Bernice & Zev Harel Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg Clara & Alex Hertz

Denise & Jack Herskovitz Rose Kaplovitz

Suzanne & Bernard Krakow Fanie & Isak Koen Martin Lax Chaya & Anchel Lebovits

Lola Mandelbaum Lola & Morry Malcmacher

Rose Marmor Frances & Stanley Newman

Dina Offman Helen & Jack Pahmer

Leatrice & Irving Rabinsky Eva Reis

Judy & Marshal Rosenberg Paula & Leo Silverman

Evelyn & Steve Slomovitz Hans & Gisele Walter
Miriam & Philip Wexberg Eva & Jack Wieder

Norman Weinstein Perl& Bernard Yaeger

Survivors of the Shoah -

Visual History Foundation Videotapes, The foundation, founded and chaired by Steven Spielberg, is continuing in its efforts to have all survivors' testimonies video-taped. If you wish to have your testimony taped, call 1-(800)-661-2092.

Anne Frank Play and Exhibit - and "The Diary of Anne Frank" play

The exhibit "Anne Frank in the World 1929-1945" was on display from April 1 to May 23, 1997 at the Cleveland Play House. The "The Diary of Anne Frank" play was performed from April 1 to May 17, 1997. Many of our members were in attendance at the opening event, served as docents and volunteered their services in various ways, including speaking to visitors at the exhibit. We are most grateful to Debbie Deberco for her superb leadership at these two events of great importance to all of us survivors and the Cleveland community.

Journey of Conscience 1997

Our very dear members and friends, Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky and Mary Chaitoff, are well on their way with the planning of the 1997 Journey of Conscience. The journey will commence with a trip to Denmark and Sweden, followed with visits to camp sites in the Czech Republic and Poland, and concluding with a visit to the site of renewal, the State of Israel.

Kol Israel Board Member, Marcia Wexberg, has assisted with the fund-raising. In addition to its sponsorship, Kol Israel is contributing \$1000 and together with Second Generation Kol Israel \$3,500 (proceeds from the Annual Picnic) towards the Journey. Our best wishes are extended to all participants in this important journey.

Drop-In Center for Holocaust Survivors

Jewish Family Service Holocaust Program is pleased to announce the opening of Europe Cafe, a drop-in center for Holocaust survivors and their contemporaries. The center will open at the Mayfield JCC on Wednesday, June 18, 1997, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. and will be open for coffee, cake, "schmoozing", music and a good time each Wednesday afternoon. Transportation will be provided by volunteers. Please call Miriam Katz, LISW, Coordinator, at 371-2600 ext. 137 for further information. Volunteers are needed for transportation and to help out in the center. Please call Miriam Katz or Karen Lipman at 371-2600... Your ideas are also welcome!

Miriam Katz, LISW, Jewish Family Service

The 1997 Annual Picnic - June 29, 1997

The annual picnic will take place one week earlier on June 29, 1997 at Anisfield Park. We are looking forward to good weather, good food and a day filled with fun. Looking forward to seeing you there.

The 1997 Annual Memorial Service October 5, 1997, 2:00 P.M.

The Annual Memorial Service will take place this year at the renovated Zion Memorial Monument on October 5, 1997. It has been our intention for years to evolve a relationship with the Jewish Community Federation Cleveland to jointly hold this annual event in memory of the six million Jewish martyrs who perished during the Holocaust. As a first step toward joint responsibility, the Jewish Community Federation has agreed to share in half the cost of renovation at the Zion memorial Park. It is our hope that this year we will be successful in having a joint sponsorship for the Annual Memorial Service. -4-

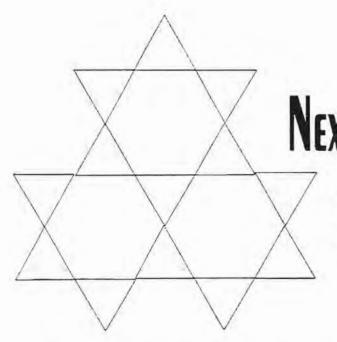
TRAVELS OF A SURVIVOR:

a Torah's journey from Mělník, to London, England, to Beachwood, Ohio U.S.A.

The first survivor that we learned about was "Izchak," (Genesis 22:12) surviving a near-death situation when Abraham almost sacrificed him. World War II also produced survivors, many who almost perished. Here, we have a survivor of the Holocaust that is a Holy Scroll, a Torah. A special Torah from the small town of Mělník was recovered in 1945. Jews lived in Mělník ever since the very beginning of the town's history, in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. In the sixteenth century the Jewish Community was only a few Jewish families. It was only in the 1850's that the Jewish people received the right to live in other parts of the town, including the Historic Center. Many Jewish people were entrepreneurs, lawyers and doctors. During the period between the two world wars the Jewish people were involved in the town's economy, the building of the town and its cultural life. The community was a part of the rabbinate of Prague, under the direction of Rebbi Karlín. The synagogue of Mělník-Záduší was inaugurated in 1862. It closed in the beginning of WWII and fell to decay soon after. Sometime in the 1960's it was demolished. When the Jewish community had been established, a cemetery in Mělník-Podolí was founded. Black polished stones with golden Hebrew signs can still be found in the cemetery today, which is in good condition. In 1942, Heidrich, the Nazi governor, of what was then called Bochemia and Moravia, established a bureau of dealing with the so called, "Final Solution of the Jewish Question." Unintentionally, he created the largest accumulation of Jewish Religious objects, which he stored in. "The Central Jewish Museum." During the final years of the war, the museum was a warehouse for materials of the doomed people.

Through arrangement with the Czechoslovakian government, some Torahs were brought to England, and later distributed throughout the world. With the much appreciated effort of Sidney and Betty Blumenthal, the Torah from Mělník now has a home in Fairmount Temple, Beachwood, Ohio. It stands in dignity and reverence, in a specially crafted *Aron*, with a *Parochet*, made out of a *tallit*. In 1996, my granddaughter, Julia, decided to read her Bat Mitzvah Torah Portion from that scroll, to reaffirm that we did not forget from where that scroll came from, and under what conditions and circumstances. The poem, "A Single Lamed," was also written by her, about that special Torah from Mělník.

Jacob Hennenberg



NEXT GENERATION KOLISRAEL

Holocaust Remembrance, Education and Awareness

Next Generation Kol Israel is a division of Kol Israel open to any person 25 years old and under interested in promoting community awareness concerning Holocaust topics, combating anti-semitism, and conducting related projects of educational, social or cultural value.

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Second Generation Kol Israel

President's Message

On May 18, 1997, Second Generation Kol Israel elected new officers for a two year term.

President Arthur Rosenfeld

Vice President Nancy Kalski-Neese

Treasurer Cindy Feuer

Secretary Renee Epstein

Historian Marc Cohen

As the new SGKI President, I hope to continue the excellent work of Past President Cindy Feuer. The work done by Cindy, and former Vice-President Anne Lukas have been an inspiration to me and have led to my current position as President.

Over the next two years, there is much we want to accomplish as an organization. We are creating a division called Next Generation Kol Israel. Next Generation is open to any person 25 years of age and under interested in promoting community awareness concerning Holocaust topics, combating anti-Semitism, and conducting related projects of educational, social or cultural value. Membership for Next Generation is free. For more information, contact Heidi Hess at 464-1952. Please, give the enclosed flyer to your children or any young person you know who might be interested.

We are always interested in new idea for community awareness and are looking for ways to get our members INVOLVED. Please, do not hesitate to call me if you have an idea or wish to help out in any way.

Art Rosenfeld, SGKI President

Rina Frankel named Park 'Centerite'

Rina Frankel is the recipient of Park Synagogue's 1997 Centerite of the Year Award. The presentation was made by Park's president, Stuart Garson, at the synagogue's 128th annual meeting.

Frankel is the Park fine arts advisor, has served as chairperson of the Park Art Show and has been involved



Frankel

in numerous Park Synagogue committees. She has been active in Cleveland Hebrew Schools, NA'AMAT USA, the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, State of Israel Bonds, Jewish Community Federation Women's Campaign and the Yom HaShoah Commemoration. Frankel and her husband, Sam, reside in Beachwood.

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Mary and Harold Chaitoff

Chaitoffs celebrate 50th anniversary

Mary and Harold Chaitoff of Pepper Pike celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1. A weekend of festivities was held in their honor. They are the parents of Jeffrey and Margo Chaitoff, Bethany and Bruce Salomon and Linda and Robert Weiner; and the grandparents of Brian and Steven Chaitoff, Aaron, Jeremy and Rachel Salomon, and Michelle and Andrew Weiner.

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December 3, 1997

Kol Israel Foundation Mr. Simon Fixler, President P.O. Box 21146 Cleveland OH 44121

Dear Simon,

Thank you for your gift of \$200.00 in support of the Tolerance Resource Center at Notre Dame College. Your gift provides critical funding at this important time in the establishment of the Center.

The Tolerance Resource Center is an important asset for our students and for the greater community as well. It is our fervent hope that the Center will serve as an important forum for issues of tolerance and social justice and help to improve our appreciation and understanding of diversity.

Thank you for sharing in our mission and investing in our students and our community. What began as a vision, is now a reality.

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Sincerely,

Robert A. Burdenski

Ohief Development Officer



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Hennenberg 'Israel at 49, designs

unique stamp honoring "Israel at 49" was featured at the recent Israel Philatelic Exhibition in Parma, Ohio. Designed by with the equivalent Hebrew letters, men and ter, Clevelander and Holocaust survivor Jacob Hen. nenberg, the stamp, in the shape of a Magen David (Star of David), heralds Israel's 49th year and the numerals 9 and 7 incorporated within LEATRICE B. RABINSKY Special to the CJN

one people, a Hebrew phrase notes, "We are destiny," English Words on the other side state, "Friendship." A classic photo of Theodor Herzland the first Zlonist Congress in Basel, Switzerland,

CLEVELAND STAMP FAIR

NOVEMBER 8, 1997

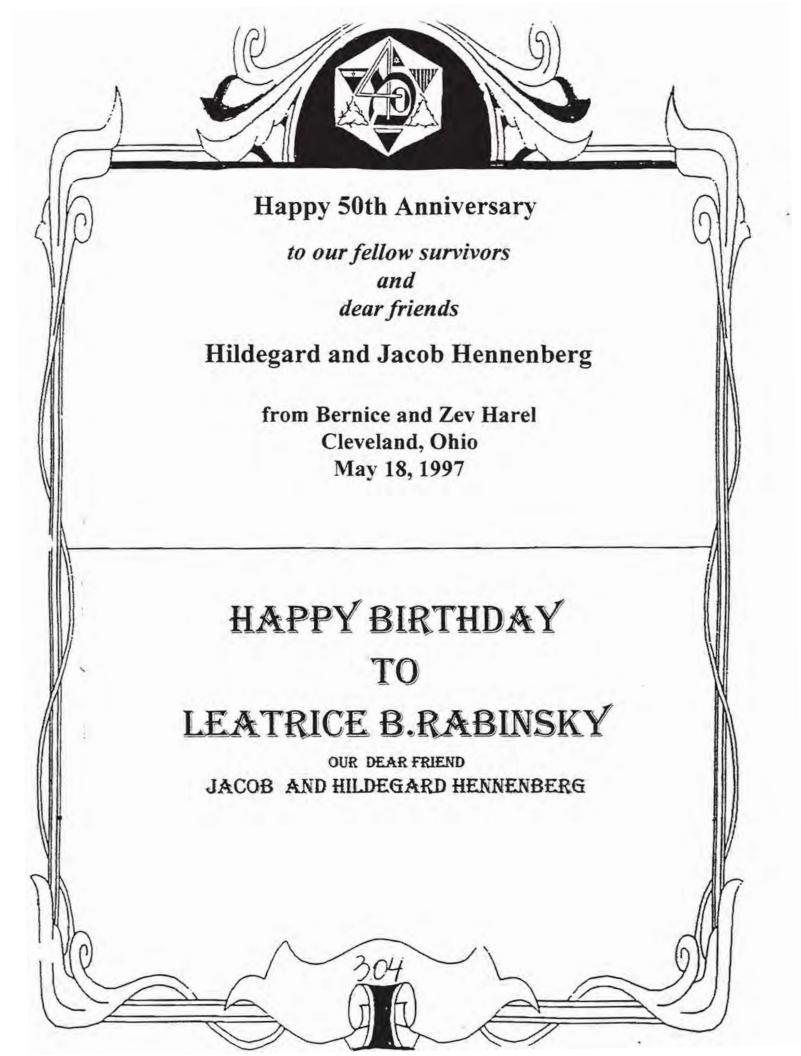
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"Israel at 49" stamp, left, designed by Clavelander Jacob Hermenberg, was exhibited at convention of the Society of Israel Philatelists. The stamp, in the shape of a Magen David, says, in Hebrew, "We are one people, one heart, one destiny." "What is remarkable," said Hemenberg, "is unit of the Parma Post More than 300 people crowded the hall on Brookpark Road for the convention of the Society of Israel Philatelists. A branch of the Parma Post Office was located at the convention, Braces one point of the star.

Office on Nov. 8 and Nov. 9 was canceled with this israel 49 stamp, "Jacob Hennenberg is also a Prominent Holocaust education speaker for

school, university and community Broups Leabide Rabinsky is a Hotocaust educator and throughout Ohio and neighboring states. Br resident of Cleveland Heights.





Remembering the INS Eilat

Clevelander Avi Goldman attends 30-year reunion of survivors of attacked Israeli destroyer.

LEATRICE B. RABINSKY Special to the CJN

levelander Avi Goldman, Holocaust educator and community activist, just returned from a 30-year reunion with his former shipmates on the Israeli naval destroyer the INS Eilat.

Filled with emotion, Goldman, a son of Holocaust survivors who was raised in Israel, explained that this was no ordinary, jovial get-together. There were three commemorative events, one in the port of Haifa and two at military cemeteries in Haifa and Tel Aviv, honoring the more than 30 crew members who died in the missile attack from Port Said on Oct. 21, 1967.

On that fateful eve of Succot 30 years ago, Goldman, a sergeant in the Israeli navy, was in charge of all electro-mechanical instruments on the Eilat. The destroyer, under the command of Captain Yitzchak Shoshan, was patrolling the Mediterranean coast to secure the border from penetration by Egyptian commando units into the Sinai.

"About 5:30 in the evening," recalls Goldman, "a flash of light



"The guy who pulled me out of the water had been a student with me in the same high school."

- Avi Goldman, Cleveland

came toward the destroyer from Port Said. It was at high speed and low altitude. We realized it was a missile and started firing at it, but we did not score a hit.

"The missile exploded in the center of our ship in the area of the machine shop and the boiler rooms. These were the guts and power sources of our destroyer. The ship lost all power and major communication capabilities."



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The Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel Fall Newsletter - September 1997

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SUMMER 1997 ACTIVITIES:

Kol Israel Foundation - Annual Meeting Green Road Synagogue - May 25, 1997

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue - June 22, 1997

Kol Israel Foundation & Second Generation Kol Israel
Annual Picnic Anisfield Park - June 29, 1997

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Membership Luncheon South Euclid Recreation Center - August 5, 1997

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Kol Israel Annual Holocaust Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park -October 5, 1997

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue - September 14, 1997

The Kol Israel Foundation Board of Directors and the Editorial Board of the

Voice of The Survivors

wish all members of the Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood, Second Generation Kol Israel, Cleveland Jewish Community and State of Israel

a healthy, happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

President's Message - Simon Fixler

First, I want to express my appreciation, and thank members of the Kol Israel Foundation, the KI Sisterhood and the Second Generation KI — all those who planned, organized and worked hard to make our annual picnic such a great success. I am grateful to everyone who contributed prior to, and during the day of the picnic, by selling raffle tickets, preparing or selling food and/or offering help as needed. It is a great feeling to have the dedicated support of so many survivors and descendants who help make our annual picnic a successful major event in our lives. A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Ann Frum who sold 115 books. This year's proceeds were used to support the "Journey of Conscience."

Second, as we are approaching the New Year, I want to thank officers and board members of the Kol Israel Foundation for their untiring work on behalf of our organization. First and foremost, I want to thank our Vice President Steve Slomovitz, and his wife Evelyn, for their work at our annual picnic and at our socials. Next, I want to thank Julian Solonitz, our Secretary and wish him a speedy recovery. I also want to thank our Chairman. Mike Frum, for running our meetings smoothly; our treasurer. Mrs. Betty Berliner, for handling our finances. Henry Miller, our Social Chairman, for organizing social activities: Jacob Hennenberg, our historian, for helping with all our activities; our Memorial Chairman, Herman Frank, for his work on the finances of our Memorial Fund: our membership chairman, Leo Silverman, for his work on our membership and the electricity at our Zion Memorial Monument; our Sunshine Chairman, Philip Green, for attending to our sick and recovering members: and Hilda Burstyn for helping with our mailing and bookkeeping.

Special thanks are also extended to all other members of our Board of Directors: Jack Beigelman, Meyer Blecher, Cindy Feuer, Herbert Frankel, Rina Frankel, Avi Goldman, Dr. Zev Harel, Rose Kaplovitz, Anne Lukas, Art Rosenblum, Marcia Wexberg. Philip Wexberg, Eva Wieder and Jack Wieder. Each and everyone has made contributions which together make our organization better in serving the needs of our members and in advancing the Holocaust legacy here in Cleveland.

Finally, on behalf of my family and myself, I

want to wish every member of the three survivor organizations a healthy and happy New Year.

40th Anniversary Book - Jack Hennenberg Reservations for the 40 Anniversary Book continue on a first come first serve basis. Members who do not want their pages to be at the end of the book, should send in their pages now (\$50 for a half page and \$100 for a full page).

Annual Holocaust Memorial Service - 1997 Sunday, October 5, 1997 Time 2:00 P.M.

The Memorial Service this year will take place on October 5, 1997, the Sunday between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in front of the monument. This Annual Memorial Service is jointly sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland and the Kol Israel Foundation. Please save the date so that you can attend this important event Please, ask your family members and friends to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yom Hashoa V'HaGvura 1998 -

Forgetfulness leads to exile, while remembrance is the secret of redemption - Baal Shem Tov

As the New Year 5758 approaches, we rise to the challenge of perpetuating the memory of our Martyrs and Heroes of the Shoa in a remarkable community-wide event. This coming year, Yom Hashoa V'HaGvura will take place, Wednesday, Nisan 27, 5758, on April 22, 1998.

A large committee attended the first planning meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 1997, at the Mandel J.C.C. Co-chairpersons for the 1998 Commemoration are Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky and Charles Gruenspan. "This year we are expanding the scope of the participation," announced the chairpersons. "We are reaching out to the third generation as well as to the community leadership. We cordially invite new members to join in the innovative efforts. Share ideas. Join committees. You are important to the success of our endeavors. We look forward to your participation."

For information and meeting times, please contact Judy Likover at 449-2456. -2-

Kol Israel Life Membership

Our life membership continues to grow. We have 66 life members, 26 families and 12 individuals.

Harry Abraham Tova & Sam Baron Betty Berry

Molly & Abbie Akst Sally Bergrin Max Curtis

Alice & Simon Fixler Judith & Herbert Frankel Rina & Sam Frankel Ann & Mike Frum

Esther & Herman Frank Pearl Goldstein

Bernice & Zev Harel Clara & Alex Hertz Rose Kaplovitz

Bernice & Saul Gottlieb

Nitza & Nehemia Hampel Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg Denise & Jacob Herskovitz Suzanne & Bernard Krakow

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Martin Lax Lola Mandelbaum

Helen & Jack Pahmer Eva Reis

Leatrice & Irving Rabinsky Judith & Marshal Rosenberg Evelyn & Steve Slomovitz

Paula & Leo Silverman Hans & Gisele Walter Eva & Jack Wieder

Miriam & Philip Wexberg Norman Weinstein

Pearl & Bernard Yaeger

Congratulations on 50th anniversaries to:

Ethel & Jack Mintz Leatrice & Irving Rabinsky

Refush Slema! Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to:

Paul Cyncynatus Sol Gantz

Rose Feierman Morry Malcmacher

Stanley Neuman Julian Solonitz

Leo Rosenfeld Abraham Schwartz

Richard Widman

Deepest Sympathies are extended to:

Rose Ganz Muncie Rosen

Grave Sites at Zion Memorial Park.

Congregation Beth Am is willing to make burial sites available to Kol Israel Foundation members at a cost of \$400 per grave and a one time charge of \$500 for perpetual care. The sites are adjacent to the Kol Israel Monument. Interested members should call Avi Goldman (382-4412).

Thank You Note to the Kol Israel Foundation

for the get well wishes sent us and the condolences extended to our sister Muncie Rosen

Sam and Tova Baron

Thank You Note and Best Wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all members of the Kol Israel Foundation and Kol Israel Sisterhood Betty Berry

Second Generation Kol Israel Fall Activities

Second Generation KI is arranging for former Clevelander, Miriam Kleiman to speak about the Swiss Holocaust funds. Ms. Kleiman was among the first researchers to recently uncover declassified documents in the U.S. National Archives that led to the inquiries on the Swiss banking practices. Watch for details in an upcoming flier.

Second Generation 14k gold pendant & lapel

Second Generation KI is planning to produce a 14k- gold pendant/lapel pin. It will be reasonably priced and will make an excellent Chanukah gift. The Second generation KI logo was designed by Ralph Solonitz. If interested in purchasing one, or for more information, please call Art Rosenfeld at 446-0099.

Europa Cafe - Miriam Katz

Europa Cafe, the drop-in center for Holocaust survivors, which was opened recently by the Jewish Family Services, continue to operate smoothly. The center is open every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Mayfield JCC Mandel Hall. Miriam Katz, Coordinator of the Holocaust Survivor Program, is presenting programs of speakers, music and films. Coffee, a "nosh" and fun with friends is the purpose of the center. Transportation is available. For further information, please call Miriam Katz at 292-3999, extension 130.

Holocaust Memorial set for Columbus

The first Holocaust Memorial is to be built at the Jewish Community Center in Columbus. A special campaign to raise the \$3,500,000 is scheduled for August 14, 1997. Michael Berenbaum. President and Chief Executive Officer of the Shoah Visual Foundation will be the speaker. -3-

Greetings from Holocaust Survivors in Sydney Australia – Bernice & Zev Harel

KI members Bernice and Zev Harel recently attended recently (August 18-22, 1997) the World Congress on Gerontology held in Adelaide, Australia. Dr. Zev Harel served on the North American Section of the International Planning Committee and presented an invited symposium there. The congress was held in a beautiful location and attracted scientists and professionals from all over the world. It was a remarkable and very well-organized world congress on advances and challenges in the fields of geriatrics and gerontology.

Following the Congress, and after visits to various beautiful sites in North Central Australia, the Harels visited Sydney, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. One of the highlights of their visit was a meeting with the leaders of the Sydney Association of Holocaust Survivors and Descendants, a visit to the Sydney Jewish and Holocaust Museum, and attendance at a monthly social event for seniors which included a large number of Holocaust survivors.

The museum, while modest in size, is very well organized and impressive. What is of special meaning and importance is the fact that it houses under one roof both an historical account of the Jewish experience in Sydney and the Holocaust Museum.

International March of the Living - Elias Cala.

I had the privilege, along with my daughter, Dr. Deborah Reinitz, and my grandson, Ariel Reinitz, to march the mile between Auschwitz and Birkenau as part of the Detroit contingent on the International March of the Living.

The family first heard about the program when Ariel, a student at Akiva Hebrew Day School, was offered the chance to participate. His family requested that his mother and I accompany the trip, which included 59 Detroit area Jewish teenagers. The trip was destined to go to four death and labor camps and then, to Israel.

Under the leadership of Professor Zvi Gitelman of the University of Michigan the participants visited the site of the Warsaw Ghetto, learned about several synagogues and cemeteries, walked through Warsaw and Lublin, and celebrated Shabbat in a synagogue that still smelled of smoke due to a fire bombing about

five months before. The following are some of my observations.

Warsaw - The city appears entirely rebuilt.

Very few pre war buildings remain, some were reconstructed. We ate lunch in Kralinski Park, a very pretty place. This park adjoined the Warsaw Ghetto. During the early days of the war. Jews were allowed to stroll in the park, but later, they were denied this privilege.

Majdanek - On the way to Majdanek we passed over the Praga Bridge. In August 1941, a Polish doroskarz saved me from the Germans by taking me across that bridge. Majdanek was originally built for Polish and Russian prisoners. 250,000 lost their lives there. There is a large, abstract monument at the entrance and a huge "barak" full of shoes. Near the crematorium there are several large mounds and ditches where 18,400 Jews were shot in one day.

Auschwitz - Participants from 40 countries lined up outside the gates of Auschwitz on Yom Hashoa. They heard the sound of the shofar, and speeches by dignitaries. This marked the beginning of the march along the paved road to Birkenau for a memorial ceremony, dedicated to those who lost their lives at these camps.

Ronald Lauder, a multi-millionaire whose foundation supports the rebirth of Jewish life in Poland, addressed the group. He challenged those in attendance to tell others around the world about what happened at Auschwitz and Birkenau since in the future, there will be more and more people who will want to deny what happened at death camps.

Elyse Stettner. a Huntington Woods resident, noted that rain was falling softly, but ended as the ceremony concluded. "It did not seem like rain. It seemed like God was crying" she said. The group toured the Auschwitz Museum and barracks, laid memorial reefs at the crematorium ruins and recited Kaddish over pits filled with human ashes over which they threw handfuls of soil brought from Mount Olive in Jerusalem.

Next we went to Plaszow, a work camp depicted in Schindler's List. From there, we went on a three hour drive to my hometown Dobryn Golub. The Nazis made us leave my home town on November 9, 1939, expecting us never to return. But I did return for four hours 57 years later. -4with my daughter Debbie and grandson Ariel. There is a monument in memory of 3,000 Jews who were murdered by the Nazis. What a big change. Gone is everything Jewish; houses and businesses. New houses and streets cover the grounds of the 600 year old Jewish cemetery. Our former big shul is now a private big house.

A Successful Journey of Conscience

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

This summer, twenty three members of our Journey of Conscience took a pilgrimage through five countries during a three week period. We were an eclectic group of students. Holocaust survivors, teachers, and community activists. Our students had engaged in Holocaust studies in their various schools. We had all prepared for our special missions in educational meetings during five months before our odyssey began. Nothing, however, prepared us for the stark realities we encountered.

As we do, during these weeks of reverence and awe before the High Holidays, visiting graves of loved ones, we joined Holocaust survivors Gita Frankel and David Schneider in the holy task of Kever Avot. visiting the burial places of parents and relatives. For Schneider there was not even a reminder of what Plaszow concentration camp was like when he was a prisoner there, no barracks, no factories, no barbed wire or guard towers. There is only a haunting monument on a hilltop and a small "matzeva" remembering Jewish victims. "In fact, the camp was built on a Jewish cemetery." noted Schneider. There was no grave site, no monument in Poland for members of Schneider's family. David Schneider has no record or documentation of where his family members perished.

In contrast, we had an emotional visit with Gita Frankel and her granddaughter, Elisheva Stark, to the monuments on the mass grave of her father, David Engel, in Zdunska-Wola and the grave of her brother, Joseph Leib, who died of starvation in the Lodz Ghetto. Traveling to Chelmno concentration camp, we said Kaddish for Gita's twelve year old brother who died there. In Auschwitz, now landscaped with borders of colorful flowers and with the interiors of the barracks reconstructed, Gita said, "This is not the Auschwitz where I was a prisoner." For each of us it was a privilege to bring comfort and emotional

support to our survivors.

There were many highlights of this remarkable Journey of Conscience:

*Visiting with Sonia and Preben Munch-Nielsen in Copenhagen, retracing the Danish rescue route;

*Meeting in the beautiful Copenhagen
Synagogue and hearing the story of the rescue from
Hilda Schwartz, the daughter of Chief rabbi Melchior
who warned his congregants in 1943 to hide with
their Christian neighbors;

*Feeling pride in Prague's 700 year old Alte-Neue Synagogue when student David Fishman was called to the Torah on Shabbat morning:

*Meeting the gracious Leonard Teski family and Clevelander Stuart Muszynski in Warsaw where Teski took us to the apartment where his late parents had hidden Muszynski's parents in a four by six foot walled spare room;

*Embracing the "last Jew of Mezherich"

Menachem Kagan. Mezherich was for generations a
bastion of Polish Hasidic life. Now it is bereft of Jews;

*Being welcomed to the Historic Museum of Zdunska-Wola by the mayor and the curator who just opened a memorial wing to the Holocaust, and enjoying the inspiring program and reception prepared in honor of Gita Frankel;

*Hearing Abby Meier's emotional tribute at Terezin crematorium where she dedicated a legacy family tree and pictures of generations following her paternal great-grandparents who had died at Terezin;

*Visiting Telpod, Oscar Schindler's factory in Cracow:

*Making our first pilgrimage to Sobibor, now a forgotten, almost desolate former concentration camp site and being outraged at a costumed vampire figure being videographed on the mound of human ashes:

*Breathing a sigh of relief as we board the El Al plane in Warsaw, looking forward to our sense of rebirth in Israel:

*Planting saplings of fir trees in the Judean hills surrounding Jerusalem:

*Honoring the memories of children of the Holocaust in front of the Janus Korczak statue at Yad Vashem:

*Joining with young people and counselors at Kibbutz Schluhot in the Beit Shean area in an inspiring exchange of ideas and experiences; -5*Enjoying a kibbutz lunch after the grueling climb of the archeological dig, then playing water volleyball in the kibbutz pool, thrilled to be part of our "sister city" relationship with residents of Beit Shean area;

*Cable riding to the top of Masada, taking the curative mud baths and floating in the Dead Sea, luxuriating in the falls and glorious nature reserves like the Banyas and then Ein Gedi;

*Traveling along the barbed wire borders of Syria and Lebanon;

*Praying and writing "kvitlach" at the Kotel

*Hearing the inspiring words of Rabbi Shubert Spero (formerly Rabbi of Young Israel in Cleveland) at our Oneg Shabbat gathering as he spoke of the impact of the Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel on our lives;

*Welcoming Rabbi Jonathan and Elana
Friedlander of Jerusalem at our emotion-laden
closing reception after Shabbat, hearing how Rabbi
Jonathan who participated in the first Journey of
Conscience in 1975, paid tribute to our mission,
emphasizing how the Journey had changed the
direction of his life:

And now, Journey leader, Leatrice B. Rabinsky, Journey associate Mary Chaitoff, counselor Max Nathison (also a member of the 1993 Journey) and all participants give a heartfelt expression of gratitude to the Kol Israel Foundation, the KI Sisterhood and the Second Generation KI. You continue to embrace us with spiritual encouragement, financial support and a sharing of our lives mission, to be the emissaries to the future to remember the Holocaust, to reflect and honor the memories and to teach the generations to come.

Journey of Conscience - Maureen Singer

Our summer vacation leading into my senior year of high school, I had the opportunity to take a trip to Europe and Israel. The trip was called "The Journey of Conscience," and included high school students, adults, and two Holocaust survivors. Our trip was designed to educate people about the Holocaust and help them understand what really took place in the Czech Republic, Poland and Copenhagen (Denmark) over fifty years ago and under Hitler's reign. We toured through Auschwitz, Birkenau, Terezin and other camps, and walked through many

cemeteries.

All of that was troubling to see, but what had a deeper effect on me were the Holocaust survivors. Having the Holocaust survivors with us at the death camps, and hearing their stories, enabled me to almost flash back in time and visit what went on in the camps. When Gita Frankel's voice quivered, I quivered inside as well. Gita's speaking to us in the barracks where she and eight other girls slept side by side, filled me with sadness. She told us how she witnessed her brother being shot by an S.S. officer and watched her father starve to death. With each sentence Gita spoke, I felt increased hatred for the Nazis. I could hear history itself speaking to me from an extremely sensitive place in Gita's heart.

My heart beat nervously, and the only sound my ears picked up were Gita Frankel's words - all the other noises in the barracks seemed hushed for me. I felt tears growing, but I feared if I started crying, so would the rest of the red-eyed group. As my heart erratically pounded against my chest, I was nauseated. My mood has turned upside down, having walked in somber and calm, I then wanted to throw a temper tantrum - yelling and screaming against the Nazis! I wanted to torture and gas every living Nazi in the world. Wait a minute. I wanted to kill? I then realized that I wanted to act no differently than the Nazis I despised. I realized that this experience for Gita must have formed a deep hatred for her: I don't know how she manages to be such sweet wonderful woman. "The Journey of Conscience" taught me so much about history, and the effect it had on survivors and me. The survivors brought the trip to life, and the students on the trip helped me cope with my feelings. The initial response I got from people to whom I spoke about the trip was "It's a trip of a lifetime" I see now that it was. Not many people will get the experience that I had because the survivors will soon die out. If we don't start educating ourselves about the Holocaust, I can see how it could happen again.

Journey of Conscience 1997 - Abigail Maier

I just received the video that was made during the Journey of Conscience trip this past summer. Watching it brought back many emotions that I have almost suppressed since I've returned home. I decided that the best way to give this article some meaning would be to go back through -6the journal that I kept during the three weeks I was away, instead of just giving a summary of the trip.

We visited six camps during the course of the trip - Terezin, Auschwitz - Birkenau, Prashow, Chelmno, Sobibor and Majdanek. The most emotional camp for me was Terezin, which is not actually a camp, but a prison, with the ghetto of Thereisenstadt a few minutes away. This is where my great-grandparents perished.

July 3, 1997 - Today was Terezin. I was rather numb for the part about the prison - it still affected me, but more from a distance. You could feel the history of the place by walking into some of the rooms where people were tortured. Walks do talk. We went through the museum where the children's pictures were. The were so many about school, family, butterflies. One and a half million children killed is just unfathomable. And I kept looking at the drawings and photographs, wondering if I could actually be looking at my great-grandparents. I was looking for familiar features basing it on how grandpa looked.

Later that day, in the crematorium of
Thereisenstadt I left a family tree with family pictures
surrounding it on the bench where visitors leave
messages, and I spoke about my family during the
memorial ceremony. It was an incredibly emotional
experience, knowing that in spite of losing members
to the Holocaust, my family continued, and my greatgrandparents did not die in vain.

My experience at Auschwitz-Birkenau was very

different from Terezin. I think I was more emotional at Terezin, family connection aside, because it was actually comprehensible to me what happened there. At Auschwitz-Birkenau there were gas chambers. People were sent there for the specific purpose of being killed. It was just incomprehensible how many people died there, and how they died. July 7, 1997 - "Auschwitz was not what I expected at all. It really did not stir up sad emotions, but it did bring fear. The place is much more pleasant than it was while in operation - grass, trees, flowers - not the mud and grayness Gita (Frankel) was telling us about. She told us her story while we were in one of the brick barracks, and that's one of the times it all really hit home. But I didn't cry, or even feel a lump in my throat all day. It was like sort of walking through a history book. It saddens me that it really will just become historical, not shocking testimony.

I didn't realize how valuable it would be to have two survivors on the trip with us. They helped us really get into what happened, how it felt to live through that time. The camps will probably just become ruins soon. But that's not what worries me the most. The fact that the survivors will all be gone during the period of my life is what's frightening. So I feel very privileged to have heard testimony from the two survivors who accompanied us, Gita Frankel and David Schneider. Hopefully, what members of the journey learned from them, along with what they learned from seeing the camps, will become the testimony for future generations.

The Magic Circle - Lisa Keller

They sat in a circle. Men and women. Today's senior citizens. Yesterday's child survivors. Hidden children of the Holocaust. They had experienced terror & tears, hope and hopelessness, denial of the existence of the Almighty and a desperate need to believe. There was a feeling in this room. A magic.

It was my initial visit with the group. I did not know many of these men and women, and yet I had known them forever. We did not have to speak to understand each other. Words were not necessary.

I truly believe that many in the world, especially our brethren, earnestly try to understand. But only this magic circle, who have lived the nightmare, feel not only their own pain, but each other's as well.

Classic Memorials offers special monument services to members of the survivor community -

Mr. Vladimir Konstantinovsky and his wife Marina, are members of the Kol Israel Foundation, and jointly own and operate Classic Memorials Inc. They were retained by the Kol Israel Foundation to engrave the Memorial Wall at Zion Cemetery.

They informed us that they have a wide selection of superbly crafted monuments in ageless granite that reflect beauty of design and outstanding quality. They offer all members of the Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood and Second generation Kol Israel an exclusive offer of personal service and special discount prices.

Interested persons should stop by their shop on 13882 Cedar Road or call them at 321 6740.

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THE WINDS OF WAR ARE BLOWING

September 1, 1939 finds me in my hometown, Oswiecim. It is located in the Southwest corner of Poland. During World War II the Nazis renamed it Auschwitz, the site of the infamous concentration camp, the most horrific place in the annals of humankind. Friday, September 1, 1939, there was a surprise aerial bombing. The bombs killed my close friend, David Schnitzer. The "War Dragon" had decided to spit with its lethal fire, and the earth trembled, yet my adolescent fancies did not allow me to be frightened. I was only filled with excitement. Then, my brain received the message of danger, and I ran for cover. That Friday, as unpretentious and unimportant as it may have seemed at the time, played a great role in the fate of our existence as we knew it. The second world war had begun.

Once the Nazis had renamed Malo Polska (small Poland) Upper Silesia, it was incorporated into the so-called *Third Reich*. East of this area was the occupied territory called *General Government*. Between these two sections the Nazis established a guarded border. Krakau, a city located only sixty kilometers away from Oswiecim, became the capital of the *General Government*. The Nazis ignored Warsaw as the former capital.

On September 29, 1939, the city of Warsaw surrendered. A little over a month later, on November 4, the Nazis ordered the entire Jewish population of Warsaw to move into a designated area of about two and one-half square miles. Nazis built a high wall with thirteen guarded entrances to contain the Jewish people in it. By threat of execution, they allowed no

one to leave the ghetto. On April 19, 1943, the ghetto population, under the leadership of Mordechai Anielewicz, they staged an uprising against the Nazi oppressor. This was the first organized armed uprising against the Nazis in all of occupied Europe. The Jewish fighters inflicted heavy losses on the Nazi Gestapo and SS troops, who were augmented by Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and Latvian willing Nazi supporters. On May 16, 1943, after one month of heroic fighting, the Jewish people succumbed to the overwhelming Nazi forces. Since 1946, Jewish people all over the world commemorate the heroic efforts of the Jewish people who fought in this uprising. The commemorative day is known as Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah. Also to help remember these events, the K.N.F. Warsawa 1986, a Polish organization took the Polish paper money used in the General Government during the Nazi occupation, and printed on it, in Polish, Yiddish, and Hebrew a couple of sentences briefly describing the uprising in 1943, against the Nazi beasts.

Jacob Hennenberg

MAP OF POLAND IN 1941 AFTER GERMANY ATTACKED RUSSIA. SHADET AREA "GENERAL GOUVERNEMENT" WITH DISTRICT OF LWOW INCORPORATED.



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Community Relations Committee of Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

ANNUAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE at the recently renovated HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MONUMENT at Zion Memorial Park SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1997 2:00 P.M.

Program highlights:

Presentation of colors by Jewish War Veterans Display of KIF flag & flags of liberating countries Candle lighting by survivors

Greetings: The Honorable Steven LaTourette Talk: Walter Reich, Director

U.S. Holocaust Museum

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Mike Frum



Ann Frum

Kol Israel honors Frums June 14

Mike and Ann Frum will be honored by Second Generation Kol Israel at the 20th anniversary dinner dance on Sunday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at Green Road Synagogue. Ohio Congressman Steven LaTourette will be guest speaker.

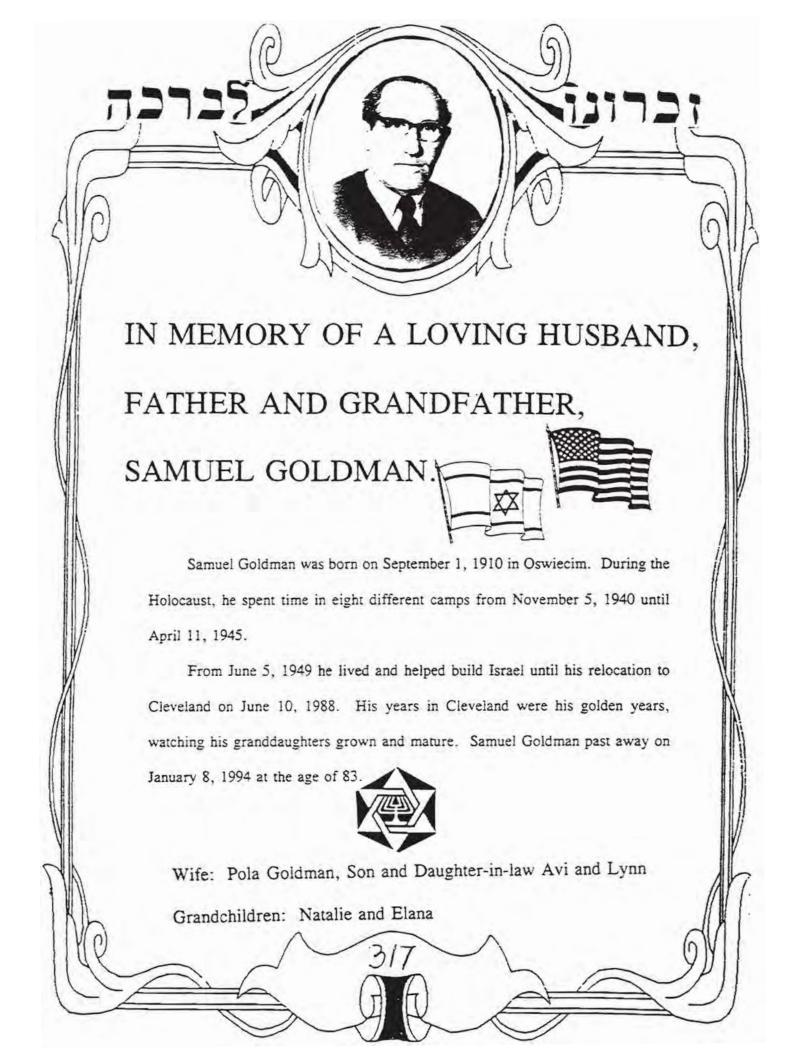
The Frums are Holocaust survivors who lost their immediate families in the Shoah. After their 1946 marriage in Germany, they immigrated to the U.S. The couple helped establish the Kol Israel Foundation. They participate in its annual memorial service at Zion Memorial Park and help maintain the organization's Holocaust Monument. The Frums also played a key role in establishing Second Generation Kol Israel. Call 216-381-7141.

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Kol Israel sets service Oct. 5

On Sunday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m., Kol Israel Foundation will hold a memorial service for the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. The program will be held at Zion Memorial Park, 5461 Northfield Road.

Walter Reich, director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, will speak. U.S. Cong. Steven LaTourette, a member of the U.S. Holocaust Council, will offer greetings, and the Jewish War Veterans will present colors. Holocaust survivors will light candles. The program is sponsored by Kol Israel Foundation, Second Generation Kol Israel and the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Federation.





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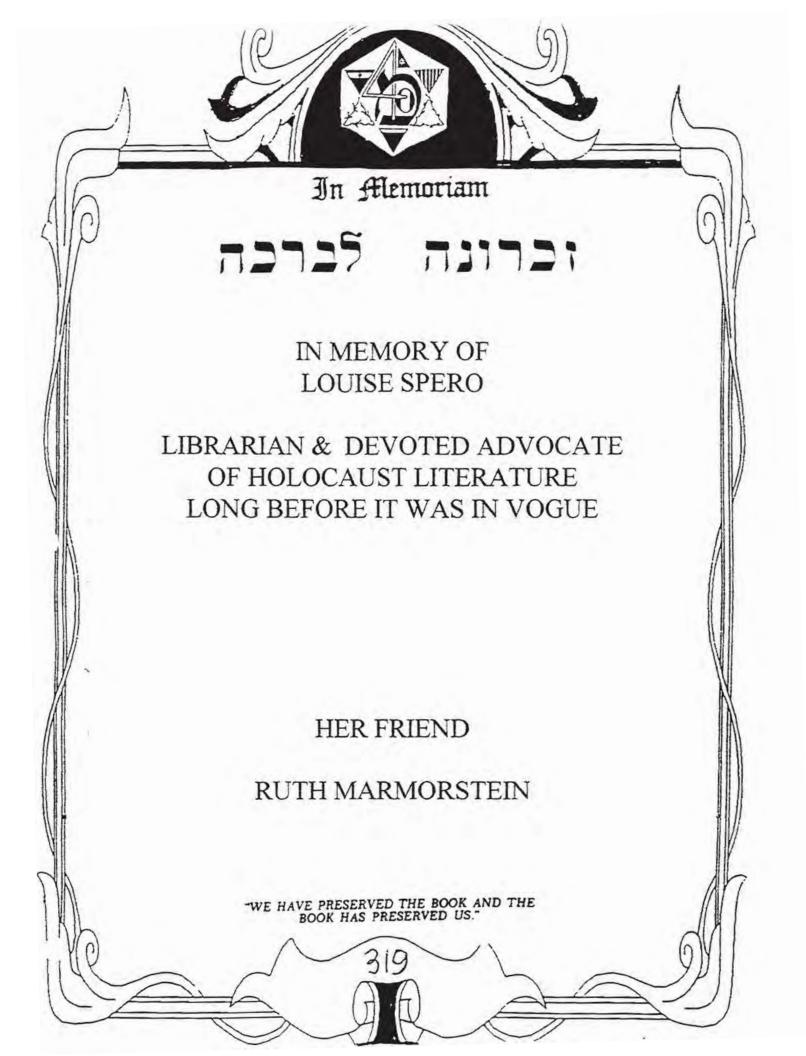
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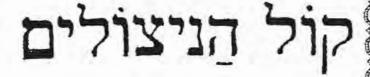
We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Kol Israel Foundation for its generous donation of \$200.00 to the Montessori School at Holy Rosary in honor of the Orlando Brothers.

The school has begun its third year of operation and has grown from an enrollment of sixteen students in 1995 to fifty-five students this year. The school houses two primary Montessori classrooms for children aged three through six years and has just opened its elementary program to the children who enrolled at the age of four in 1995 and who are now first graders. Using the Montessori bottom-up growth model, each year additional grade levels will be opened as this first group of children progresses. The school offers a unique Montessori All-Day program for children of working parents and also offers an optional catechesis program.

The mission of the school is to offer a quality Montessori education to children from a range of economic backgrounds. The school serves children from the immediate neighborhood of Little Italy and also from other local areas of the City of Cleveland while also attracting suburban families who commute past its doors on their way to work in University Circle or down town Cleveland. The Board of Directors has developed a significant scholarship fund in order to maintain this blend of students. Forty-two percent of the enrollment receives full or partial scholarships this year.



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For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

President's Message - Simon Fixler

First, I want to express my appreciation to everyone who worked on the Annual Memorial Service to make this such a meaningful event for us survivors and the Jewish community. Memorial Co-Chairs Herman Frank and Avi Goldman and, especially, Jacob Hennenberg deserve all our thanks and appreciation. I am grateful to everyone who contributed, including Mrs. Ann Frum and Mrs. Evelyn. Siomovitz who distributed the program flyers and collected contributions.

Annual Holocaust Memorial Service - 1997 Sunday, October 5, 1997

The Memorial Service this year took place on October 5, 1997. This Annual Memorial Service was jointly sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland and the Kol Israel Foundation and attendance was at an all time high. Program highlights included the presentation of colors by Jewish War Veterans, a display of Kol Israel flag and flags of liberating countries and candle lighting by survivors of the Holocaust. Greetings were offered by leaders of the survivor community and the Jewish Community Federation and by the Honorable Steven LaTourette. Dr. Walter Reich. Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum spoke very movingly about the meaning of the day and the importance of the Holocaust Memorial Monument in Cleveland.

Kol Israel Life Membership

Our life membership continues to grow. We have 66 life members, 26 families and 12 individuals.

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Congratulations on your 50th anniversary to: Eva & Jack Wieder

Refuah Shlema! Best wishes for a speedy recovery are

extended to: Isaac Alpert

Sol Ganz

Esther Frank Helen Gutowitz Abe Milchicker Manny Offman

Louis Radzelli Berta Solonitz Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

Deepest Sympathies are extended to the family of Morris Horn

YOM HASHOA V'HAGVURA 1998 -

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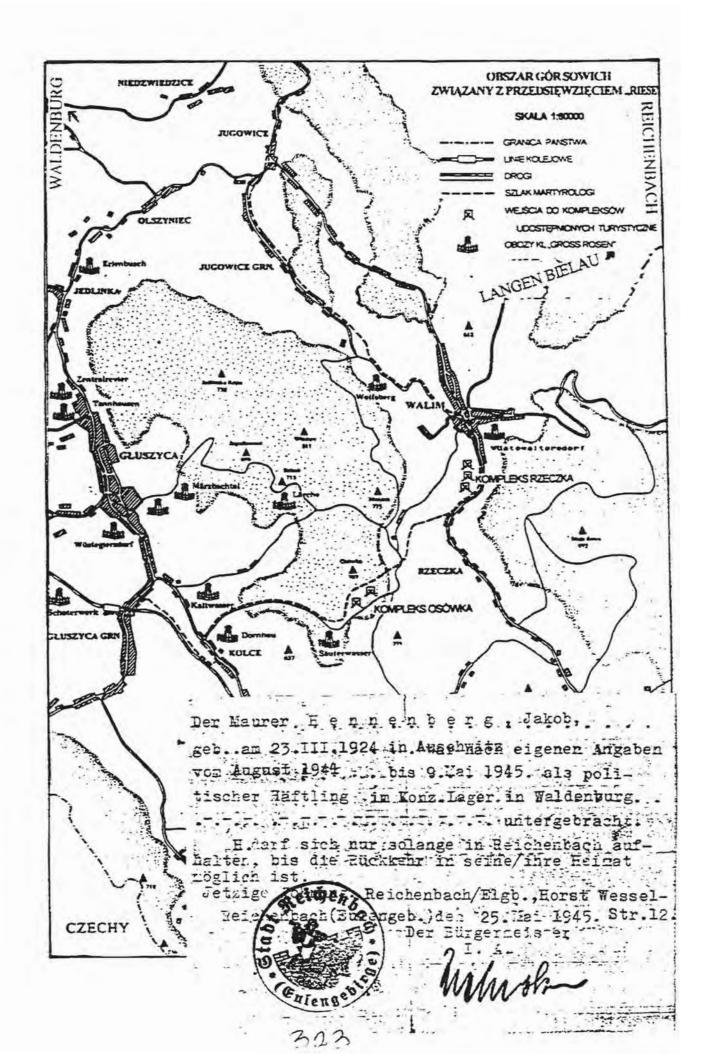
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Kol Israel Chanukah Party

The annual Kol Israel Chanukah Party and Social Evening will take place on December 27, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at Green Road Synagogue. Join us to celebrate Chanukah and enjoy good friendships.



In September of 1945, the Jewish Committee in Bergen-Belsen made a pamphlet with the theme, "Open the gates to Palestine." At this time, they held a congress by Jewish former prisoners. The above, is the front page of that pamphlet. As we approach the state of Israel's fiftieth anniversary, it is fitting to honor those that fought for the establishment of the state. Especially, those that did so while still in a displaced persons camp, on the grounds of Germany's former concentration camp, Bergen-Belsen.



The Secret of The Mountains

September 1944, I was taken to the concentration camp, Waldenburg. Little did I know that I was in the midst of *Riese*, the most secret Nazi underground-building project. It encompassed a large area of the Owl Mountains in Silesia. The Owl Mountains are an area twenty-five kilometers in length and thirteen kilometers wide. They border the Waldenburg Mountains.

According to a report on July 20, 1944, by Albert Speer, "on the project Riese. 28,000 workers took part." The work consisted of building large underground tunnels, which were areas for armament factories, and a new headquarters for the Nazi leadership. By Nazi opinion, this new location would not be reachable by allied air attacks. The work on Riese started in 1943, by German workers, P.O.W. and forced labor workers. In April 1944, an organization, known as Todt, took over the project. From then on, the inmates of the concentration camp. Gross Rosen were made to work there. Gross Rosen and its satellite camps played a major role in this project. Most of the prisoners were Jews from all of occupied Europe, that worked until their death. It is recorded that until liberation 120,000 to 150,000 people went through the camp. Of that, Most of the work was done in the quarry of granite that had 50,000 to 100,000 died. previously belonged to the family. Richthofer (the Red Barron of W.W.1). In 1944, the Nazis decided to build an addition, known as, Fuhrerhauptquatuer (FHQ). Listed, are some of the satellite camps of Gross Rosen: Waldenburg. Tannhousen, Bad Scharlottenbrunn, Hausdorf, Dornhau, Ludwigsdorf, Erlenbush, Falkenberg, Eule, Wusterwidesdorf, Kaltwasser, Larsche, Marzbachtal, Wustgiersdorf, Sauferwasser, Schottenwerk, Wolfsberg, Reichenbach, Langen Bielau, and many more. Most of the camps connected with this project were operational until their liberation on May 8-10. 1945.

A survivor (A.F.) gives his account, "a box railroad car brought us from Auschwitz to Dornhau. From one concentration camp to another, we worked for Butzer and Holzmann, a German construction company. We built a road into the mountain with picks and shovels. Then, I was transferred to the quarry drilling holes. There, I was ordered to put explosives in the mountain to create roads. After a couple of months, two-hundred of us were taken by foot to the camp, Sauferwasser. Soon, it was late January, cold and snowy, the inmates guarded by SS left the camp on a long march to Flossenburg in Bavaria. From the six-hundred people that we left with, only 50 prisoners arrived. And even we, were half-dead, and frozen."



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1998 6:00PM

DINNER - DANCE TO CELEBRATE THE

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SECOND GENERATION KOL ISRAEL

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

HONORING ANN & MIKE FRUM FOR LIFETIME SUPPORT TO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL

LOCATION:GRE	EN ROAD SYNAGOGUE
COST FOR THIS SPECIA	L EVENING: \$50 PER PERSON
ADVANCED RESERVATIONS AR	E NOW ACCEPTED, PLEASE MAIL TO:
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Cleveland Holocaust Center Leadership - Avi Goldman

At a November 19, 1997, meeting of the Cleveland Holocaust Center the following officers were elected:

President: Avi Goldman:

Vice Presidents: Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky and Bea Stadtler Treasurer: Pauline Horn; Secretary: Lia Chesler.

After a period of relative inactivity, the new officers and the Board are determined to revive the functions and activities of the Cleveland Holocaust Center, with the ultimate goal of a Holocaust Education Center that will house Holocaust related artifacts and displays, and offer Holocaust education and commemoration activities.

Immediate goals include regeneration of active membership with an emphasis on recruiting new members. and offering Holocaust education programs for teachers and the community.

Kol Israel Foundation 40th Anniversary Book -

Jack Hennenberg

Reservations for the 40 Anniversary Book continue on a first come first serve basis. Members who do not want their pages to be at the end of the book, should send in their pages now (\$50 for a half page and \$100 for a full page).

Europa Cafe - Miriam Katz

Europa Cafe, the drop-in center for Holocaust survivors, sponsored by the Jewish Family Services of Cleveland, continues to operate smoothly. It is open every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Mayfield JCC in Mandel Hall. Miriam Katz, Coordinator of the Holocaust Survivor Program, is presenting programs of speakers, music and films. Coffee, a "nosh" and fun with friends is the purpose of the center. Transportation is available. For information, please call Miriam Katz at 292-3999, extension 130.

The Interview to receive Cleveland Production. -Fave Sholiton

Faye Sholiton's play The Interview will soon be coming to Cleveland. The play which will have a staged reading at the Cleveland Play House on Wednesday evening, January 7, 1998 will be given full production at Notre Dame College (South Euclid) on five consecutive weekends beginning February 14, 1998.

Set in the home of a 70 year old Holocaust survivor. it takes place during the hours she comes to know her interviewer, a child of survivors. The two strangers discover not only their shared stories, but also the screams and silences that characterized their respective homes. The process allows them to confront their unwanted legacies in the safety of a new friendship and begin the process of healing.

The play, which the writer does not call a "Holocaust play," is about relationship. In fact, non-Jewish readers have found in it the story of their own family relationships that have nothing to do with that place and time. The Interview took first price at a national competition in July in Dayton, Ohio. It was one of six plays chosen for production out of 270 scripts submitted. One of the adjudicators, Robert Kalfin, subsequently directed a showcase reading of the script in New York for the Jewish Repertory Theater.

Sholiton is a longtime contributor to the Cleveland Jewish News and winner of more than 45 journalism prizes. It was her interest in Holocaust studies that led her to write on Jewish subjects and to join Second Generation Kol Israel. She has written widely on Holocaust related subjects and interviewed dozen of area survivors for the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. For ticket information on the Cleveland Play House reading, call 795-700. For information on the Notre Dame production, which includes an art exhibit of works by Dr. Peter London, call 381-1680.

Second Generation Kol Israel 20th Anniversary and State of Israel 50th Anniversary - Avi Goldman

Second Generation Kol Israel will celebrate its 20th Anniversary and the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel. on Sunday, June 14, 1998, with a elegant dinner dance at Green Road Synagogue. This joyous event will start at 6:00 p.m. and will include:

- 1. Reflections on the history of Second Generation Kol Israel:
- 2. Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel: and
- 3. A special tribute of honor to Ann and Mike Frum for years of dedication to and support for Holocaust survivor causes. Second Generation Kol Israel and the State of Israel.

To make this evening most memorable and successful, we need everyone's support. Please mark your calendar and make reservations on the enclosed flyer. For information, call Avi Goldman - 382-4412

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Education Scholarships

Second Generation Kol Israel is now accepting applications for the 1998 Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Holocaust Education Scholarships which can be granted for research studies in Holocaust related areas, or trips to Holocaust sites or educational facilities. Applications must be submitted by April 13, 1998.

For more information, call Susan Saltzman (561-7701) or Cindy Feuer (691-0123.



SECOND GENERATION KOL ISRAEL

President's Message - Art Rosenfeld

1998 will be an exciting year for Second Generation Kol Israel. We are celebrating our 20th year of existence, along with Israel's 50th birthday. On June 14, 1998, we will be celebrating both events, along with honoring Ann and Mike Frum, who have given so much to Kol Israel and Second Generation over the years. We hope that you and your families will be able to join us.

Swiss Banking Presentation

Those of you who were in attendance on November 2, 1997, at Fairmount Temple for Miriam Kleiman's speech on the role of Swiss banks during the Holocaust, witnessed an extraordinary presentation. Ms. Kleiman is the lead researcher for the law firm handling the Swiss banking class action law suit and provided the audience with a wealth of information regarding the Swiss role in the financing the Holocaust. Hopefully, we will be able to bring her back with an update on the situation in the near future.

Board Meeting Chanukah Party

SGKI will be hosting a Chanukah party at the Shaker Lakes Nature Center on Dec 21, 1997 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.. The party will be preceded by the monthly board meeting. Everyone is wellcome. Please, join us for the fun and food. Please, call Nancy Kalsky-Neese at 656 2876 for reservations.

Area Holocaust center sponsor

Lee Goldman's article on Nazi medical experiments, "Nazi doctors practiced their own kind of ethics" (CJN, May 29), summarized a talk by Dr. Louis Flancbaum of The Ohio State University. The talk was very in-depth and scholarly but, at the same time, extremely interesting.

Although the program was presented at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah, it was sponsored, coordinated and organized by members of the Cleveland Holocaust Center, a fact not mentioned in the article. The program was the kickoff for the reorganized Cleveland Holocaust Center.

AVI GOLDMAN, President Cleveland Holocaust Center



Upcoming Events

Feb 14th SGKI night out at Notre Dame, to see Faye Sholiton's play "The Interview"

March 1st Holocaust Impact Theater and Journey of Conscience speeches at JCC

May 3rd Dr. Louis Flancbaum speaks on Medical Ethics of Using Nazi Medical Experiments. (Some of these dates are tentative)

1998 Board Meetings

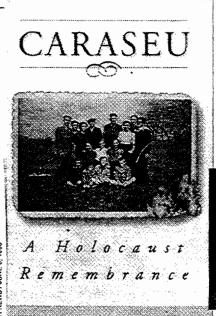
Starting with our first 1998 board meeting, all SGKI board meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month at Na'amat office, 14055 Cedar Road, on the third floor. Anyone interested in becoming more involved, please come to our monthly meetings. We have a lot to accomplish and could use the help.

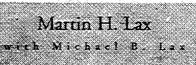
Next Generation

We are still taking applications for our student organization, Next Generation. Once we have enough applicants, we will schedule a meeting. If any of your children are interested, we would like to have our first Next Generation function to be an outing to see Fave Sholiton's "The Interview."

Dues Reminder

We appreciate all the membership checks that have come in. For those who have not yet renewed, we would appreciate your support so that we can fund our upcoming programs and obligations.





at his bar mitzvah in 1938, above, and today.



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Ruth Marmorstein 6815 Sunrise Drive Coral Gables, Fla. 33133

SLAYING THE DRAGON

As I opened the door that night my breath caught in my throat and I became so light headed I thought I was going to faint. Before me, ram-rod straight and disguised in an Eisenhower jacket, stood the prince of my dreams.

He was the prince in my Russian grandfather's fairy tales. Those stories would lift me from the studio couch on which I slept and carry me on wings of eagles to castles in far away lands. I grew up I believing passionately in good triumphing over evil and the all encompassing power of love. I fantasized about a handsome prince who would come and take me away to his kingdom. I still believed in those fairy tales when I was fixed up on a blind date.

What I did not realize as I stood gaping at the handsome stranger was that he was under a spell, like the prince in my childhood story, his heart was a block of ice.

Raw and scarred, he had long forgotten the gentle teachings of his mother, another lesson—reinforced with club and whip—taught him to despise weakness, to respect power. The lessons from the concentration camp, reinforced with front line duty in Korea, not only hardened, but left him with baggage that became more and more difficult to carry.

Heavy baggage to carry around from the time he was fifteen . years old. Before we were married he wrote me a letter

pleading for understanding. He warned me that because of his past we might not have a future. He was afraid he would hurt me. He said he was tired of living-- wished he could commit suicide, but lacked the courage to do it-- didn't know how to live in a normal world with normal people.

Years later, when the soldiers came back from Viet Nam with their hideous flashbacks, their inability to hold onto close relationships, he told me he understood, could empathize when one recently divorced young man said he would never be whole again, the blood, the guts were there, but the gentleness, the feelings... would never be right, they belonged to another time in his life.

I was naive enough to think that my love would heal him.

I was so sure that he would find solace in a home and children

I paid no attention to the warning voices of my family. I was

convinced we could pass the tests that lay before the ice prince

before he reclaimed his humanity; that life would give us the

necessary tools to hack through the forest of brambles, the

purification by fire, and that together we could slay the dragon.

And we almost slew the dragon--the dragon that lay in wait until my husband fell into a deep sleep and then would creep into his subconscious with scenes of death so horrible he would awaken moaning and crying. He would never let me be a part of that past. He refused to talk about it. He refused to go for therapy. He felt that by not sharing the black nights he was sparing me.

My husband's letter was almost prophetic. He would lash out at me and not even know why, bewildered, he would become even angrier--angriest when I cried. And I did cry. And so did the children. They hated when he belittled me. I tried to explain to them that a person repeats the behavior he knows. In camp he had been an object of ridiciule and scorn, he had lost not only his mother and father, but his name and with it his dignity.

It took me a long time to realize my love would not heal him.

After a three year separation, the third in our troubled twenty-nine year marriage, we decided to try once more to make it work. We hated the finality of divorce. We had never stopped loving each other.

Fourteen years ago when we put our marriage back together my fairy tale began to have a traditional ending. Bit by bit my husband allowed me to enter the world he had known. It was as if in the telling, the raw wounds were finally healing and he was able to make peace with the past, finally able to bury his parents. Not long ago he said without me he would have ended his life, that little by little I have sucked the poison from him.

Through the years my constant worry had been that his baggage might one day become too heavy to carry and he would find the courage to put it down. I don't fear that will happen now. Something has changed. He seems to have come to terms with his tragedy and rather than succumbing to the seduction of

death he now glories in each new day and the gift of life that it brings.

We now share the black nights. I share his nightmares and he shares my fears as I get closer and closer to dialysis. I awaken some nights to find him sitting on the edge of the bed guarding me.

He has been purified by fire, fought his way through the forest of brambles, and somehow, my beloved and I will pierce the armor and slay the dragon. He has earned his heart.

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Clergy invited to promote unity at Yom Hashoah

Despite our disagreements, all Jews have at least one thing in common – our history. If we forget our history, we cease to be Jews. The Jewish festivals of Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, Succot and Chanukah are designed to keep alive the memory of the most important triumphs in Jewish history. For strength, we must also keep alive the memory of our catastrophes, as we do on Tisha b'Av.

In recent history, Jews have been blessed to be able to add a new festival of triumph, Yom Ha'atzmaut, to celebrate the founding of the modern state of Israel. Tragically, however, we have been compelled to balance this celebration with Yom Hashoah, the day we remember the Holocaust.

In observance of this solemn day, we should take time out from dwelling on our differences and concentrate on things that bring us together. After all, the Nazis made no distinctions among Jews based on their differing traditions.

In the spirit of unity, the Yom Hashoah V'hagvura Commemoration planning committee has invited all local Jewish clergy to help make this year's observance a true community event by having them enter together in the opening processional ceremony. Through their presence and participation, the rabbis and cantors will symbolically represent all Jews of every background, tradition and denomination.

The response thus far has been very positive. This letter is directed to all local Jewish clergy who may not have received their invitation or who may be hesitant to take part. It is not too late to do the right thing. Congregants who want to promote Jewish unity should contact their clergy and encourage them to participate.

The 1998 community-wide Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura Commemoration of the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising will take place at Park Synagogue Main in Cleveland Heights on Wednesday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. This annual commemoration is co-sponsored by Kol Israel Foundation and a broad spectrum of Jewish congregations, organizations and social agencies, and is coordinated and staffed by the Jewish Community Center with the cooperation of the Jewish Community Federation. The theme of this year's event, "From Destruction to Renewal," honors our beloved martyrs and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the state of Israel. This gathering is free and open to the public.

Let us come together at this year's Yom Hashoah Commemoration as klal Yisrael, one people of Israel where, in the words of the psalmist, "shevet achim gam yachad"— "we can assemble as one extended family in unity."

LEATRICE RABINSKY and CHARLES GRUENSPAN, Co-Chairs, Yom Hashoah V'Hagyura Commemoration Committee



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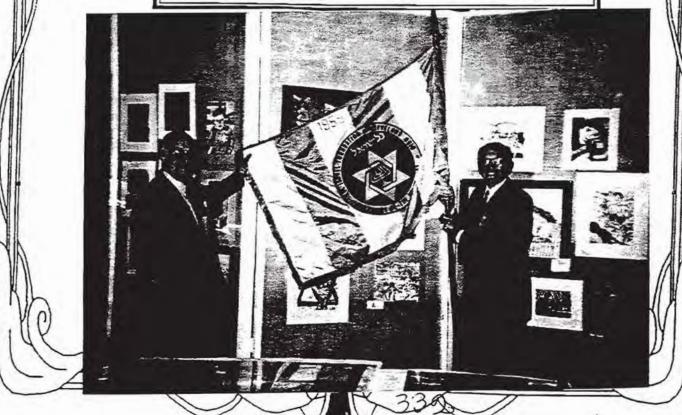
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Wednesday, April 22, 1998 7:30 p.m.

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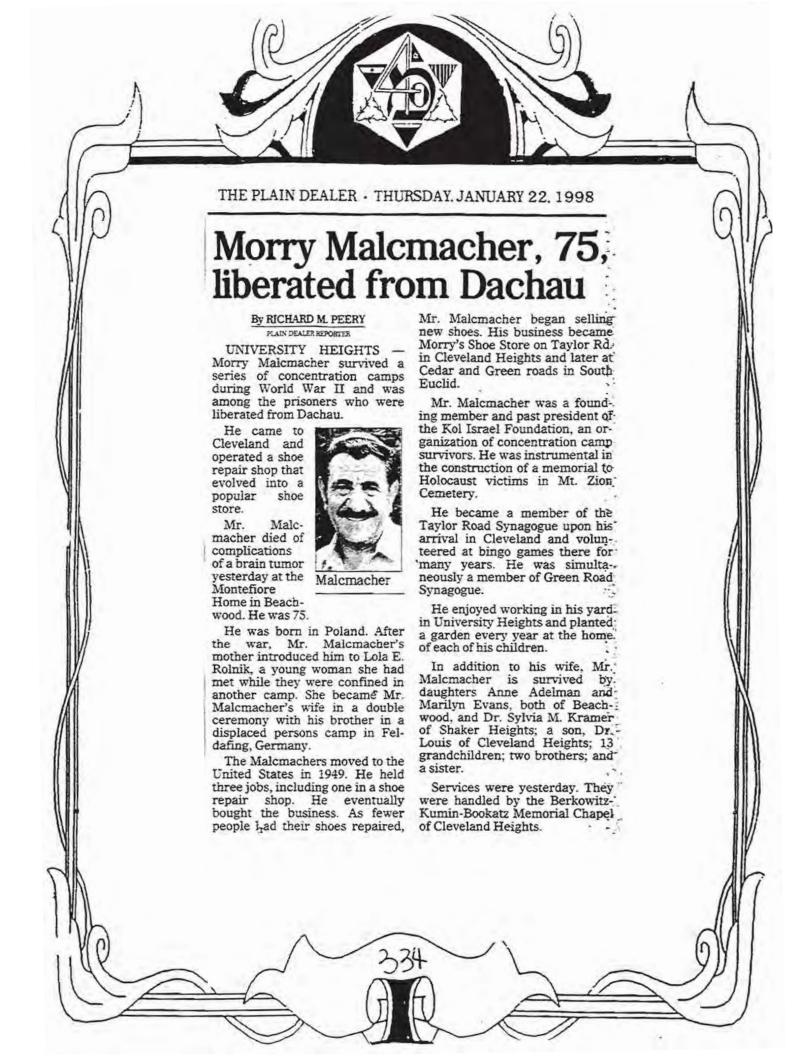
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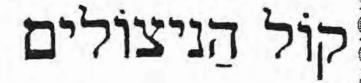


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"Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust"

Kent State University - April 21, 1998

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Cleveland Holocaust Center - Dr. Louis Flancbaum

"Medicine under the Nazis: From Hippocrates to Hypocracy"
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Demjanjuk's citizenship undeservedly restored
At the end of February we were disappointed to learn
that Demjanjuk's citizenship was restored by the local
judge handling the case. His decision was based on
the fact that his citizenship was revoked when he was
deported to Israel to face trial there on the basis that
he was Ivan the terrible.

While we are respectful of the U.S. and Israeli judicial systems, in our view justice was not served at either place in this case. For a proven S.S. guard to go free, is a severe miscarriage of justice. Justice in this case was thwarted not served.

It is our hope that the U.S. Justice Department will renew the judicial process to have his citizenship revoked. H lied on his visa application, he did not disclose that he was trained and served as a Nazi death camp guard. U.S. citizenship is a privilege and should be denied to Nazi death camp guards.

Cleveland Holocaust Center - Avi Goldman

The leadership of the Cleveland Holocaust
Center is engaged in renewed efforts to revitalize the
organization. An open letter, that includes information
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Congratulations on your 50th anniversary to: Regina & Henry Borgen Congratulation to Mrs. Liza Alpert on the birth of her great granddaughter, Sarah Lauren. The proud parents are Nina and Jeff Light. Maternal grandparents are Eva and Mike Polin. Paternal grandparents are Esther and Seymour Light, all of South Euclid.

Refuah Shlema! Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to:

Isaac Alpert Wanda Dovin Marcia Krause Jenny Kuricki Celia Rosenfeld

Deepest Sympathies are extended to the families of Morry Malcmacher, founder and former President of the Kol Israel Foundation

Lewan Rose Sheindel Rosenfeld Richard Widman

Best Wishes to Kol Israel Foundation - Betty Berry

Best wishes on the 40th Anniversary! In loving remembrance of our beloved and departed family members and friends who died during the Holocaust. They did not die in vain. They live in our hearts and their memory will be with us forever.

Israel arose from their sacrifice. We hope that the suffering and struggle of the Jews in Europe during World War II will lead to the prevention of such terrible deeds ever happening to anyone again.

Europa Cafe - Miriam Katz

Europa Cafe, the drop-in center for Holocaust survivors, sponsored by the Jewish Family Services of Cleveland, continues to operate smoothly. It is open every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Mayfield JCC in Mandel Hall. Miriam Katz, Coordinator of the Holocaust Survivor Program, is presenting programs of speakers, music and films. Coffee, a "nosh" and fun with friends is the purpose of the center. Transportation is available. For information, please call Miriam Katz at 292-3999, extension 130.

The Interview a play by Faye Sholiton

Faye Sholiton's play "The Interview" has been in performance at Notre Dame College (South Euclid) on five consecutive weekends beginning February 14, 1998. The performance of this play, concerning itself with legacies of survivorship, is very remarkable. One of the actresses is our own - Anne Lukas-Jones.

Set in the home of a 70 year old Holocaust survivor, it takes place during the hours she comes to know her interviewer, a child of survivors. The two strangers discover not only their shared stories, but also the screams and silences that characterized their respective homes. The process allows them to confront their unwanted legacies in the safety of a new friendship and begin the process of healing.

The play, which the writer does not call a "Holocaust play," is about relationship. In fact, non-Jewish readers have found in it the story of their own family relationships. The Interview took first price at a national competition in July in Dayton, Ohio. It was one of six plays chosen for production out of 270 scripts submitted.

Sholiton is a longtime contributor to the Cleveland Jewish News and winner of more than 45 journalism prizes. It was her interest in Holocaust studies that led her to write on Jewish subjects and to join Second Generation Kol Israel. She has written widely on Holocaust related subjects and interviewed dozen of area survivors for the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

For information on the Notre Dame production, which includes an art exhibit of works by Dr. Peter London, call 381-1680.

Second Generation Kol Israel 20th Anniversary and State of Israel 50th Anniversary -

Avi Goldman

Second Generation Kol Israel will celebrate its 20th Anniversary and the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel, on Sunday, June 14, 1998, with a elegant dinner dance at Green Road Synagogue. This joyous event will start at 6:00 p.m. and will include:

- Reflections on the history of Second Generation Kol Israel;
- Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel; and
- A special tribute of honor to Ann and Mike Frum for years of dedication to and support for Holocaust survivor causes, Second Generation Kol Israel, and the State of Israel.

To make this evening most memorable and successful, we need everyone's support. Please mark your calendar and make reservations on the enclosed flyer. For information, call Avi Goldman - 382-4412

THEODOR HERZL AND HIS VISION

ON MAY 2,1860 THEODOR HERZL, was born in Budapest, his idea created a organisation which turned into a reality the return of the Jewish people to their anciend homland. He studied at the Vienna University for a legal career, but was attracted to journalism. He wrote articles and plays, and was sent to Paris as a special correspondent of a Viennese newspaper. In 1894 he attended the trial of Captain Dreifus, a Jewish officer wrongly convicted of sellinng French military secrets to Germany. Herzl, shocked by this injustice and by the persecution of Jews in many European countries, felt impelled to write a book urging the formation of a Jewish state. With his supporters he organised the first Zionist Congress in 1897 in Basel, Switzerland. 100 years ago thi year. Herzl negotiated with kings and emperors and statemen to secure a charter to enable the Jewish people return to their homeland though he died in 1904 at a early age of 44, it was largely due to his vision and enhusiasm that the State of Israel was born. 44 years later.



On August 16,1949 A plane, with blue and white markings and the insigna of the State of Israel, landet at Lydda Airport. The aircaraft brought the reamains of Theodor Herzl for interment in the Jewish State, as he had asked in his will.

Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, spoke to the nation.

"There are only two great Jews whose bones have been brought here by the people-Joseph, the son of Jacob, and now Benjamin, also the son of Jacob.

Among the six million who perished was one middle-aged women who took with her to Thresienstadt, where she died in 1943, the letters which her father, Theodor, and her Mother, Julie, had exchanged. She was Trude, Theodor Herzl's younger daughter.

On Mount Herzl the body of Herzl sleeps for ever, but per chance, as the "SABRA's of Israel romp happily in Zion, he to rejoyces in their happiness.

JACOB HENNENBERG

Forgotten Heroes

On the 17th of September 1939 Soviet Russia and Nazi Germany concluded a Non Agresion Pact, today we know that this pact was nothing else than a plan to attack

Poland.On September 1 1939 nazi germany attacked Poland from the North, South and the West. Soviet Russia crossed the Polish border from the East

Into Russian hands fell 250 thousand Polish prisoners of war, including thousands of Polish Officers. The Officers were put into three camps: KOZIELSK, STAROBIELSK, and OSTASZKOW. Between 1940 and the begginning of 1941 these Camps were systematically emptied out by the N.K. V.D. and the prisoners disappeared without a trace.

In June 1941 nazi Germany atacked russia, under the pseudonim "BARBAROSA" and occupied a lot of territory inside russia.

On the 13 th of April 1943. The area farmers notified the nazi ocupation forces that in the nearby woods, thousands of Polish officers were executed, by the N.K.V.D.

The nazis were not interested in the Polish officers plight, but they were interested as a propaganda against the Russians which by now were alies with the west against Germany.

They discovered a mass grave, 28 meters long and 16 meters wide, in which in 12 layers high about 3000 polish oficers, in their uniforms were buried, all had a revolver bullet shot in the back of their head. The KATIN Woods was the place of this murderous act in which the officers that were in the camp KOZIELSK were murdered in cold blood, many could not be identified.

Until today it is not known where the resting place is of the thousands of Officers from the camps STAROBIELSK and OSTASZKOW.

Many of these officers in the Polish army were of the Jewish faith, as a matter of fact

MAJOR BARUCH STEINBERG CHIEF RABBI OF THE POLISH FORCES was one of the victims,

he was born 17.12. 1897. He was taken out of the camp OSTASZKOW

December 1939 and disapeared without a trace.

In as much that we are obligated to say "Kadish" in memory of our departed, I will in this memorial mention the names of those of the Jewish faith, this list is far from complete, but at least it is a start to remember our failen heroes.

I hope someone will see this list of slained JEWISH OFFICERS, and will take solace to be able to keep their "Yahrzeit"

iacob Hennenberg

זכרונם לברכה

CAMP STAROBIELSK

ALTERMAN DAWID

Captain M.D.

ANISFELD MARKUS

second lieutenant

BEN ARON

second lieutenant

BERENZWEIG DAWID

second lieutenant

BRAND SALOMON

second lieutenant

CEJNGUT

second lieutenant

EIZEN ROMAN

second lieutenant

FUCHS

lieutenant

FOGELBAUM JAKUB

second lieutenant

GRUBNER HENRYK

second lieutenant Rybnik

JELSZANSKI IZAAK

Captain , M.D.

KACZER MENDEL

second lieutenant

LANGE OSKAR

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LEBENBAUM DAWID

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Major, head Rabbi POLISH ARMY

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lieutenant

SZTAJNMAN HENRYK

second lieutenant

WELERSDORFER ADAM

second lieutenant .M.D.

ZIMMER ALFRED

second lieutenant

ZIMMER LEOPOLD

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February, 1998

Dear Cleveland Holocaust Center Members and Friends;

Good news! We are proud to announce that the Cleveland Holocaust Center is moving forward with a full range of activities. We are working on renewing and expanding memberships and planning programs for the coming year. A Teachers' Seminar for Holocaust Studies is scheduled for spring, 1999.

Dr. Louis Flancbaum, a physician in Columbus, Ohio is the featured speaker at our spring meeting, Sunday, May 3, 1998, 7:30 PM, at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah, 26811 Fairmount Boulevard. A Second Generation member, Dr. Flancbaum has devoted years of research to the infamous Nazi medical experiments during the Holocaust. He was a presenter at the recent Yad Vashem International Conference on Holocaust Studies. Dr. Flancbaum will speak about the far-reaching consequences of the Nazi medical experiments.

In addition to programs, resource materials and teaching activities, we are continuing our efforts to establish a permanent home for a Holocaust Center in the Cleveland area. We are counting on your participation in all these activities. You will receive news briefs about forthcoming events. Please feel free to call and leave a message indicating your interest in participating in Cleveland Holocaust Center projects. The phone number is (216) 381-7141.

All good wishes for good health, joy and success in your endeavors during the coming year.

Sincerely,

Avi Goldman

President

Leatrice B. Rabinsky

Vice President

Bea Stadtler

Vice President

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1998 6:00PM

DINNER - DANCE TO CELEBRATE THE

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SECOND GENERATION KOL ISRAEL

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SECOND GENERATION KOL ISRAEL



Spring Issue

New SGKI Phone # 381-7141

March, 1998

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The next couple of months will be very busy for Second Generation. We are celebrating our 20th vear of existence with Israel's 50th birthday. On June 14th, we will be honoring both events with Mike and Anne Frum, who have given so much to Kol Israel and Second Generation over the years. We hope that you and your families will be able to join us. Please make your reservation as soon as possible. If you would like to place a congratulatory ad, please call 381-7141 for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21.....Kent State University. Professor Daniel Goldhagen, author of the International Best Seller "Hitler's Willing Ex. tioners: Ordinary Germans 3:4 the Holocaust".

April 22nd.....Yom Hashoa at Park Synagogue.

May 3rd..... Dr. Louis Flancbaum speaks on "Medicine Under The Nazis: From Hippocrates to Hypocracy." He will talk about medical ethics and the role of physicians and scientists in the Holocaust. The program will take place at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah at 7:30 p.m.

Please watch for upcoming fliers for these programs. If you have any questions, please call me at 381-7141.

1998 BOARD MEETINGS

All SGKI board meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 in the morning at the Na'amat office in the Cedar Hts. Professional Building, 14055 Cedar Road on the third floor. We encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved to please come sit in on our monthly meetings. We have a lot of work to accomplish this year and could use the help.

We are now accepting applications for the 1998 Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Holocaust Education Scholarships, which can be granted for research studies in Holocaust related areas, or trips to Holocaust sites or educational facilities. Applications must be submitted by March 13, 1998. If you know of anyone interested in applying for these scholarships, call Susan Saltzman (561-7709) or Cindy Feuer (691-0123).

DUES REMINDER

We appreciate all the membership checks that have come in. For those of you who have not yet renewed, we would appreciate your support so that we can fund our upcoming programs. A mailing just went out to all of the unpaid members. Please use the bottom of this page to send in your dues if you have not already done so.

Art Rosenfeld, President

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"Reflection of the Holocaust from Destruction to Renewal"

Wednesday, April 22, 1998
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Park Synagogue Main
3300 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights

Co-sponsored by Cleveland area agencies, congregations, and organizations. Program coordinated by the Jewish Community Center of Cleveland with support from the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland and Kol Israel Foundation.

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Raoul Wallenberg

Among the great heroes of the Holocaust, Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg has a special place. He was born in Stockholm on August 12, 1912, to a prominent family of bankers, industrialists, and diplomats. His grandfather Gustav Wallenberg, Swedish ambassador to China, Japan and Bulgaria, guided Wallenberg's early life and education. He encouraged his grandson's international outlook and humanitarianism.

By recommendation of the Swedish branch of the World Jewish Congress and support from the United States War Refugee Board, they appointed Wallenberg special attaché and second secretary to the Swedish Legation in Hungary, in July 1944. In Budapest, Wallenberg rapidly established a special department under legation auspices, the so-called "Section C," with the sole function of preventing the deportation of more than 200,000 Hungarian Jews remaining in Budapest. Since the Nazi occupation, the Nazis had already deported more than 400,000 Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz.

Through Section C, Wallenberg immediately issued several hundred Swedish passports to Hungarian Jews with familial or business ties to Sweden. Within a short time of his arrival, he devised a protective pass, the "Schutz-PaB," adorned with the Swedish colors, an embassy stamp and his signature. He established many "safe houses," where he placed thousands of imperiled Hungarian Jews under the protection of the Swedish government. Exercising the safe houses, the Schutz-PaB and other spurious documents, Wallenberg is credited with personally saving more than 20,000 Hungarian Jews, many of whom he removed from trains as they were bound for Auschwitz.

In January 1945, the Soviet Army occupied Budapest. On January 17, Wallenberg and his driver, Vilmos Langfelder, made their way to Soviet Army headquarters hoping to negotiate the transfer of the Hungarian Jews from Swedish to Soviet protection. Neither Wallenberg nor his driver was ever seen again. In 1957, after a decade of speculation, Soviet officials announced that Wallenberg had died in 1947, allegedly of a heart attack, in the infamous Lubyanka prison. The Soviet government returned Wallenberg's personal effects, including his passport and day book, to his family in 1989.

In recognition of Wallenberg's personal courage and heroism, memorials to him have been built throughout the world. Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust recognizes him as "Righteous Among the Nations." The United States Congress awarded Wallenberg honorary American citizenship, in 1981, in sincere gratitude and admiration of his heroism.

— Jacob Hennenberg



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New Yom Hashoa Menorah

Design: Jacob Henneberg Construction: Jacob Sasson, Cabinet Elegance

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Zecher LaShoah is the name given to the six-branched candelabra which represents the six million Jewish people who were murdered during the Holocaust years. It has six arms, each arm representing one million Jewish victims. It is also unique as it has Hebrew letters which, from right to left (shin, vav, alef, hay), form the word Shoah, the Hebrew term describing the Holocaust.

The idea for the six-branched candelabra was born at Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky's house.

The concept and design represent the art work of Jacob Hennenberg.

The physical structure was constructed by Yakov Sasson.

The decorating was done by Simon Fixler.

The electrical work was installed by Avi Goldman.

The name "Zecher LaShoah" was contributed by Herbert Frankel and Dr. Zev Harel.



Menorah – the name given to a seven-branched candelabra, which according to the Bible was a prominent feature of the tabernacle erected by the people of Israel in the wilderness, as well as in the Jerusalem temple.

Chanukkah lamp – also known as a **Hanukkiah**, is probably the richly decorated Hanukkah lamp of medieval and modern times that had its origin in the simple pear-shaped clay lamp.



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Eva and Jack Wieder

Wieders celebrate 50th anniversary

Jack and Eva Wieder of Beachwood celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10. They are the parents of Lee and Murray Rosenberg, Marty and Janice Wieder, Ben Wieder and Michael and Miriam Wieder, and the grandparents of Melanie and Keith Luria, Adam Rosenberg, Michelle Wieder and Heather Wieder.

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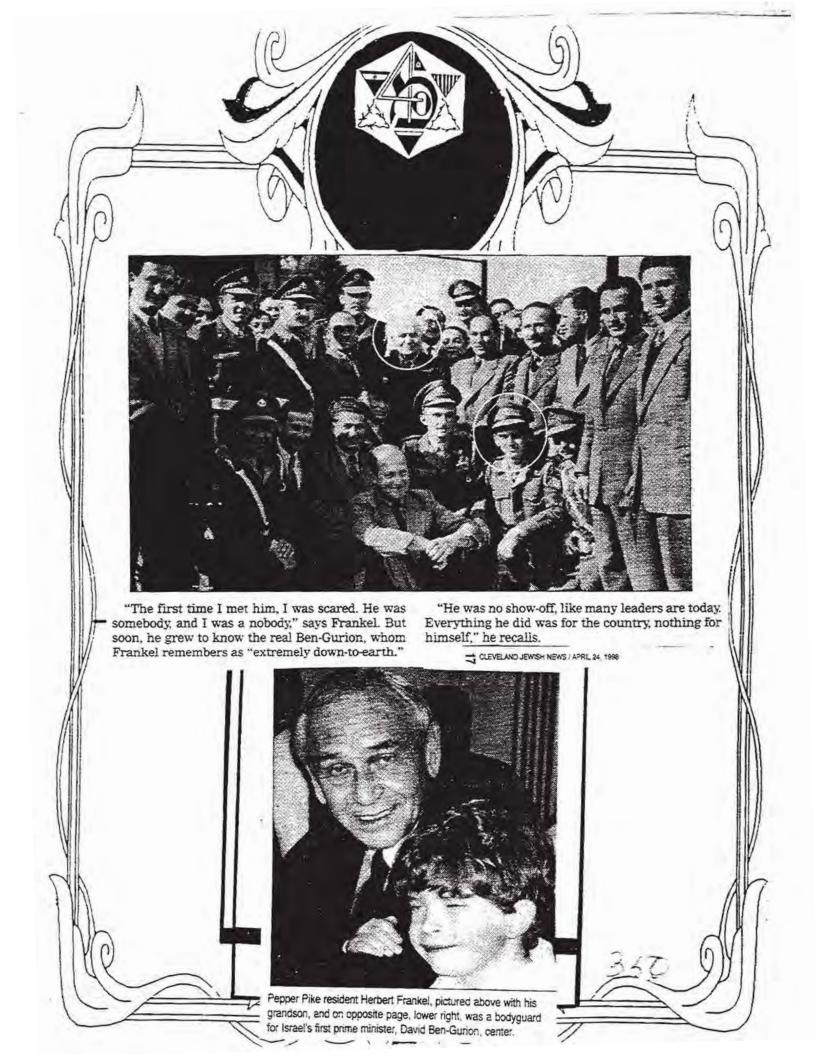
TO THE HOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION ON THEIR 40th ANNIVERSARY!

IN RETENDRANCE OF OUR BELOVED DEPARTED WHO DIED DURING THE HOLOGAUST. THEY DID NOT DIE IN VAIN. THEY WILL LIVE IN OUR HEARTS AND THEIR MEMORY WILL BE WITH US ALWAYS.

ISRAEL ARCSE FROM THEIR SACRIFICE. WE HOPE THAT THE SUFFERING AND STRUGGLE OF THE JEWS IN EUROPE DURING WORLD WAR II WILL LEAD TO THE PREVENTION OF SUCH TERRIBLE DEEDS EVER HAPPENING TO ANYONE AGAIN.

WE PRAY FOR PEACE.

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VOICE OF THE SURVIVORS

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The Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel Summer Newsletter - June 1998

Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Ms. Cindy Feuer, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz, Ms. Anne Lukas and Mr. Julian Solonitz

SPRING 1998 ACTIVITIES:

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"Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust"

Kent State University - April 21, 1998

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Community Commemoration Park Synagogue - April 22, 1998

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"Medicine under the Nazis: From Hippocrates to Hypocracy"
Congregation Shaarey Tikvah - May 3, 1998 - 7:30 p.m.

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Spring Luncheon

South Euclid Recreation Center - May 18, 1998

Kol Israel Foundation - Elections

Green Road Synagogue - May 17, 1998

SUMMER 1998 ACTIVITIES:

Second Generation Kol Israel

20th Anniversary & State of Israel 50th Anniversary

Green Road Synagogue - June 14, 1998

Kol Israel Foundation & Second Generation KI Annual Picnic Anisfield Park - July 5, 1998

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue - July 19, 1998

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Membership Luncheon

South Euclid Recreation Center - August 10, 1998

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

President's Message - Simon Fixler

I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire membership of the Kol Israel Foundation for electing me for a second term as President of the organization.

As you are aware, we have accomplished a great deal in the past two years. We became partners with the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland in planning and conducting the Annual Memorial Service at Zion Cemetery. We have erected a Memorial Wall to perpetuate the memories of our dear loved ones who perished in the Holocaust. We have established a Memorial Fund at the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation for the perpetual care of the Monument. Our goal is to reach \$100,000. Toward this goal, we contributed \$25,000.

There is still limited room on the Memorial Monument wall to perpetuate the names of lost loved ones. Do not wait until it is too late.

As you know, next year we are planning to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our organization. Our historian, Jack Hennenberg, is busily working on a book which contains the history of our organization. Members who wish to contribute personal stories should contact Jack Hennenberg as soon as possible.

General Election Meeting - Julian Solonitz

The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with a large attendance. Chairman Mike Frum called for a minute of silence, in memory of our deceased members and turned over the meeting to President Simon Fixler.

After greeting the assembled, President Fixler asked Secretary Solonitz to read the minutes of the past meeting. The minutes describe in brief the work and proceedings of our Board's meetings. Solonitz also informed the membership that he decided to retire after some 13 years of service as Secretary, to give a deserved rest to his "old bones." Reports of other Kol Israel officers followed. Treasurer Betty Berliner provided a detailed picture of our finances at the present time.

Jacob Hennenberg, our historian, traced the history of our organization, reminding everyone that next year we will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of our organization for which he is preparing a special book. He invited members to contribute to

the 40th Anniversary Book.

Leo Silberman, our Memorial Chairman, gave a very positive account of the latest Yom Hashoa event. He also indicated that our organization has 12 new life members.

Philip Green, Sunshine chairman, reminded the membership that he always needs information; be it happy or sad, to perform his job.

Henry Miller, Social Chairman, reminded everyone that our annual picnic will take place on July 5, 1998.

With individual reports completed, President Fixler praised each outgoing Board member, thanking them for their special efforts on behalf of our organization, especially Mrs. Burstyn.

Avi Goldman informed the assembled about the special anniversary celebration on June 14, 1998, the 20th Anniversary of SGKI, the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel and a tribute to the Frums for their dedicated service to the survivor community. He also provided information about the 1936 Olympic exhibit at Canton and the "I Still See Their Faces" exhibit which the Cleveland Holocaust Center wishes to bring to Cleveland.

Eva Wieder, KI Sisterhood President, informed the audience about forthcoming events.

Distribution of ballots listing the officers followed: President, Simon Fixler; Vice President Steve Slomovitz; Chairman, Mike Frum; Secretary, Sheila Pickholtz; Treasurer, Zev Harel; Social Chairman, Henry Miller; Historian, Jack Hennenberg; Memorial Chairman, Herman Frank.

Following the election, there was a social evening with refreshments.

Historian Report - Jack Hennenberg

On the occasion of the election of Board members of the Kol Israel Foundation, it gives me an opportunity to relate to you my responsibilities as historian of the KIF.

I gather all the information regarding our organization and its members. Any time an article appears in a newspaper about our members, it is immediately placed in the anniversary book that is issued every five years. In line with our five year cycle, the 40th Anniversary Book will be issued in August 1999.

I would like to suggest that the intellectual

growth of an organization is measured by how much printed material it produces. Since 1993, under the leadership of Dr. Zev Harel, the Kol Hanizolim magazine has been issued 4 times each year.

Being a historian, I would like to take you back visually starting with the journal for the 10th Anniversary of our organization, under the leadership of Jack Herskowitz, which contained 30 pages. For the 18th Anniversary, under the leadership of Jack Beigelman, the Journal contained 40 pages, and for the 21st Anniversary, the journal contained 45 pages. For the 25th Anniversary, under the leadership of the late Leon Bergrin, the journal had 180 pages. For the 30th Anniversary, under the leadership of the late Bob Birnbaum the journal contained 300 pages and, in 1994 for our 35th Anniversary, under the leadership of Dr. Zev Harel, our Anniversary Book had 500 pages. Looking back at the steady growth of our printed material, it is my hope that under the leadership of Simon Fixler, our current President, the volume of our printed material will continue to grow and our 40th Anniversary Book will make us all proud.

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura - Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky More than 1,000 people gathered at Park

Synagogue on April 22, 1998 to commemorate Holocaust heroes, martyrs, survivors, and Righteous of the Nations at Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura. Sponsored by the Kol Israel survivor organizations, this year's solemn program focused on "Reflections on the Holocaust: From Destruction to Renewal." Highlighting the event were the Generations of Testimony accompanied by poignant slides of families in "The World That Was" as well as gripping visuals of visits to the sites of the Holocaust in Europe and scenes in Israel - the Land of Rebirth. Featured speakers were: Leon Shear. born in Bendzin, Poland and survivor of Auschwitz: Debby Jacoby Pessar, Second Generation, who traveled with her family to her father's hometown, Snina, Czech Republic, as well as to his places of imprisonment in Auschwitz - Birkenau; and Third Generation members, Abby Maier, who reflected on her pilgrimage with the Journey of Conscience and Karen Austrian, who gave insights about her journey with the March of the Living.

Unique to this year's commemoration was the "Unity Rabbinical Procession" with more than 30

clergy representing the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform segments of our community. More than 100 young people carrying Yahrzeit candles, participated in the March of the Generations. Members of the Jewish War Veterans, Betar and Jewish Scouts joined in the Presentation of the Colors. Kol Israel past presidents marched with the special Kol Israel flag.

Speaking for the Jewish Community Federation, President Robert Goldberg focused on the importance of remembering. He commended the gathering for encouraging community unity. Eva Wieder, President of Kol Israel Sisterhood, spoke on behalf of the survivor organizations.

A meaningful dimension of the evening was the lighting of Six Memorial Candles by survivors and three generations of their families, chaired by Leo Silverman of the Kol Israel Foundation. Mary Chaitoff wrote the script. The unique menorah, which is used for this special occasion every year, was created by Jack Hennenberg, constructed by Yakov Sasson, and decorated by Simon Fixler. Survivor participants included Ted Hersh, Magda Taub, Arnold Friedman, Ester Pitt Malin, Chaim Scheps and Goldie Pearl.

Student Winners of the Creative Arts Competition read their chosen entries. Sarit Henig of the Cleveland Hebrew Schools and Marina Fridman of Beachwood High School were first place winners. Vocalist Rebecca Gruenspan, accompanied by violinist Wendy Zohar, elicited an emotional response with their heartfelt Songs of Remembrance. Cantor Offer Barnoy led the audience in the inspirational Song of the Partisans and chanted the Kel Malei Rachamim. Rabbi Joshua Skoff intoned the Kaddish.

Prior to and after the event, community members viewed Jacob Hennenberg's Precious Legacy collection. He also distributed a booklet that contained the names of Jewish Holocaust victims who lost their lives at Gross-Rosen.

Chairing the 1998 Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura were Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky and Charles Gruenspan. Committee members included: Avi Goldman, Program; Jack Hennenberg, Cover design; Helen Shear and Bettyruth Shear, Rabbinical Procession; Sheri Koppel and Cindy Feuer, Creative Arts; Betty Berliner, Bea Stadtler, Mary Chaitoff, Deborah Weiser, Art judges; Erica Gold and Allen Gold,

Youth involvement; Joan Gelbman, Publicity; Lois Zaas, Finance; Marc Frank, House arrangements; Marcia Wexberg, Program book and others.

Yom Hashoa: The Day of Remembrance Jack Hennenberg

Yom Hashoa is a time when we remember the splendor of their lives, acts of heroism, and the terror of their death. The twenty-seventh day of the Hebrew month of Nissan is the day on which Jewish people all over the world remember and honor through commemorative activities the six million Jewish people murdered during the second World War only because they were Jews.

Countless memoirs and diaries written by survivors plead and demand that we remember how so many innocent souls were degraded, tortured, and brutally murdered. We recall in part what they witnessed and the horrors which they suffered, in order to remember them and to remind others of these horrendous events in our history.

On this day, and not only on this day, we perpetuate their testimony and legacy. It is only 53 years since liberation and already some enemy forces try to distort history while we, the witnesses, are still alive. Imagine the days when we are no longer here to provide the testimonies that we were there, saw it with our eyes and experienced it in person. Why do these people want to distort history? Our disaster is a reflection on the whole civilized world. And we have the thankless duty to remind a reluctant world how rotten they were, and some of them still are.

Holocaust Remembrance: A Local Perspective

To date, remembering and honoring victims of the Holocaust is still the primary responsibility of the organized survivor community. It is essential that the organized Jewish community share with us more extensively in this responsibility. After all, the Holocaust is part of our Jewish history and the remembering and honoring the Holocaust victims should be done not only by survivors but by all members of our Jewish community.

The annual Memorial Service, held at Zion cemetery will be shared for the second year with the Jewish Community Federation - Community Relations Council. We are very pleased with this

new partnership. We may also be pleased with the renovated new look of the Memorial Monument at Zion Memorial Park which dignifies the memory of Holocaust victims on both personal and community-wide levels. Kol Israel has provided a foundation in the amount of \$25,000 for a Memorial Fund at the Jewish Community Federation. It is our hope to have this fund grow to \$100,000 which will then assure the perpetual care of the monument for the future. Contributions to this fund may be made to the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation -Kol Israel Memorial Fund.

The annual Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura commemoration has evolved in recent years to include the participation of an ever-increasing segment of the Cleveland Jewish community. It is pleasing to see the participation of families, school children, and youth in this annual event. The planning, however, with the exception of two Holocaust educators - Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky and Bea Stadtler, and a small number of volunteers, is still done, for the most part, by the leadership of the survivor community.

It is essential that we evolve a partnership with a Jewish organization so that we may realize a shared responsibility in the planning and organization of this important event.

Cleveland Holocaust Center - Avi Goldman

The leadership of the Cleveland Holocaust Center continues in its efforts to revitalize the organization. On May 3, 1998, at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah over 100 people listened to the highly informative presentation of Dr. Louis Flancbaum about the evolution of medically and socially sponsored experimentation and killings of people who were deemed "unworthy" in Germany. As we know, this deplorable practice of medicine grew under the Nazi regime and became increasingly "more sophisticated" leading to mass murders and exterminations in the death camps. Over eleven million people were murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust, six million of whom were members of the Jewish Faith.

It is important that the Cleveland Holocaust Center continue to revitalize its organizational structure so that it can continue to present and support Holocaust educational activities for educators, students and the general public.

Kol Israel Life Membership

Our life membership continues to grow. We have 88 life members; 35 couples and 18 individuals.

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Deepest Sympathies to the families of

Adam Beer Zoltan Friedman Joseph Lewin Chana Sloan Helen Weisner

The Holocaust: A History of Courage and Resistance - By Bea Stadtler

A sensitive and thoughtful introduction to

the Holocaust for the intermediate grades (5-6). Through stories of courage and bravery, the devastating events of 1933-1945 are recounted in ways which convey their painful reality without horrifying the younger reader. The book can be purchased for \$7.95 by calling (216)292-3843.

Yom Hashoa Commemoration at Louisville, Kentucky - Rose Kaplovitz

I was honored to have been invited by the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville to be the guest speaker for their Yom Hashoa Commemoration. The city-wide program "Voices of Shoa" was attended by young and old Jewish and non-Jewish persons. They filled every seat in the Adath Yeshurun Sanctuary. They came to remember and to pay tribute to victims of the Holocaust. Students representing various synagogues read the names of Louisville relatives who perished in the Holocaust. Four teenagers who participated in the 1996 "March of the Living" shared their meaningful reflections on Holocaust remembrance. "Voces Novae" a city choir sang an emotional song "Even when God is silent"and a youth choir sang "Zog nit keinmol." The K"El Malei Rachamim was performed by "Voces Novae" and members of various temples.

Six memorial candles were lit by survivors who led the Kaddish prayer, with a moving responsive reading from the audience. Participants in the commemoration were Rabbis from Reform to Lubavitcher congregations and several priests. And, as indicated by the Louisville Jewish News, it was Rose Kaplovitz who touched every heart and brought tears to every eye. After the commemoration, many students came to the home of Ilse and Mike Meyer, my wonderful hosts, to talk to me and stayed until late night. This event had a special meaning for me as it was in the congregation where my son Ronnie got married.

Journey of Renewal - Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

An eclectic group of Holocaust survivors, educators and students of diverse backgrounds joined in the recent Journey of Renewal to Washington, D.C. Forty three participants went on the pilgrimage sponsored by the Kol Israel Foundation and Cleveland Heights High School. Led by Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky and assisted by Heights High teacher Sol Factor, the group shared

the commitment "to renew our faith in the principles of our country and to remember and honor heroes, martyrs and survivors of the Holocaust."

Highlighting the three-day journey was the tour of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Local survivors presented documents, memorabilia, and personal testimonies in a special ceremony at the museum. Esther Pitt Melin, Harry Schuster, Sam Burke and Arnold Friedman spoke and donated personal artifacts to Martin Goldman, Director of Survivor Affairs and Steve Feinberg, Coordinator of the Mandel Fellowship Program. Avi Goldman, President, told about the activities of the Cleveland Holocaust Center. Jacob Hennenberg presented the program book of the Yom Hashoa V'Hagyura.

A fascinating tour of governmental and historic sites was led by Robert Somers, Washington attorney and VIP licensed tour guide. Somers was a student of Dr. Rabinsky and a member of the first Journey of Conscience in 1975. He also served as a Counselor on the Journeys of 1993 and 1995. Journey members enjoyed a guitar concert at the Kennedy Center, toured the Air and Space Museum, visited a host of monuments during a night tour of lighted sites, saw Arlington National cemetery and toured the magnificent grounds of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate.

The following are comments by Journey of Renewal participants:

Julian Solonitz: "After visiting the Holocaust Museum, a visit to Washington's Mount Vernon with its serenity was like a refreshing balm for the wounded soul."

<u>Sam Burke:</u> "It was fascinating to see the great architecture of our capital and its beautiful memorial design and sculpture".

Gustav Murray (exchange student from Sweden): "I learned so much at the Holocaust Museum, especially because we went with some of the people who survived the Holocaust era."

Joshua Lifschitz: "The Hall of Remembrance was most meaningful to me, a room filled with silence providing time for meditation and by a myriad of burning candles."

Sally Lifschitz: "As an adopted daughter of this country, I want to know everything about the country that accepted me."

Celia Milchiker: "I was very much impressed with the Journey and how well it was organized. We made friends with Mr. & Mrs. Caputo and others."

Edith Meyer: "This journey was very important to me."

Sam and Miriam Hauptman: "It was a great trip."

Pearl Goldstein: "Daniel's story, the boat, railroad wagon and exhibits from before the war were most meaningful at the USHMM."

Esther Malin: "The bridge from the Lodz Ghetto (USHMM) brought back a lot of memories."

Charles Caputo: The USHMM - each time I learn more and try to understand more. Having the survivors here to talk to made the trip super."

Harry Schuster: "All of the Journey was very impressive. I was very happy to be on this Journey."

Sam and Helen Feig: "It was very interesting to see the history of this country."

The Nazi Olympics-Berlin 1936

The Cleveland Holocaust Center is organizing a pilgrimage to the Canton Museum of Art for an exclusive viewing of the nationally-acclaimed exhibition, "The Nazi Olympics, Berlin 1936." A special event has been planned for Survivors and their families on Sunday, June 28, 1998 from 11a.m.to 1 p.m. at the Canton Museum of Art, 1001 Market Avenue, North Canton, Ohio. The event will include a private viewing of the exhibition followed by a short program. Light refreshments will be served.

To facilitate the travel experience, the Cleveland Holocaust Center is reserving a comfortable tour bus for the journey. Travel time is approximately one and a quarter hours each way. The bus will depart from Kaufmann's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. promptly. Cost for the journey is \$10 for transportation. There is no charge for the exhibit. Reservations are available for 43 people. Please make checks payable to: Cleveland Holocaust Center and send to President Avi Goldman, 1799 South Belvoir Blvd.. South Euclid, OH 44121. Reservations will be accepted until June 21, 1998. For further information, please call Avi Goldman at 382-4412, or Leatrice Rabinsky at 321-7030. We look forward to the pleasure of your company.

IMAGE BEFORE MY EYES

Reading the Book"LISTA KATYNSKA" Katyn list printed in Poland, it contains names of about 4000 Polish Officers that were slaind by the Soviet N.K.V.D. between 1939 and 1941 after Russia crossed the Polish border in September 1939 and occupied the polish territory.

On that list I found a large number of Jewish Officers. One name in particular caught my eye, it was the name of the chief Rabbi of the Polish Army, Major Baruch Steinberg

an image came before my eyes, that I witnessed in 1935 on the town square in Oswiecim.

As it was the custom in prewar Poland, after the soldiers finished basic training in their army camp, usually on a national holiday the Christian soldiers were marched in to the church, and swore aliegents to the country. The Jewish soldiers were marched in to the Synagogue and swore there their aliegent, however in 1935 the winds of war were blowing from the west, a new regime was established in Germany, hostile to Poland, the Jewish contingent was larger, so the autorities decided to hold it in the Towns square.

There were a lot of spectators there, including our family, On the podium, from left to right, stood the Mayor of Oswiecim ROMAN MAYZEL, Next to him the "Raav" of Oswiecim ELIAHU BOMBACH, in the center the chief Rabbi of the Polish forces BARUCH STEINBERG, behind him NAFTALI DAVID BOCHNER, my grandfather. Naftali David Bochner was Vice mayor of Oswiecim and 'Rosh Hakahal" of the Jewish community.

In 1939 after the nazi invasion the name of Oswiecim was changed to
Auschwitz. Naftali David Bochner died in 1940 in than called Auschwitz of a broken
heart, and had still a "Kever Israel" he was spared the travail that came later.
May his memorey be of a blessing.



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40th Anniversary Book

The Board of Trustees of the Kol Israel Foundation, at its meeting on December 11, 1995, decided to begin plans for the 40 Anniversary Celebration of our organization. Plans for the special occasion include a gala celebration and a 40th Anniversary Book.

The book will include, again, history of the Kol Israel Foundation, historical events of interest to the survivor community, the Jewish community and the State of Israel, advertisements, and personal ads and testimonies. Of special interest in the production of the 40th Anniversary Book is the securing of personal testimony from Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood and Second Generation Kol Israel Foundation members.

If you would like to contribute an ad, advertisement, or personal testimony, please contact Mr. Jack Hennenberg (464-5149). Place in the book will be determined by the date of reservation. For assistance with the writing of testimony, please contact Dr. Zev Harel (371-2536). Cost: one full page, \$100; half page \$50; and quarter page \$30.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We are celebrating our 20th year of existence along with Israel's 50th birthday. On June 14th we will be honoring both events along with Mike and Ann Frum who have given so much to Kol Israel and Second Generation over the years. We hope that you and your families will be able to join us. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. We also can use some help for the up coming nicnic on July 5th. If you are _ole to volunteer, please call 216-381-7141 to let us know.

Upcoming Events

June 14th....SGKI 20th Anniversary at Green Road Synagogue.

July 5th Annual Picnic at Annisfield

Sept? Watch for our booth at the Solomon Schecter Kosher rib Burn-Off. Date to be announced.

1998 BOARD MEETINGS

All SGKI board meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 in the morning at the Na'amat office in South Euclid. The office is in the Cedar Hts.. Professional Building, 14055 Cedar road on the third floor. We encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved to please come sit in on our monthly meetings. We have a lot of work to accomplish and could use the help.

DUES REMINDER

We appreciate all the membership checks that have come in. For those of you who have not yet renewed, we would appreciate your support so that we can fun our upcoming programs. Please use the bottom of this page to send in your dues if you have not already done so.

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Hennenberg played key role

Thank you for your coverage of our Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura community event, "Holocaust commemorated at Park Synagogue" (CJN, May 8). The CJN has always been dedicated to responding to Holocaust survivors and educators.

One of the key figures in all of our Holocaust activities is Jacob Hennenberg, archivist, historian, educator and lecturer for the Kol Israel Foundation. Historian since the organization's inception, Hennenberg designed and constructed the menorah which was highlighted by the survivors' candlelighting ceremony. His famous, precious legacy, a collection of Holocaust memorabilia, was prominently displayed as part of the commemorative event.

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WHEREAS, Second Generation promotes community awareness concerning Holocaust topics, combats anti-Semitism, and conducts related projects that are of an educational, social or cultural value; and

WHEREAS, Second Generation participates in the annual service held at Zion Memorial Cemetery and the annual Yom Hashoa commemoration; and

WHEREAS, this special evening for ANN AND MIKE being held at Green Road Synagogue will also include a celebration of Israel's Fiftieth Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Merle S. Gorden, Mayor of the City of Beachwood, Ohio do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 14, 1998, as "ANN AND MIKE FRUM DAY" in the City of Beachwood and ask residents to join me in congratulating them for their lifetime support of Holocaust survivor families and The State of Israel.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Beachwood, Ohio, this Fourteenth day of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred and ninety-eight.

Merle S. Gorden, Mayor

Mike and Ann Frum

Mike was born Monek Frum in Czestochowa, Poland the son of Zalman Hersh and Rachel Leah Frum. Mike was the sole survivor of his immediate family, having lost his father, mother, grandmother, sisters, and most of his aunts, uncles, and cousins. Mike survived the Czestochowa Ghetto, Hasak Peltzery in Czestochowa, Buchenwald Concentration Camp, Dora Concentration Camp, and finally Bergen Belsen Concentration Camp where he was liberated.

Ann was born Hanka Wolkowicz in Zdunska Wola, Poland, the daughter of Nusan and Sara Wolkowicz. Ann was virtually the sole survivor of her entire family, having lost her mother, father, sister, aunts, uncles, and all but one distant cousin. Ann survived the Zdunska Wola Ghetto, Lodz Ghetto, Hasak Peltzery in Czestochowa, Ravensbruk Concentration Camp, a death march, and Turkein/Allach Concentration Camp, a satellite camp of Dachau where she was liberated.

Mike and Ann met in the Czestochowa Hasak where both were sent to work as slave laborers in a munitions factory. Eventually, they were both sent their separate ways to different concentration camps. Miraculously, they both survived the war and were able to find each other again. Mike and Ann were married in Feldefing, Germany on May 13, 1946. They lived in a displaced persons camp in Feldefing where their daughter Shirley was born. In March, 1951, they immigrated to the United States where they were sent to live in South River, New Jersey. They resided in South River for 2 ½ years, then they relocated to Cleveland, Ohio where so many of their friends and fellow Holocaust survivors had settled. Cleveland became home to Mike and Ann where soon their daughter Helene and son Howard were born.

Mike and Ann were founding members of the Kol Israel Foundation. In fact, the first meeting, held on February 15, 1959, was at their house. Mike and Ann are totally devoted to Kol Israel, its goals, and most importantly the monument for our Six Million Jewish Martyrs at Zion Memorial Park. They work tirelessly for Kol Israel in all its endeavors; the annual picnic, the memorial service at Zion, social evenings, selling of raffle tickets, and all other fundraising activities.

In 1978. Mike began to talk to people about his idea of the next generation, children of Holocaust survivors, forming their own organization with goals similar to those of the Kol Israel Foundation, but stressing the importance of Holocaust education, awareness and remembrance. Mike and Ann have always been concerned that the world would too soon forget the horrors of the Holocaust and our Jewish loss. To them it was unthinkable that this could happen while there are still Holocaust survivors to bear witness and tell their stories. In March, 1978, Second Generation Kol Israel was formed. Mike and Ann have always been extremely supportive of Second Generation Kol Israel, always there to lend a helping hand whenever needed. Their hard work on behalf of both the Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel continues.

Mike and Ann are the proud parents of Shirley and Carl Cohen, Helene and Steven Pincus, Howard and Sherie Frum, and grandparents of Jeffrey and Helena Cohen, Brian Cohen, Karen Cohen, Ari Frum, and Robyn Frum.

Yom HaShoah Program Was Emotional, Powerful

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

They came - hundreds of them.

Young and old. Jew and non-Jew. Alone. With family. With friends. With

They filled every seat in Adath Jeshurun's sanctuary.

They came to remember.

They came to pay tribute to the victims.

They came to bear witness to the Holocaust.

The program was Voices of the Shoah 1998. It was held on Wednesday, April

The plaintive cry of a single violin greeted people as they entered the building and guided them to the sanctuary. Inside, students representing each synagogue read the names submitted by Louisvillians of relatives who perished in the Holocaust.

David Leibson eloquently put the numbers in perspective. It is estimated that over 11 million people were murdered during the Holocaust - 6 million Jews - 1.5 million children. The number of murdered children alone, he stated, "is greater than the entire metropolitan populations of Louisville, Lexington and Frankfort combined.

A series of readers described the virulent anti-Jewish propaganda campaign the Nazis waged. They told of the increasingly restrictive laws the Nazis imposed and their increasing efforts to humiliate and dehumanize the Jewish

population.
Yet in the face of the greatest inhumanity man has inflicted on man in the history of the world, the Jewish people kept their faith and struggled against the oppressor.

This faith was presented in song - Voces Novae's performance of "Even When G-d is Silent," the Youth Choir's defiant "Zog Nit Keinmol" - The Partisan's Song, and the combined synagogue choirs and Voces Novae's haunting declaration of faith, "Ani Ma-amin," I still believe.

It was Rose Kaplovitz, though, who touched every

heart and brought tears to every eye.

She was a young child when the Germans invaded her native Poland in 1939, but she recalls every detail vividly and recounts it whenever asked. She speaks out for those who died. She speaks out for those who can't tell their own stories. She speaks out to bear witness to the next generation, ...



David Leibson

Yom Hashoa Commemoration at Louisville, Kentucky - Rose Kaplovitz

I was honored to have been invited by the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville to be the guest speaker for their Yom Hashoa Commemoration. The city-wide program "Voices of Shoa" was attended by young and old Jewish and non-Jewish persons. They filled every seat in the Adath Yeshurun Sanctuary. They came to remember and to pay tribute to victims of the Holocaust. Students representing various synagogues read the names of Louisville relatives

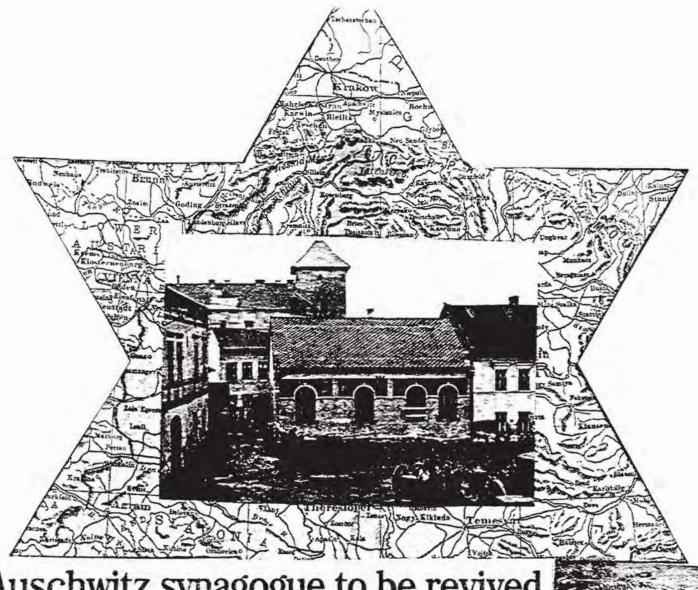






who perished in the Holocaust. Four teenagers who participated in the 1996 "March of the Living" shared their meaningful reflections on Holocaust remembrance. "Voces Novae" a city choir sang an emotional song "Even when God is silent"and a youth choir sang "Zog nit keinmol." The K"El Malei Rachamim was performed by "Voces Novae" and members of various temples.

Six memorial candles were lit by survivors who led the Kaddish prayer, with a moving responsive reading from the audience. Participants in the commemoration were Rabbis from Reform to Lubavitcher congregations and several priests. And, as indicated by the Louisville Jewish News, it was Rose Kaplovitz who touched every heart and brought tears to every eye. After the commemoration, many students came to the home of Ilse and Mike Meyer, my wonderful hosts, to talk to me and stayed until late night. This event had a special meaning for me as it was in the congregation where my son Ronnie got married



Auschwitz synagogue to be revived

Building to be restored for visitors to camps

> By VERENA DOBNIK ASSOCIATED PROM

NEW YORK - For the first time since the Holocaust, the town near where the Auschwitz death camp was will have an active synagogue.

Poland's Lomder Mishnayot Synagogue, a turn-of-the-century building on a square where Jews were brought for deportation to Nazi death camps, will be restored within a year "as a symbol of Jewish life," Fred Schwartz head of the private Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation, said vesterday

The rundown synagogue was the only one of a dozen in town that was not destroyed by the Nazis Most recently it was used as a carpet factory. Its restoration will cost an estimated \$5 million to \$10 million

The synagogue is not being restored for the community - only one Jewish resident, a Holocaust survivor remains. It will be a place where visitors can pray while paying homage to victims of the Jeath camps

"The weddings of my parents and my grandparents were in this building that held so much happiness." the lone survivor, Hirsch Kornreich, said in a shaking voice at a news conference. He was

born in a house next door to the synagogue and lost his entire family in the Holocaust.

He plans to return there next year with his family and recite Kaddish, the Hebrew prayer for

Oswiecim - Polish for Auschwitz - was built in 1900 and was used until 1939, when the Nazis marched into Poland. After the war, it was seized under a 1946 Communist decree Poland returned the building in March to the Jewish community which is seeking about 3,000 confiscated

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CLEVELAND, TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1998



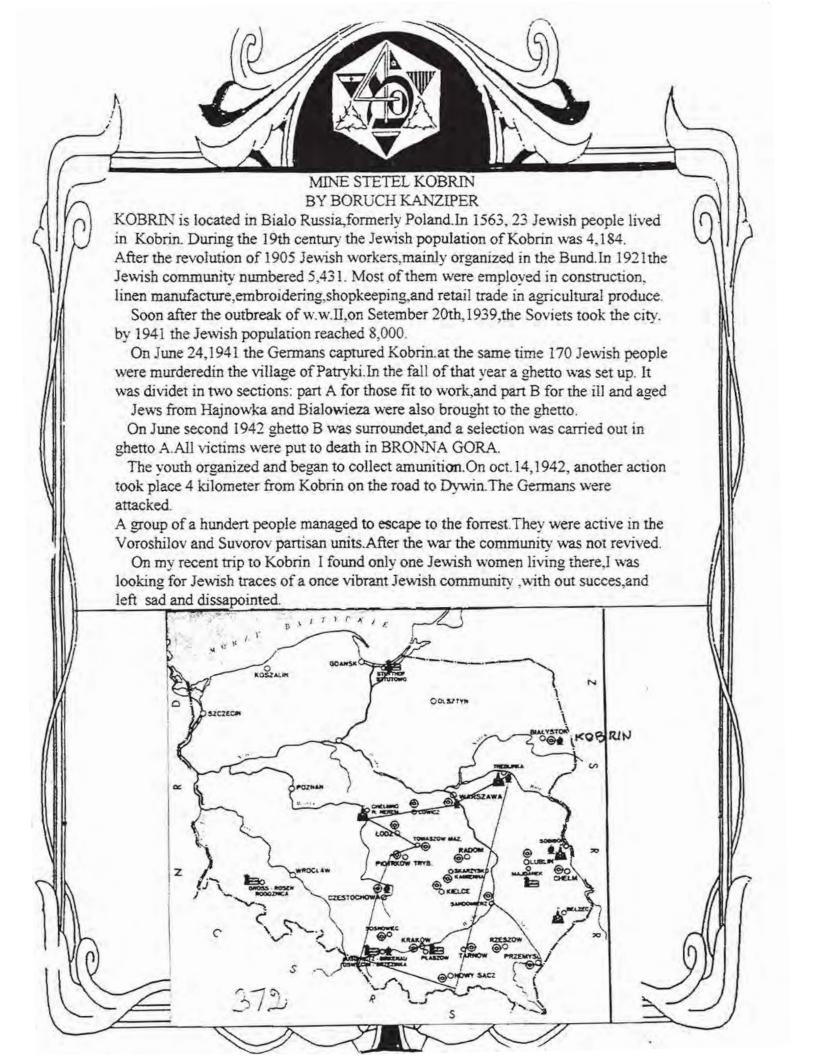
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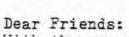
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Cleveland Tribute This Sunday Memorializes Ghetto Uprising



Proclamation designating Sunday, April 13, as "Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Day" is presented by Mayor Carl B. Stokes to committee representing Kol Israel Foundation and Yiddish Cultural Committee. Shown with Mayor-L to R--Simon B. Fixler, memorial chairman, Kol Israel; Sender Wajsman, YCC coordinator, and Morry Molcmacher, Kol Israel president.

This Sunday: 'Warsaw Ghetto Day' Here



Mayor Carl B. Stokes presents proclamation designating Sunday, April 19, as "Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Day" to committee representing Kol Israel Foundation and Yiddish Cultural Committee. L to R — Simon Fixler, Eli Bode, Mr. Stokes, Julius Solonche, and Jack York.

Cleveland Jewry, at Community-Wide Event, to Note Heroic Uprising

This Sunday (April 19) has been officially designated as "Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Day" by Mayor Carl B. Stokes. The 27th anniversary of the tragic and heroic Uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto will be memorialized with a community-wide event to be held Sunday evening at 8 in the auditorium of Fairmount Temple.

To be presented in English and Yiddish, the event is sponsored by the Yiddish Cultural Committee of the Jewish Community Center and the Kol Israel Foundation. Present in Mr. Stokes' office at the signing of the proclamation were Simon Fixler and Jack York, of Kol Israel

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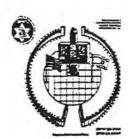
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Remembrance of Things Past

A Yizkor Candle at the Walls of the Warsaw Ghetto

This reminiscence, translated from the Yiddish, is part of a longer work which Mr. Herskovits is writing concerning his experiences in the Holocaust. Born in Czechoslovakia, Jack Herskovits lost

his entire family in the Auschwitz camps. After the war, he went to Israel, where he fought in the 1948 war. filled my request.

I lit the candle and placed in a crevice between the falle ghetto walls. Then very softly standing before my candle, said the kaddish.

By JACK HERSKOVITS

IN MAY 1944, the German murderers took me out of the concentration camp of Auschwitz. This was the last glimpse I ever had of any member of myfamily, for they all perished in that camp. I feel it is my destiny to describe the events which took place then.

The assassins took us to Warsaw, which was then in smoking ruins. I then heard the news of a great event which had taken place less than a year beforean uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto. But I was too young to understand the full meaning of this. I was 14 years of age.

AS NIGHT was falling, the slaughterers brought us to a



Jock Herskovits

camp in the ghetto, and in the morning, with pistols, they drove us to work. They took us from one street to another. All we could see were fallen, broken walls, crumbling and almost bent to the ground. The walls seemed to be bowing in prayer, pleading for pardon to God that they could not have protected the Jews from their dreadful fate.

The further I went, the heavier my feet grew. The blood seemed to congeal in my veins. I staggered on, fearing I might fall at any moment.

I began to talk to myself, asking "Where is the great Jewish
community of Warsaw?" There
was no child playing in the street;
nor could we hear any mother
rocking her child, singing, "Sleep
my little one, Father is at the
market, and has gone to bring

us rhozinkes mit mandlen!"

THE SILENT STREETS were bare of people. I almost choked with the half-spoken words which were stifled in my throat. We all looked about ... and no one spoke a word.

With frightened eyes we marched along at the command of the nazi murderers. Then we were ordered to pause and set to work. Every one of us believed that we would be forced to remove corpses hidden in the silent, forbidding streets.

I was bathed in sweat. "Oh, dear God, is it possible? I am only i4 years old, and how will I be able to bear it?"

By some merciful fate, it turned out that we were only required to scrabble for bricks among the fallen walls, to clean them of the mud and dirt, and ship them off. Thus, day after day, we labored.

ON THE SECOND week of our labor, we found deep in the earth a box which had been hidden away. Inside were a number of women's fur coats. We eagerly grasped this treasure, and gave the coats to the Polish peasant who was carrying the ghetto bricks away in his cart.

For this treasure, the peasant brought us food. I begged him, for my portion, that he bring me a large candle -- the largest candle he could find. He ful-



איביק וועלן מיר געדעוקען ... די גיבורים און קדושים פון אונדוער פאלק...

A Selichos Night to Remember

Menachem Velvel was the Gabbi, the Shamesh, and the person who tied tzitzis on prayer shawls and arba kanfos undergarments. He was a well built young man with deep set dark eyes, a small beard, and a sympathetic expression, except that he never smiled. To us, pre Bar Mitzvah children, he appeared as a puffed up angry man. He always scolded us when we bolted from the shul during the Torah reading, forcing us to return, and making us miss our usual games. He acted as if he were the king of the synagogue, and he always received great respect from the established members for his piety and devotion to his duties.

When the month of Elul arrived, its days were considered the most important and most holy of the whole year. On Selichos eve Menachem Velvel would don a long warm kaftan, tall leather boots, and take in his right hand a staff, taller than himself, decorated with seven silvery ringlets on top. We children dubbed the staff Moishe Rabbeinu. In his left hand he carried a large lantern with smoky covered panes. Thus he set himself walking through the pitch dark alleys since no electricity was yet installed in our town.

The night was dead quiet, steeped in sleep. Only a few solitary stars twinkled in the sky. The silence was occasionally broken by the ferocious dogs chained to fences, who continued to bark, and strained to free themselves. But Menachem Velvel was not deterred by their barking.

Did Menachem Velvel have a premonition of what's to come?

On the last Selichos night, he gathered all the children and requested that they accompany him. He also gave us his beautifull staff and his lamp, and with an authoritative voice commanded us, "Children, when I knock on a door, repeat after me in a loud voice,

^{&#}x27;Awake for Selichos, fellow Jews,

^{&#}x27;Prepare to serve your G-d.

^{&#}x27;Do not be late!' "

Did he know that our dear Judaism was on the verge of extinction?

A few months later the terrible hour arrived. The murderers drove kith and kin from their homes until they arrived at the railroad station where the delapidated cars, windows barred with heavy metal screening, awaited them. It was like the living marching to their own funeral.

For a minute or two I recognized Gabbi Menachem Velvel, staff in his hand, and a sack on his shoulder through which the lamp was clearly visible. His face, sad and sorrowful, was like that of a mourner. His voice was completely choked up, even unable to ask his G-d, "To where are you leading your pious Jewish community?"

Now the locomotive with the sooty cars backed into the station and the Nazi murderers started to herd us into them, with shouts, yells and threats. The panting locomotive seemed to echo the wailing and cries of the pushing crowd, its whistle reverberating throughout the whole town. Finally it started to chug forward, at first very slowly, allowing for a last look at the town where Jewish piety flourished for many generations.

After days of unbearable suffering and hunger, completely exhausted, we arrived at Auschwitz -- a hell place for the years to come. We were herded into barracks, still clinging to each other, still holding hands, refusing to be separated. My gaze was always on my mother and my three small brothers.

Never again did I see the dear honest Gabbi Menachem Velvel, but each year I hear his voice.

Now we assemble for our Selichos service.

The knock of his silver staff awaken our hearts.

The flame of his lantern is etched deeply in our minds. May his righteous memory remain for a blessing forever.

Jack Herskovitz September 8, 1995







Dear Ann Landers:

When I read those lines, "How odd of God to choose the Jews," I went back to my scrapbook of favorite columns and found this gem. Please print it again. It appeared on July 5, 1981. In fact, the way the world is going, you should run it every year.

A.W. (Brooklyn)

Dear A.W .:

Here it is. Thank you for asking.

Dear Readers:

I received this in the mail from Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, and I want to share it with you. It was written by the late Sam Levenson. He called it, "An Answer to an Anti-Semite."

"It's a free world. You don't have to like Jews, but if you don't, I suggest that you boycott certain Jewish products like insulin, discovered by Dr. Minkoski; the vaccine for hepatitis, discovered by Baruch Blumberg; chlorhydrate for convulsions, discovered by Dr. J. Von Liebig, the Wassermann test for syphilis; streptomycin, discovered by Dr. Selman Abraham Waxman; the polio pill by Dr. Albert Sabin; and the polio vaccine by Dr. Jonas Salk.

"Good! Boycott! But humanitarianism requires that my people offer all these gifts to all the people of the world. Fanaticism requires that all bigots accept diabetes, hepatitis, convulsions, syphilis, infectious diseases and infantile paralysis.

"You want to be mad? Be mad! But I'm telling you, you ain't going to feel so good."



Remembrance of Things Past~

The Final Road for Carpathian Jewry

At Shavuot time in the year 1944, the last vivor here writes a memoir of those times. remnants of Czechoslovakian Jewry of the This reminiscence was translated from the Carpathian Mountains were brought to the Yiddish with the help of Rabbi Jules Liphellish Auschwitz death camps and there were done to death. Jack Hershkovits, a sur-

camps and there schutz of the Harmarosher Jewish Center.

By JACK HERSKOVITS

AT THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY of the destruction of the ancient and honored Jewish community of the Carpathian Mountains, I write these memoirs. There dwelt truly plous, Hasidic Jews, living in a land of nature, with picturesque green hills surrounding the mountain tops. The land was saturated with plety and true Yiddishkeit.

In the little towns there were honored rabbis, and all classes of Jews served God day and night. The bearded Jew tilling his fields wore a talls katan reaching to his knees. Often he traveled far and wide to seek a livelihood for his growing family.

Remaining at home, the mother fastened the traditional "tiche!" on her head, and tolled with heavy labor day and night, cleaning, washing and sewing.

During the week, she hurried to market to buy and sell her merchandise, so that her children might not go hungry or barefoot, However, when the Shabbos was ustered in, she put on her black satin dress, and spread upon the table the beautiful Sabbath cloth. Even when she had not a piece of meat in the house with which to gladen the blessed Shabbos, still there was a radiance and light in the home.

The little boy went to Heder lay and evening, studying Tora diligently. His little sister, winsome and lovely with her long black braids, assisted the mother in all her work. As the child tended the geese in the fields, she often sang delightful Yiddish melodies.

It was a happy, beautiful life-dispite the grinding poverty in which the people lived.

ALL TOO SOON, a heavy black cloud enveloped our countryside. In 1941, the Hungarian fascists, under nazi command, deported 50,000 Jews to Poland and Ukrania. Half of these poor unfortunates were shot to death, and the remainder were thrown into the waters of the Nyester River.

The younger men and women who remained in the towns and cities were given yellow armbands to wear, and were deported to slave camps. They were compelled to dig front-line trenches for the Hungarian fascists.

From year to year, conditions became more bitter. In 1944. between Pesah and Shavuot, the entire Czech Carpathian region was emptied of its Jewish population. The Passover holidays took on the atmosphere of Tisha b'Ab, as Jews mourned their bitter fate.

Upon the streets of my little town of Hust, and all the surrounding villages, the murderers swooped down and drove us from our homes. Our hearts became like stone. "Is it possible, dear God? This is our home--where we and our parents were born! Is there no one in this civilized world who will come to our aid?"

ON THAT DAY, my mother said to my father, "Pack up all the holy books; we must take with us what we can--no heavy bundles. Take the little ones' pillows and bed covers, so that the children may be kept warm on our long journey."

As we all left the house, hurrying down the steep steps, my mother turned and asked, "Children, is the door well locked?"

Going down the steps, I gazed at our garden, full of green things growing . . . and I could hardly tear myself away. To say goodbye to all this was simply heartrending. My mother had been accustomed to sit in that garden with the tear-stained techenaths in her hands, praying to heaven that her children should grow and be a credit to God and man.

The wagon began to move, packed with all the bundles and packages. Whole families walked after the wagons as in a funeral procession for the living. Children turned up their tear-wet faces; grown men as they walked along spoke to themselves, and did not hear their own words .

And this was the manner in which the Hungarian fascists under nazi command led us through all the streets of the town till we came to the railway depot.

There we breathed our last breath of fresh air. Waiting for us were the freight cars. Helterskelter, we were all thrown in, crowded together like herring in a barrel.

The doors were slammed shut and locked. The locomotive whistle gave a long blast; the car began to move. We were journeying to Auschwitz, where slaughterers day and night burnt little children and their mothers; brothers and sisters; the multitude of the Jewish people.

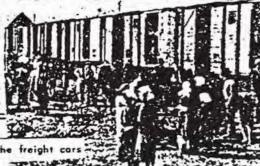
Peeping out of a little crack in the freight car, I felt as though God had blown a cool breeze, and all the leaves and branches of the trees were saying their last goodbye to me.

At last, getting off of the train at Auschwitz, we saw the long chimneys. Instinctively, we sensed the stench and smoke of burning Jewish corpses.

Many did not understand what was intended by the German murderers. Some were told that they would be taken to the showers to clean themselves after the long journey. Others were taken to another location in the camp-the place where men and women were lined up to determine which ones would be allowed to live ... for a little while.

It is a sad commentary that those nazi beasts who were responsible for this gruesome mission of death, today live free.

Yet to us Jews, there has remained a Yahrzeit candle with an everlasting flame in our hearts which commands us to remember and through eternity never to



Remembrance of Things Past

The First Yom Haatzmaut in Tel Aviv

an American Army Jacket, with

pants which did not match, Many

knit for them. Others wore bat-

TEL AVIV . . . MAY, 1949. Under a partially clouded sky, in heat of some 50 degrees, we soldiers marched along the beantifully decorated streets of Tel Aviv. Young and old, spectators stood on both sides of the street with the familiar bine-and-white fing in their hands. They greeted as with cheers as we passedthe battalions of the largeli army.

Many in the crowd threw themselves upon us, embracing and kissing as. From the roofs of apartment buildings, girls threw down flowers as we passed.

So great was our joy at the elebration, some of us felt heat of the day; nor did the beavy machine guns which we carried on our shoulders seem to weigh us down. We felt pride and a renewed spirit at being the first soldiers of a new State which had written a new chapter in the history of our people.

THE SONGE AND MARCHES seemed to wate memories in each of us of the pride of the Maccabees. The joy of the masses was so great that we wept and laughed together with emotion.

The spectators took up the song we soldiers were singing, and sang along with us as a congregation sings with a Harran.

Every tank and cannon which rolled through the streets had been cleaned and shined for the occasion. Everyone was proud of the arms which we had to display. The joyful crowd stated and wondered at the strength and magnitade of our armaments.

The noise made by the heavy tanks drowned out the words of our sungs. This was forbinate, for the young soldiers from Russie sang in Russian, and the Rumanians, the Greeks, and the ungues! Although not every one of us newcomers to the land

Translated from the Yuddish, this remi-historical is part of a longer work which Mr. during the "illegal immigration" period aft-freshould in writing concerning his ex-presences in Europe and Israel. After losing tering the country in June 1948, and im-historical family in the Austhrita comp, mediately entered the Army.

By JACK HERSKOVITS understood Hebrew yet, each in or from any number of other

his own way sang out, "Hagana armies of the world. l'Israel!"

For the occasion of Yom In battle, we had worn all kinds Haatmant, however, we had all of clothing gathered from armies been outfitted in smart new uniall over the world, I myself had forms -- all Israeli-made.

AS THE PARADE drew to a of the soldiers were stocking close in a side street, we were caps which the Israeli girls had all wet with perspiration, Hundreds of spectators were waiting tie dress from the British armies for us with loving hospitality, in-

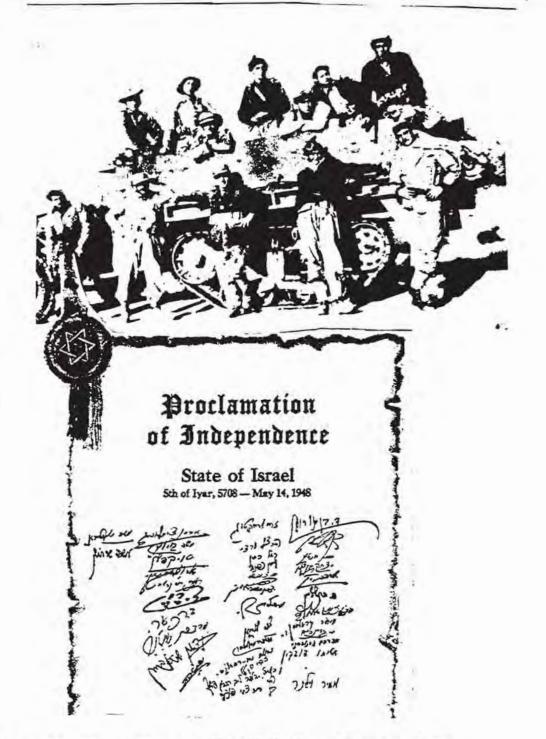
viting us to be their guests at their homes, where the tables had been specially prepared.

In each home, our hosts crowded around us, asking innumerable questions about the fighting we have been through. All the restaurants and cases were open, and it was indeed "open house" for the soldiers, for they would take no money for the food and drink we consumed.

This was the unforgettable first Yom Hastrmaut -- the first anniversary of Israel Independence Day. Twenty years have gone by since then, as if in a dream, Not even the great armies of the world--oot U Thant himself-were able to half the 20th celebration -- this year in Jerusalem,



kovita, right, with oth of Magona, at town of Rollou near Gaza Strip. Mr. Herskavit



Jack Herskovitz, First on the right, War or Liberation, 1947-1948. Second President of the Kol Israel Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio.



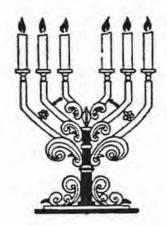
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A REAL-LIFE DRAMA OUT OF A LAD'S CONCENTRATION CAMP TRAUMA

HowCould a Jew Stampon the Holy Tefillin?

By JACK HERSKOVITZ

AS I STOOD before the flickering taddish candle at the Warsaw Ghetto wall, my heard best wildly, I imagined that the eyes of the dead looked at me; arms of Jewish mothers embraced me. With feverish lips I spoke to them. They told me their secrets -- the secrets of the dead. Even to this moment I can still

I can never forget the eyes of the mothers who recited the blessings over the Sabbath candes. Tears of joy on their cheeks. they stood before the Sabbath bedecked table. After saying the blessings, my mother used to kiss each of her children and them, thanking God all the while for her blessings. Mother's silken touch seemed to heal a child's sorrows day or night.

During the week, Father with his toll-worn face was always preoccupied with the cares of finding food and clothing for his family. On the Sabbath, he joyfully per on his holiday cost, and three away the cares of the week. As he walked to the shul to pray, all his sous would run after him, trying to keep page with his long strides.

We would ask him the questions little boys ask "How high are the sides, Poppa? And where do the angels hide themselves?" very question there is

an amewer, children. Neighbors greeted such other on the marrow street with the cry, "Cood Shabbos!" Even the Carpathian prasant passing with his horse and wagon meme-ashamed to look the Jews in th eye as he went about his daily tasks on the holy Sabbath.

Yes, the trees at the side of the road seemed to stop their rustling on this boly day, and no leaf stirred. We children walted eagerly for a summer's day on the Sabbath, so that we could play in the street and hear the birds sing. One bird would tell er, "Let's fly over to the other branch and sing a song of beautiful it is on high."

All the children would run out to the edge of town, to see the little creek flowing as the sun went down. As the day closed, the water flowed durker and seemed lonely for the sunlight which most over the bills, and longed to hear again the glad shouts of the children.

THE BLOOD COURSED hotly in my body. I had forgotten for a moment who I was and wh I was. A light breeze brushed the bricks of the Warsaw Ghetto wall, and for a moment almost blev out the flame of my kaddish kandle. But the flicksring flame would not die: It flamed more with full force. That flame will pever die in my beart.

Stace It was then Shavoot -the time when we received the for a miracle - that the skies ald part and a shorter wake the Jews who slept an eternal sleep. I had been taught that every Jew most believe that that

If I had Jacob's ladder, I would have knocked on the doors of beaven, to wake the sleepers, to sboot as our shammas used to shoot when he wolce us for the Slibot prayers.

I would cry out that the dear martyrs should rouse themselves from under the heavy weight of stomes, so that we could great them in their martyrdom, just

Lust year, The Jamish Hews published on mortion ruminiscence by Mr. Harshavitz, describing how or the age of 1d he was raken from the death camp of Auschwitz and sent to a concentration camp outside of Worsew More from a year following his groof Worsew More from a year following he groof Worsew Opining, he was a miness to the stillness and doeth of the stillness groof worse of the stillness and doeth of the stillness configuration of the ghotte. The following maminiscence continues the story of the young boy's experiences. This reminiscence is part of a longer work which Mr. Harskovitz is writing concerning his asperiences in the Molocaust, it was translated from the Yiddish by Benice Green.

as we greet soldiers who come back victorious from the war.

The silence threw a terror into me. Looking about in the deserted ghetto streets, all I seem ed to see were scrape of paper, books. Every leaf told of sorrow and despair. As my redden ed even took in this mournful scene, almost at my feet I discovered a small black bag. [threw myself open it, looking about wildly, wondering if any-

I CLUTCHED the bag to my heart. With shaking hands I opened it, and could feel the shape of a set of tefillin. I knew that I did not have much time, and I cast about hurriedly in my mind to think of bow to hide them.

The tefillin were covered with mould and soaked through with moddy water. I kissed them and wound them around my body. twisting the ties under my thin, rarred cost.

Almost at the same instant I heard over my head among was ordered out: we were roing back to the concentration camp. We prisoners all lined up in rows

The day was already ending: the sun was down. We never knew what time it was by the clock. Our guards counted us, to be sure that no one was missing. We marched out together in our stragging rows.

As I marched, I decided that I must tell my closest friend, Baroch, what had happened, what

I had hidden under my cost and wished to smuggle into the barracks. With shining eyes I told him that the several thousand Jews in the camp would now be able to "lay tetillin" - as it is commanded of us.

He was terrified, and warned me that I was playing with fire. "The S.S. will search you and shoot you like a dog," he whis-pered. I only asked him to stay close by my side until we had passed the buge gate of the camp, there on both sides stood Gestapo guards who looked each of us in the face and counted us in by fiven, line by line.

Every one of us had to file

down as the Centapo narrowin searched for anything we might

have picked up. Sweat poured down my back as we neared the gate. However, I became more and more deout to do. I didn't want to die . . . bet I didn't want to throw away the precious telliin.

AT LAST I was near the door. One of the tefillin ties had broken, and dragged on the ground from under my jacket. I tripped over it as I passed the threshold.

One of the hated S.S. noticed my fall. I wanted to scramble and run away, but no are. They immediately pulled me from the line. They lee through the others, and eight mais grabbed me, beating me as they pulled me away.

One of them ordered that I place the "little box" underfoot and stamp on it. They were sure

that there sumd be sufficien terrals modes to the territor box - majortals to prepare an op-rising. Only a year after the great Oprising in the Warsaw Chetto, they were still fearful of another rebellion. Every small thing made them afraid for their lives.

I was terror-stricken. How can a Jew stamp on the holy terillin? I knew my life wasn't worth much. I took the terillin in my trembling fingers and broke S.S. that they contained no military implements or papers. They stood, however, with their guns in their hands, ready to descence me as a liar.

One of our own men ran up to us at that moment, and began to talk to the guards. He told "bar-mitres present" Jewish boy who becomes 13 years

STILL UNBELIEVING, they again grabbed me, and took from my trembling hands the scraps of the box. They stripped off my clothes and searched me thoroughly from head to foot. At last, with the barrel of their guns, they pushed me into the barracks.

Another S.S. guard came closer to me and shoved me with his boots - the boots which I shall always remember as a symbol of their bestiality . . . the boots that trampled to death living children . . . the boots that in the dead of night woke innocent people from their sleep and kicked them from their homes.

I picked myself up, but my knees again buckled under me. At last I staggered over to our barracks. All my comrades ran on the bounding and pulled me up. On their shoulders they bore me inside. I could hear on all sides, "At least he's still alive, and he's not hurt!" ar

... I fell os my cot with my face to the wall, and wept more than in all the years of my childhood.



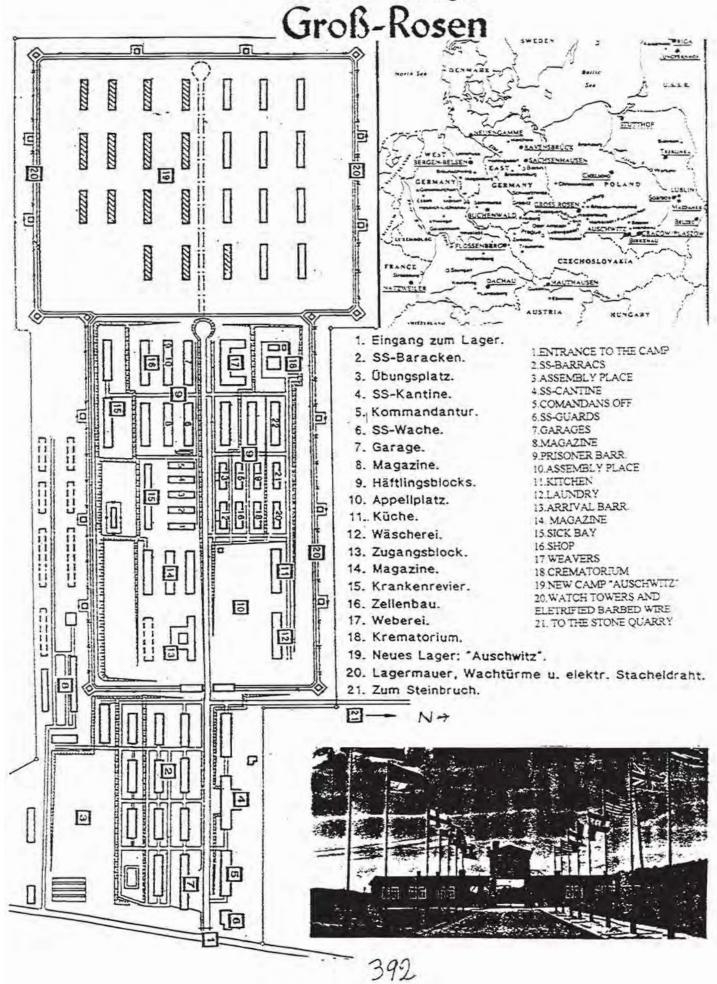


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GROSS ROSEN: A SEA OF BLOOD AND TEARS

From February 8, 1940 until May 10, 1941, Gross Rosen was a forced labor camp, under the concentration camp, Sachsenhausen. In May of 1941, it became a concentration camp too. The camp was built next to the stone quarry that once belonged to the Richthofer family. The prisoners worked in the stone quarry and on a secret Nazi project called Riese. It had twelve camps to its disposition: Dornhau Erlenbush, Falkenberg, Fursten-Stein, Kaltwasser, Larche, Marzbachtal. Sauferwasser, Tann-Hauser, Wolfberg, Wustergiersdorf, and Schottenwerk. About 13,000 Jewish prisoners worked on that project, most of whom were from Poland and Hungary. The Lagerfuehrer was Albert Luetkemeyer. Yemach Shemoi. In the beginning of the year 1945, there were 80,000 prisoners in Gross Rosen. Forty-four thousand of these prisoners were sent out on the Death March. The rest was either liberated or the information was unknown at the time of evacuation. lagerfuehrer of Concentration Camp Gross Rosen was Johannes Hassenbrock. Yemach Shemoi. The first phase of evacuation started at the end of 1944. As the Red Army crossed the River Oder, a number of camps were liquidated and their prisoners marched towards Gross Rosen. The second phase took place when the Red Army closed in on the camp. The leadership of the camp escaped to Reichenau. Twenty-seven thousand prisoners were moved mostly by foot to other concentration camps, such as, Buchenwald, Mittelbau, Flossenburg and Mauthausen. This phase ended during the middle of February. The Red Army liberated the rest of the subcamps on either May 8 or May 9. Based on original German documentation, 8,887 prisoners died in Gross Rosen (8,716 during the war and 171 right after it ended). Out of the 8,887 prisoners that died in Gross Rosen, (1940-1945) 2,427 were Jewish. I personally was incarcerated in one of the sub camps of Gross Rosen, known as Waldenburg. We were fortunate that the Red Army surrounded our camp, and it was too late for the camp to evacuate. The guards simply disappeared on May 9, a day to remember after four years of confinement. We were free.

Jacob Hennenberg
-prisoner number 64242



SUBCAMPS OF THE C.C.GROSS ROSEN

ASLAU

BAD CHARLOTTENBRUNN

BAD SALZBRUNN BAD WARMBRUNN

BAUTZEN BERNSDORF

BERNSDORF-FRIEDEBERG KALTWASSER

BIRNBAUMEL BOLKENHEIM BRANDHOFEN BRESLAU I BRESLAU II

BRESLAU HUNSFELD

BRESLAU-LISSA BRIEG-PAMPITZ BRUNNLITZ

BUCHNWALD-HOHENWIESE LANGENBIELAU I

BUNZLAU II BUNZLAU II CHRISTIANSTADT

DORNHAU

DYHERNFURT I DYHERNFURT II ERLENBUSCH

EULE

FALKENBERG FAULBRUCK FREIBURG FRIEDLAND FUNFTEICHEN FURSTENSTEIN GABERSDORF GABLONZ GASSEN

GEBHARDSDORF GELLENAU

GEPPERSDORF

GRABEN GRAFFENORT

GRAFLICH-ROHSDORF

GROSS KOSCHEN

GRULICH GRUNBERG I GRUNBERG II

GUBEN HALBSTADT HALBAU HARTMANNSDORF

HAUSDORF
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HIRSCHBERG II
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KALTENBRUNN
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LARCHE LIEBAU LISSA

LUDWIGSDORF II LUDWIGSDORF II MARZBACHTHAL

MARZDORF MITTELSTEINE MORCHENSTERN

NAMSLAW NEISSE

NEUHAMMER NEUSALZ NIESKY NIMPTCH

OBER ALTSTADT
OBER HOHENELBE

OBERWUSTEGIERSDORF

PARSCHNITZ PETERSWALDAU PRAUSCHNITZ

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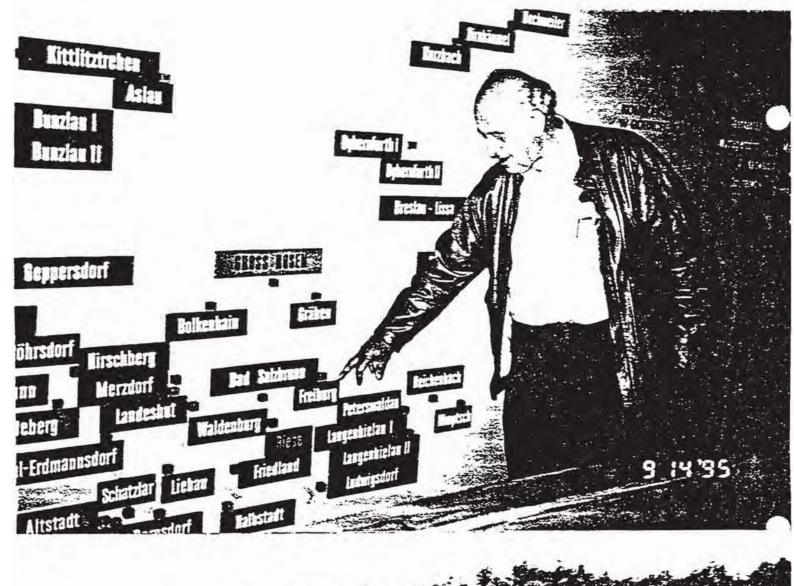
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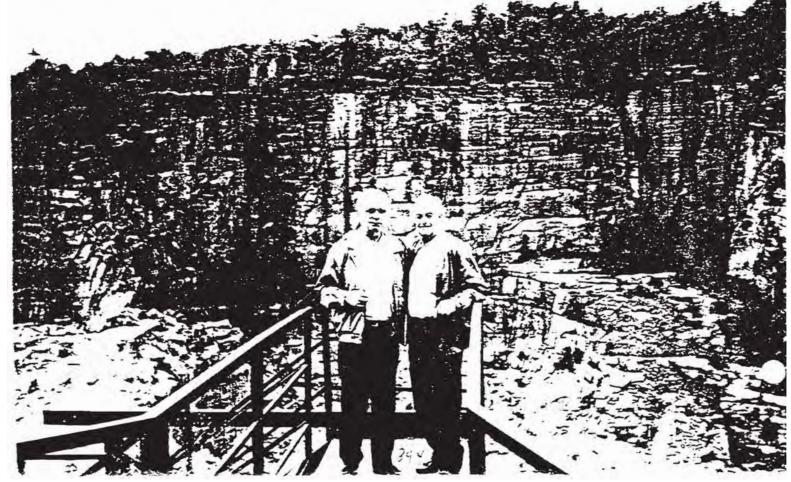
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LUBOSZYCKI MOSES
LUBRANSKI MOSES
LUCHAMOWICS DAWID
LUDWIG ROBERT
LUKASZ JANOS
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LUSTIG LAJOS
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With 'New Life' awards are (L to R) Simon Fixler, Leah Klein, Rose Kaplovitz, Abbie Akst and Isidor Reisman.

5 Holocaust survivors honored with 'New Life' Bonds awards

By BERNICE GREEN

Five survivors of the Holocaust were honored at a "New Life" dinner on behalf of State of Israel Bonds on Tuesday, Oct. 28. The dinner, held at Green Road Synagogue, paid tribute to Abbie Akst, Simon Fixler, Rose Kaplovitz, Leah Klein and Isidor Reisman. Each was introduced by a person who knew the individual very well.

Dr. Hymie Akst described the most bitter interval in his father's life, when from the age of 16 to 22 he was interned in a series of concentration camps. "He alone survived out of a family which counted almost 200 people."

To Abbie Akst, the most memorable occasion in his days of freedom took place when he was a delegate to the World Conference of Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem, when he chanted the Kaddish at Yad Vashem.

A new life

Rabbi David Zlatin of Taylor Road Synagogue introduced survivor Simon Fixler, whose story was parallel in many respects. Rabbi Zlatin recounted the renewal of faith Fixler had shown in fashioning a creative new life in the U.S.

Leatrice Rabinsky, who teaches the course at Cleveland Heights High School on "Literature of the Holocaust," introduced Rose Kaplovitz, who has frequently talked to Mrs. Rabinsky's classes concerning her own experiences as a child caught in the grip of the Nazi nightmare.

"There is nothing that I as an Americanborn teacher could possibly convey to my students of the power of Rose Kaplovitz's description of how her young brother was called with the other men of Susnevitz and told to dig a deep ravine, which became his grave . . . He was killed because he was a Jew."

Mrs. Rabinsky concluded that theprimary lesson which Mrs. Kaplovitz invokes in her talks to young people is "to respond and act with love on behalf of those we hold dear."

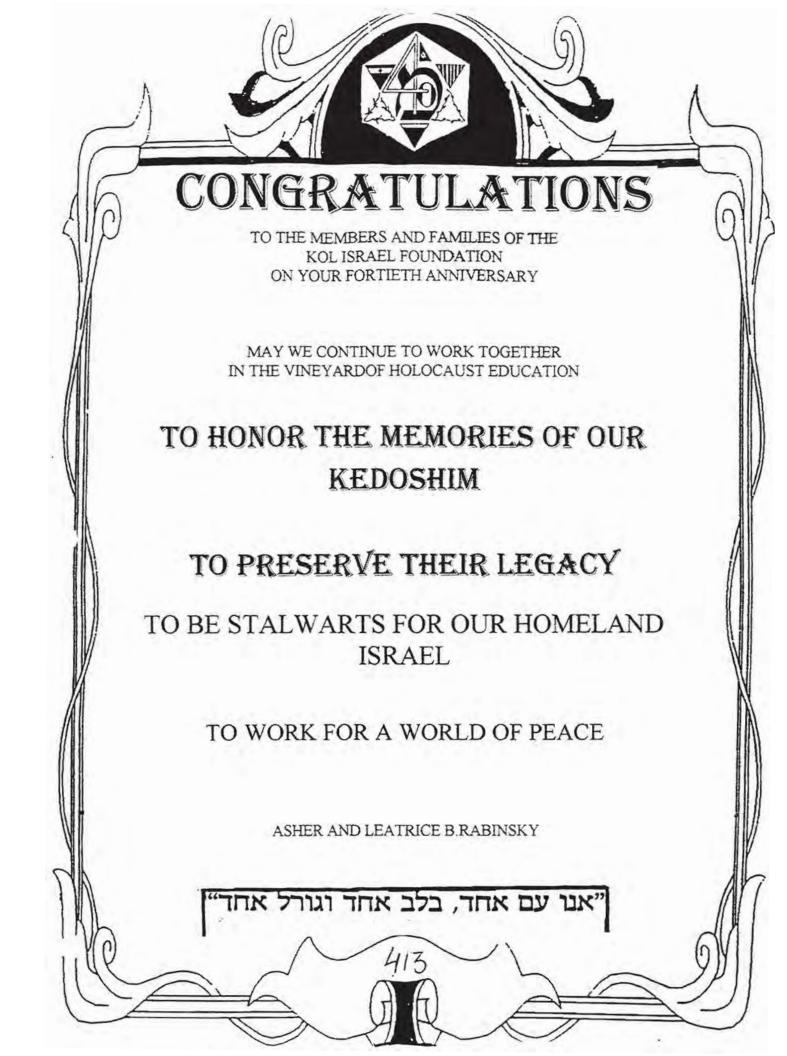
Children of survivors

Leah Klein was introduced by her daughter. Heddy Klein Richman, who reflected on the pride which she had always felt in the strength and dignity of her mother.



Prof. Saul Friedman (center), guest speaker, chats with co-chairpersons Joe Klein and Rina Frankel.

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In Memoriam

Honoring the blessed memory of my dear parents, brother, sisters and relatives who died in the Holocaust:

Shloime Friedman - my dear father;

Esther Riter - my dear mother;

Ethy Riter - my dear sister;

Mayku Riter - my dear sister;

Hershel Friedman - my dear brother

who survived the Holocaust and died in Natanya Israel; and

all my other relatives - who were brutally murdereda

and my dear wife's parents who died here in Cleveland

Dave Pearlman, my wife's father

Sadie Pearlman, my wife's mother

Arnold Friedman,

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With a feeling of sorrow we want to express our deep feeling at the great loss of our dear friends

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and

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who have helped us so generously to erect this everlasting Memorial.

We mourn their loss and honor their memory

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We wish to thank each and everyone for the generous contribution in helping to erect this monument. וכור - אל תשכח REMEMBER! - DO NOT FORGET

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The Office of Survivor Affairs United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

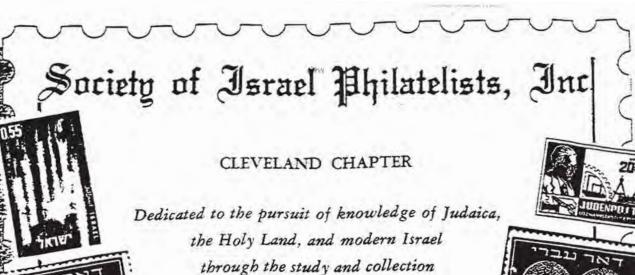
Holocaust Survivors are the precious link that keeps the history of this era alive for us and our children. Without them, their testimony, and their artifacts, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum would have lost a much needed dimension. Survivors need and deserve a degree of attention and care on our part that is unique to all of our constituencies, and for this reason, the Office of Survivor Affairs was established. This attention and care take the form of arranging Survivor events around exhibition openings and other occasions, fostering and supporting leadership among the Second Generation, the children of Survivors whose legacy is so unique, and engaging in those activities that assure the Survivor community that their lives and the lives of those they lost are remembered and honored in a fashion befitting the enormity of the tragedy of the Holocaust.

The Office of Survivor Affairs in located at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. You can contact the Director of the Office of Survivor Affairs, Martin Goldman, at (202) 488-0414.

"Sport is prostituted when sport loses its independent and democratic character and becomes a political institution. . . . Nazi Germany is endeavoring to use the Eleventh Olympiad to serve the necessities and interests of the Nazi Regime rather than the Olympic ideals."

> —Jeremiah Mahoney's pro-boycott "Committee on Fair Play in Sports," New York, November 15, 1935





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שקל כסף מהשנה הרבים של המרך הראשון







Between 1939 and 1945, Germans and their accomplices murdered six million Jews in occupied Europe as part of Nazi genocidal policy. Hundreds of thousands of Gypsies (Sinti and Roma) and mentally and physically disabled persons were also killed, victims of Nazi racism. Countless others, including Poles, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, Jehovah's Witnesses, and homosexuals, were executed or died from maltreatment during imprisonment in Nazi prisons and concentration camps. During the Holocaust, men and women, young and old, rich and poor, famous and unknown, were killed. Athletes, including participants in the Berlin Games as well as other former Olympians, were not spared. They included:



Alfred Flatow (1869–1942): Jewish gymnast and medalist for Germany at the 1896 Athens Olympics. In 1942, at the age of 73, he was deported to the Theresienstadt ghetto in German-occupied Czechoslovakia. He died two months later, one of the 35,000 Jews who died from starvation and disease while imprisoned there.



Lili Henoch (1889–1942): Jewish shot putter and discus thrower for Germany. She was slated for the Paris Olympics of 1924, but did not compete because Germany was excluded. She was deported in 1942 to Riga, Latvia, where she and her mother were killed by Einsatzgruppen units (mobile killing squads).



Roman Kantor (1912–1943): Jewish fencer and competitor for Poland in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. He was arrested in Warsaw in 1942 and deported to the Majdanek concentration camp in occupied Poland, where he died in 1943. Kantor was one of nearly three million Polish Jews murdered during the Holocaust.



Janusz Kusociński (1907–1940): 10,000-meter runner and medalist for Poland in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics. Executed by the Germans in 1940, he was one of tens of thousands of Polish Catholics killed as part of the Nazi plan to destroy Poland's leadership classes and enslave the Polish people.



Werner Seelenbinder (1904–1944): wrestler and competitor for Germany at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Seelenbinder, a Communist, was arrested in 1942 for resistance activities and was later executed for treason.



Ilja Szrajbman (7–1943): Jewish swimmer and competitor for Poland at the 1936 Olympics. He was one of tens of thousands of Jews who died from starvation, brutality, and disease during their imprisonment in the Warsaw ghetto of German-occupied Poland.



Johann Trollmann (1907–1943): Sinti (Gypsy) boxer, expelled from the German Boxing Association in 1933, died ten years later in the Nazi concentration camp at Neuengamme, Germany. Trollman was one of an estimated 220,000–500,000 Gypsies (Sinti and Roma) killed across German-occupied Europe during the Holocaust.

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City of Cleveland

PROCLAMATION

CARL B. STOKES

Designating Sumday, April 13, 1969, as

"WARSAW GHETTO MEMORIAL DAY"

WHEREAS, April, 1969, marks the 26th anniversary of the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, when the small remnant of Jews, commanded by Mordecai Anzelewicz, began armed resistance against the armed might of the Nazi oppressor in the Ghetto of Warsaw, Poland; and

WHEREAS, outnumbered and outarmed, despite gallant fighting and with capture and death being certain, the men, women and children of the Warsaw Ghetto demonstrated a great moral victory of principal over bestial inhumanity; and

WHEREAS, their valiant struggle served as a beacon to the oppressed of all nations, and will stand for all times as one of the great epics of struggle for freedom and justice - the world should never forget the valor of their deeds and the truth of the principles for which they laid down their lives; and

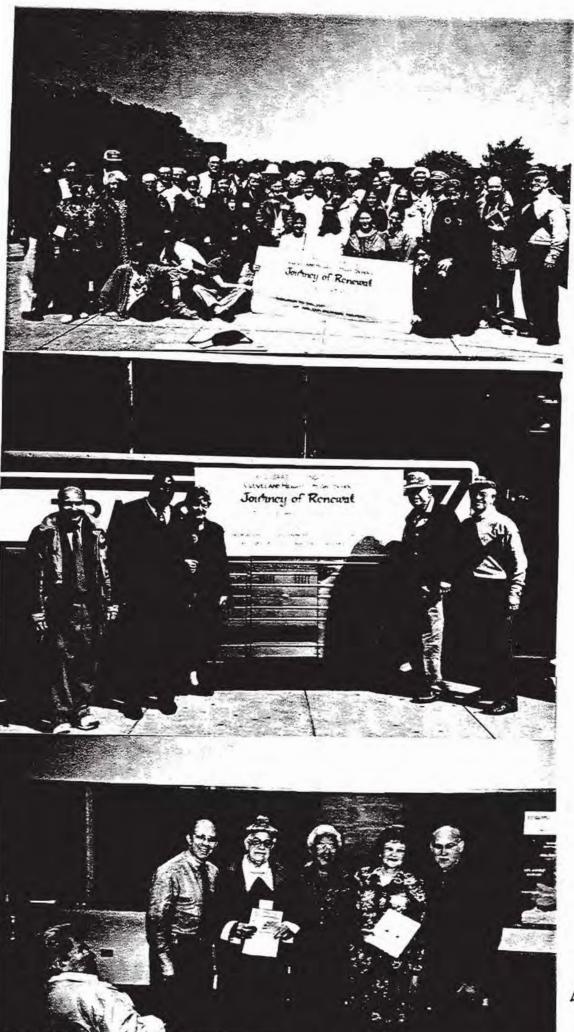
WHEREAS, this day is observed with Memorial Ceremonies and by special prayers in Synagogues.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Carl B. Stokes, as Mayor of the City of Cleveland, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 13, 1969, as "WARSAW GHETTO MEMORIAL DAY" in Cleveland, and call upon men of good will everywhere to recognize this day as a fitting tribute to an act of faith which will ever be remembered.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed this day of April 1969

MAYOR



ADVICE

If a 'phone technician' calls, hang up on him

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I just found out about a telephone scam, and I hope you will warn your readers about it.

I received a phone call from someone who identified himself as an AT&T service technician.

By Ann Landers

This so-called technician claimed to be running a test on the phone lines and asked me to help him by touching the number 9, then the then pound sign (#). I was then supposed to hang up. I became suspicious, said I was in a big hurry and hung up.

I immediately called the phone company and was informed that by pushing 9-0-#, I would be giving that "technician" access to my phone line, allowing him to place long-distance calls while the charge appeared on my bill. Please alert your readers to this scam. — Dayton, Ohio

DEAR DAYTON: I very much appreciate your letter. You have

helped me alert millions of people to a racket that could be very costly to unsuspecting victims.

We contacted Oriano Pagnucci, the director of public relations at AT&T, and he informed us that your information is accurate: Pagnucci said this is an old scam but it was recently revived when the information was posted on the Internet. The scheme is mostly directed at businesses and government agencies.

Pagnucci said that AT&T technicians do not call and ask customers to help check the phone lines or run tests. Nor will they ever ask to verify your calling card number. Managers of office buildings should notify their staffs not to comply with such requests.

If anyone should call you and say he (or she) is an AT&T service person, ask for his or her name, phone number and the name of a supervisor. Then, hang up. The caller's identity can then be verified through AT&T.

These crooks should not be permitted to get away with such shenanigans. Victims who do nothing are aiding and abetting them in their dirty work.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY, DIPLOMATS — RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATION

As stated in the Holocaust and Heroism Law - Yad Vashem (5713-1953), the Righteous Among the Nations are non-Jews "who risked their lives" to save Jews during the Holocaust. In 1963, Yad Vashem appointed the Commission for the Designation of the Righteous. Its work is to award the Righteous title, the greatest distinction which the Jewish people grants to worthy non-Jewish rescuers of Jews. In addition to the requirement of risk to one's life, the commission sets forth other criteria for this honor, including lack of material gain, humanitarian motivation, and testimony by the person saved.

To date, almost 16,000 men and women have been recognized as Righteous Among the Nations. Each is awarded a medal and a certificate of honor in ceremonies conducted in Israel by Yad Vashem, or abroad through Israeli diplomatic representatives. Their names are also engraved on tablets of honor in the Yad Vashem Garden for the Righteous. Before the construction of the Garden, some 2,000 trees were planted in their names.

The stamp is issued on the occasion of Holocaust and Heroism Day and commemorates the deeds of diplomats who issued "life visas" to hundreds and thousands of Jews, and were consequently nominated as Righteous Among the Nations. Earlier, the Philatelic Service issued a Righteous Among the Nations stamp in 1979 and a Raoul Wallenberg stamp in 1983.

Aristides de Sousa Mendes (1885-1954)

Portuguese Consul-General in Bordeaux, France. In June 1940, with the imminent capture of the city by the Germans — in spite of instructions to the contrary, he issued thousands of visas to Jewish refugees. As a result, he was removed from his post and deprived of all pension benefits. He ended up having to see his possessions to help support his family of thirteen children. He died poor and forgotten. He was proclaimed a Righteous person in 1966. In 1987, Portugal officially rehabilitated him.

Sempo Sugihara (1900-1986)

Japanese Consul-General in Kaunas, capital of Lithuania in 1940. That year, the Soviet Union overran the country and instructed all foreign diplomats to shut down their offices. Before departing, and ignoring instructions from his government, Sugihara supplied several thousand Jewish refugees from Poland with Japanese visas. He was recognized as a Righteous person in 1984.

with the pro-Nazi Arrow Cross authorities the special privileges granted to hundreds of Jews who were issued "Protective Passes" by the Spanish legation, and were sheltered in houses flying the Spanish flag. It is estimated that close to a thousand Jews benefited from his aid. He was proclaimed a Righteous person in 1988.

Charles Lutz (1895-1975)

Swiss envoy in Budapest, Hungary. In 1944, he devised the Schutzpasse, "Protective Pass," as a means to protect thousands of Jews from deportation. With Lutz's help, Raoul Wallenberg and representatives of other neutral countries used his innovative scheme to great advantage. Lutz himself issued these certificates to thousands of Jews,



Selahattin Ulkumen (1914-

Turkish Consul-General on the Greek island of Rhodes. In July 1944, the Germans rounded up all of the island's Jews for deportation to concentration camps. Ulkumen presented the local German commander with a list of 50 Jews whom he claimed were Turkish nationals, and demanded their release, to which the Germans after first hedging finally agreed. The rest of the island's 1,500 Jews were deported to Auschwitz. Ulkumen was recognized as a Righteous person in 1990.

Giorgio Perlasca (1910-1912)

An Italian citizen, he was a staff member of the Spanish legation in Budapest, Hungary. When the Spanish minister was instructed to leave the city, with the approach of the Red Army, Perlasca posed as Spain's Chargé d' Affaires. Together with Raoul Wallenberg, from Sweden, and other representatives of neutral countries, he negotiated

thereby providing them with Swiss diplomatic immunity. With the approach of the front, he ignored orders to leave Budapest, so as to ensure the safety of those holding Swiss "protective passes," and he remained in the besieged and wartorn city until its full liberation in February 1945. He was recognized as a Righteous person in 1964.

Dr. Mordecai Paldiel Director, Dept. for the Righteous Among the Nations, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem

The stamp features the portraits of the above five diplomats. On the background of the stamp, and the first-day cover, appear a photo of the crowd outside the Japanese Consulate in Kaunas, Lithuania, waiting to apply for Japanese transit visas, as well as a photo of a Protective Pass seal. Photos and text were provided by Yad Vashem Archives, and the Department for the Righteous Among the Nations.





ABOUT JEWS

IF THE STATISTICS ARE RIGHT, THE JEWS CONSTITUTE BUT ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT OF THE HUMAN RACE. IT SUGGESTS A NEBULOUS DIM PUFF OF STARDUST LOST IN THE BLAZE OF THE MILKY WAY. PROPERLY THE JEW OUGHT HARDLY TO BE HEARD OF: BUT HE IS HEARD OF, HAS ALWAYS BEEN HEARD OF. HE IS AS PROMINENT ON THE PLANET AS ANY OTHER PEOPLE, AND HIS IMPORTANCE IS EXTRAVAGANTLY OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE SMALLNESS OF HIS BULK.

HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD'S LIST OF GREAT NAMES IN
LITERATURE, SCIENCE, ART, MUSIC, FINANCE, MEDICINE AND ABSTRUSE
LEARNING ARE VERY OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE WEAKNESS OF HIS
NUMBERS. HE HAS MADE A MARVELOUS FIGHT IN THIS WORLD IN ALL
AGES; AND HE HAS DONE IT WITH HIS HANDS TIED BEHIND HIM. HE
COULD BE VAIN OF HIMSELF AND BE EXCUSED FOR IT. THE EGYPTIANS,
THE BABYLONIANS AND THE PERSIANS ROSE, FILLED THE PLANET WITH
SOUND AND SPLENDOUR; THEN FADED TO DREAM-STUFF AND PASSED
AWAY. THE GREEKS AND THE ROMANS FOLLOWED AND MADE A VAST
NOISE, AND THEY ARE GONE; OTHER PEOPLES HAVE SPRUNG UP AND
HELD THEIR TORCH HIGH FOR A TIME BUT IT BURNED OUT, AND THEY SIT
IN TWILIGHT NOW, OR HAVE VANISHED.

THE JEW SAW THEM ALL, SURVIVED THEM ALL, AND IS NOW WHAT HE ALWAYS WAS, EXHIBITING NO DECADENCE, NO INFIRMITIES OF AGE, NO WEAKENING OF HIS PARTS, NO SLOWING OF HIS ENERGIES, NO DULLING OF HIS ALERT AND AGGRESSIVE MIND. ALL THINGS ARE MORTAL BUT THE JEW; ALL OTHER FORCES PASS, BUT HE REMAINS. WHAT IS THE SECRET OF HIS IMMORTALITY?

Mark Twain in Harper's Magazine September 1897

THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME by Seth Akst

In the summer of 1996, I went with my grandparents Abbie and Malka Akst on a trip to Poland and Israel along with my parents, my uncle, and my two brothers. The family's trip was very meaningful to me. Visiting the small town where my grandparents had grown up and then seeing the sites of the devastation of the Holocaust were emotional experiences. I grew up listening to my grandfather's stories, but the visit allowed me to connect to my family's history in a new way.

Our second day in Poland we drove out to the country to visit Bodzanow, the town where my grandparents grew up. It was interesting to see my grandparents flooded with memories, trying to recreate daily life 60 years ago. We saw houses and stores that were familiar, places that my grandparents' relatives had owned. The house that my grandmother had lived in had been replaced by a new building, but my grandfather's uncle's and my great-great-grandfather's houses, where he had spent a lot of time, were standing in their original forms. My grandparents conversed with the local Poles, one of whom remembered my grandfather. This man's father had been in the labor camp with my grandfather and then had lived with my grandfather for six months after the war. We all joined the man's family for tea and my grandparents reminisced about life in Bodzanow. I enjoyed seeing my grandparents' excitement about returning home.

The trip sobered up, though, as we visited the sites of several concentration camps. We went to Treblinka, Majdanek, and Auschwitz/Birkenau. Both Majdanek and Birkenau remain as they were, with the barracks, barbed wire, and crematoria still standing as testimonials to the horrors that happened there. It is difficult to describe the emotions that we all felt as we saw the gas chambers at Birkenau; the revulsion, anger and sorrow mixed together as knots

in our stomachs. However, my emotions were even stronger at Treblinka, which has been converted to a memorial for the Polish Jews who died there.

The memorial at Treblinka is made up of stones, each inscribed with the name of a Polish town from which Jews had been taken and killed. My grandparents were responsible for the placement of the stone memorializing the dead from Bodzanow, and it was standing at that stone that was the most emotional moment of the trip for me. My grandparents cried as they paid their respects to their lost family members, and we were all solemn as we prayed the Kaddish. What touched me the most, though, was when my grandfather made a bridge between the family he had lost and the family he had gained since then, my parents, my uncle, and my brothers. That connection between the past, the present and the future was the entire point of our trip.

As we left Poland and flew to Israel, the link between Jewish history and its future was again brought out. We went to Masada for my younger brother's Bar Mitzvah. That site, the entire state of Israel, and the camps in Poland are testimonials to the Jewish people's ability to survive persecution. The entire trip helped me realize what it means to be a Jew, and to link our past with our future.



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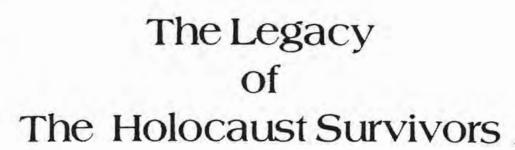


ABBIE AKST AT THE "KOTEL"



ABBIE AND MOLLY AKST AT THE BODZANOW MEMORIAL

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Pledge of Acceptance of the Second Generation

Read

in HEBREW, ENGLISH, YIDDISH, FRENCH, RUSSIAN and LADINO

at the Western Wall in Jerusalem on June 18, 1981 (איז סיון תשמ"א — 16th of Sivan 5741) at the Closing Ceremony of the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

The Legacy

WE TAKE THIS OATH! We take it in the shadow of flames whose tongues scar the soul of our people. We vow in the name of dead parents and children: we vow, with our sadness hidden, our faith renewed; we vow, we shall never let the sacred memory of our perished Six Million be scorned or erased.

WE SAW THEM hungry, in fear, we saw them rush to battle, we saw them in the loneliness of night — true to their faith. At the threshold of death, we saw them. We received their silence in silence, merged their tears with ours.

Deportations, executions, mass-graves, death camps; mute prayers, cries of revolt, desperation, torn scrolls; cities and towns, villages and hamlets; the young, the old, the rich, the poor, ghetto fighters and partisans, scholars and messianic dreamers, ravaged faces, fists raised. Like clouds of fire, all have vanished.

WE TAKE THIS OATH! Vision becomes word, to be handed down from father to son, from mother to daughter, from generation to generation.

REMEMBER what the German killers and their accomplices did to our people. Remember them with rage and contempt. Remember what an indifferent world did to us and to itself. Remember the victims with pride and with sorrow. Remember also the deeds of the righteous Gentiles.

WE SHALL ALSO REMEMBER the miracle of the Jewish rebirth in the land of our ancestors, in the independent State of Israel. Here, pioneers and fighters returned to our people the dignity and majesty of nationhood. From the ruins of their lives, orphans and widows built homes and old-new fortresses on our redeemed land. To the end of our days we shall remember all those who realized and raised their dream — our dream — of redemption to the loftiest heights.

WE TAKE THIS OATH here in Jerusalem, our eternal spiritual sanctuary. Let our legacy endure as a stone of the Temple Wall. For here prayers and memories burn. They burn and burn and will not be consumed.

The Acceptance

WE ACCEPT the obligation of this legacy.

WE ARE the first generation born after the darkness. Through our parents' memories, words and silence, we are linked to that annihilated Jewish existence whose echoes permeate our consciousness.

WE DEDICATE this pledge to you, our parents, who suffered and survived:

to our grandparents, who perished in the flames:

to our vanished brothers and sisters, more than one million Jewish children, so brutally murdered.

to all Six Million whose unyielding spiritual and physical resistance, even in the camps and ghettos, exemplifies our people's commitment to life.

WE PLEDGE to remember!

WE SHALLTEACH our children to preserve forever that uprooted Jewish spirit which could not be destroyed.

WE SHALLTELL the world of the depths to which humanity can sink, and the heights which were attained, even in hell itself.

WE SHALL FIGHTanti-Semitism and all forms of racial hatred by our dedication to freedom throughout the world.

WE AFFIRM our commitment to the State of Israel and to the furtherance of Jewish life in our homeland.

WE PLEDGE ourselves to the oneness of the Jewish people.

WE ARE YOUR CHILDREN!

WE ARE HERE!

די צוואה פון די לעבנגעבליבענע פונם חורבן

דער ענטפער פון צווייטן דור

געלייענט אין העברעאיש, יידיש, ענגליש, פראנצויזיש, רוסיש און לאדינא ביי דער עלייענט אין העברעאיש יידיש, ענגליש פראנצויזיש, שלוס-צערעמאניע פונם וועלט צוזאמענפאר פון דער שארית הפליטה

ביים כותל מערבי אין ירושלים דעם 18-טן יוני 1981, ט"ז סיון תשמ"א

מיר שוערן די שבועה אין שאטן פון ליכט וואס ברענען ווי אותיות אין געדעכעניש פון א פאלק. אין נאמען פון עלטערן און קינדער, זעקס מיליאן אין צאל, שווערן מיר. מיר שווערן די שבועה מיט באהאלטענעם אטעם און ברויזנדער אמונה. מיר שווערן דעם פארהייליקטן אנדענק פון אונדזערע קדושים קיינמאל נישט צו פארשוועכן, קיינמאל נישט צו פארשוועכן, קיינמאל נישט צו פאראעסן.

מיר האבן זיי געזען אין הונגער, אין שרעק, אין געלויף צום קאמף, אין דער שטילקייט פון נאכט, טריי צו זייער גלויבן, מיט בטחון ווי זייער אטעם, אויפן שוועל פון מזבח האבן מיר זיי געזען. מיר האבן זייער שטומקייט שטומערהייט אויפגעכאפט, און זייערע טרערן אין אונדזערע איינגעזאפט. געטא-אקציעס, שחיטה סצענעס, מאסן קברים, טויט לאגערן, שטעט און שטעטלעך, דערפער און דערפלעך, יונג און אלט, גרויס און קליין - ווי ברענענדיקע וואלקנס זיינען זיי פארשוואונדן. געבליבן ברענענדיקע וואלקנס זיינען זיי פארשוואונדן. געבליבן איז זייער בליק, געבליבן איז דער קאמף-רוף פון פארטיזאן, פון געטא קעמפער. בלייבן וועט אויך דער ביישפיל פון געציילטע חסידי אומות העולם.

שוערן מיר דא די שבועה: ווי א צוואה זאל זי בלייבן, א צוואה פון זיידן צום זון, פון זון צום אייניקל, פון דור צו דור, פון זעאונג ביז ווארט. געדענקט וואס א וועלט א פארשאלטענע האט אונדזער פאלק און זיך אליין אפגעטאף! געדענקט די קרבנות מיט שטאלץ און מיט טרויער, און דעם דייטשן רוצח און זיינע העלפער מיט אפשוי און צארן געדענקען זאלט איר.

געדענקען וועלן מיר אויך דער נס פון אויפלעב און געבאט פון פארווירקלעכונג. מיט מוט און גבורה האבן חלוצים און קעמפער, מיט אש און וואונד האבן יתומים און אלמנות אונדזער פאלק ישראל, אונדזער מדינת ישראל, מיט מלכות געקרוינט. פון חורבות האבן מיר אין לאנד פון אונדזער אבות אלט-נייע פעסטונגען געבויט און דעם לעבן אן אלט-נייעם באדייט געגעבן.

וועלן מיר ביז צום טאג פון אלע טעג געדענקען די העלדן די יידישע וועלכע האבן דעם טרוים פון גאולה צו די העכסטע הויכן דערהויבן.

לאמיר שווערן די שבועה ביים הייליקסטן אין ירושלים. זאל די צוואה ווי א שטיין אין כותל בלייבן, ווייל דא ברענען תפילות ווי זכרונות, זיי ברענען און ברענען און ווערן נישט פארברענט.

מיר נעמען אויף זיך דעם חוב פון דער דאזיקער צוואה.

מיר זיינען דער ערשטער דור געבוירן נאך דער פינצטערניש. דורך די זכרונות פון אונדזערע עלטערן, זייערע ווערטער און זייער שווייגן, זיינען מיר פארבונדן מיט יענער פארטיליקטער יידישער וועלט וועמענס אפקלאנג באהערשט אונדזער באוווסטזיין.

מיר ווידמען די דאזיקע שבועה צו אייך - אונדזערע עלטערן - וועלכע האבן געליטן און זיינען לעבן געבליבן, צו אונדזערע באבעס-זיידעס, וועלכע זיינען אומגעבראכט געווארן אין די פלאמען;

- צו אונדזערע פארניכטעטע ברידער און שוועסטער מער פון א מיליאן יידישע קינדער - וועלכע זיינען אזוי ברוטאל אויסגעהרגעט געווארן;

צו אלע זעקס מיליאן יידן וועמענס אומבויגזאמער גייסטיקער און פיזישער ווידערשטאנד - אפילו אין די טויט לאגערן און געטאס - איז א ביישפיל פון דער שטרעבונג צום לעבן פון אונדזער פאלק.

מיר שווערן צו געדענקען!

מיר וועלן לערנען אונדזערע קינדער צו פאראייביקן יענעם אויסגעווארצלטען יידישן גייסט וועלכער איז אבער נישט צושטערט געווארן.

מיר וועלן דערציילן דער וועלט ווי טיף דער מענטש קען זינקן - און צו וועלכע הויך ער קען זיך דערהויבן אפילו אין ניהנום.

מיר וועלן באקעמפן דעם אנטיסעמיטיזם, און אלע פארמן פון ראסן - האס, דורך אונדזער ווידמען זיך צו דער פרייהייט פון אלע פעלקער.

מיר באשטעטיגן אונדזערע התחייבות צו מדינת ישראל, און מיר וועלן אפהיטן דאס יידישע לעבן אין אונדזער לאנד.

מיר שווערן אונדזער טריישאפט צו דער אייניקייט פון יידישן פאלק.

מיר זיינען אייערע קינדער! מיר זיינען דא!



Cherished memories

Families take a great deal of pride in b'nai mitzvah. Here, parents and one grandmother recall their feelings when the special children in their lives ascended the bima for the first time.

Miracle of mitzvah

When our son, Sean, became a bar mitzvah on May 5, 1990, I thought about the nurse who told me our son would never walk, talk or be toilet trained, because he has Down syndrome. He accomplished all that and more by learning Hebrew and having his bar mitzvah shortly after his 13th birthday. We were and still are proud of his every accomplishment.

Edie and Alan Hauptman Orange Village

Outpouring of love

I was a bundle of nerves as I drove to Fairmount Temple for my daughter Julie's bat mitzvah on June 14, 1996. I had planned an outdoor celebration for the better part of three years, and now it was pouring rain.

As Shabbat services began. I looked around the sanctuary and began to panic. Some 27 out-of-town relatives had not arrived. What could possibly be the explanation when I had so painstakingly arranged for a shuttle from their hotel to the synagogue and confirmed it the day before?

Twenty minutes into the service, my distraught relatives finally



Relaxing once their out-of-town guests arrived are Michael, Susan, Julie and Debby Hennenberg.

arrived. They told us the hotel's driver had left just when he was supposed to transport them to the service. It took a half-an-hour before the hotel could locate someone to drive the van.

With my relatives safely at the service, I finally relaxed and enjoyed my Julie's beautiful recitation of her Haftorah and her speech. I was especially proud of her decision to use a Torah scroll that was saved from the Holocaust, as three of her grandparents had miraculously survived the war and were now proudly standing on the bima with her.

After the service, there was

another miracle: The sun actually came out.

Susan Spitz Hennenberg Pepper Pike

Theme was mitzvah

My son Ryan's bar mitzvah was Jan. 17, 1998, at Congregation Bethaynu. The theme of his party was movies. We discussed how he could tie in his love for films with helping others. He decided that he would purchase a VCR with some of his bar mitzvah money and ask his guests to bring a new or used videotape that he would then donate to a shelter for abused children. Our guests contributed 120 tapes! The Monday after Ryan's bar mitzvah (no school that day) our family drove to Providence House and Ryan donated the new VCR and tapes. I was proud of him, and the bar mitzvah guests thought it was wonderful.

Shari Smylie Solon

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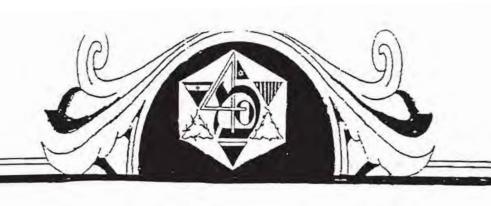
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Best Wishes to Kol Israel Foundation - Betty Berry

Best wishes on the 40th Anniversary! In loving remembrance of our beloved and departed family members and friends who died during the Holocaust. They did not die in vain. They live in our hearts and their memory will be with us forever.

Israel arose from their sacrifice. We hope that the suffering and struggle of the Jews in Europe during World War II will lead to the prevention of such terrible deeds ever happening to anyone again.

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Congratulations and best wishes to:

Anne and Mike Frum

for their dedicated service to the

Kol Israel Foundation, the survivor community, and the State of Israel

Alice Z. and Tomas L. Jacobs

Cleveland, Ohio July 1998

Don't wait for your ship to come in if you haven't sent one out.





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The first independent Jewish State in 19 centuries was born in Tel Aviv as the British Mandale over Palestine came to an end at midnight on Triday, and it was immediately subjected to the test of fire. As "Medinat Yimmed" (State of lexuel) was proclaimed, the heaths for Jerusalem raged, with most of the city falling to the Jews. At the

Strike would accord recognition to the new State. A few hours later, Palestine was invaded by Moulem strates from the south, seat and north, and Tel Aviv was raided from the sir. On Friday the United Nations Special Assembly adjourned after adopting a resolution to appoint a med-

Resolution of November 37.
Yesterday the battle for the Lerosalem-Tel Aviv read
was still under way, and two Arab villages were taken. In
the north, Acre town was captured, and the Jewish Army
consolidated its positions in Western Galilee.

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SECURITY ZONES Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down JEWISH STATE

Proclamation by Head Of Government



Special Assembly

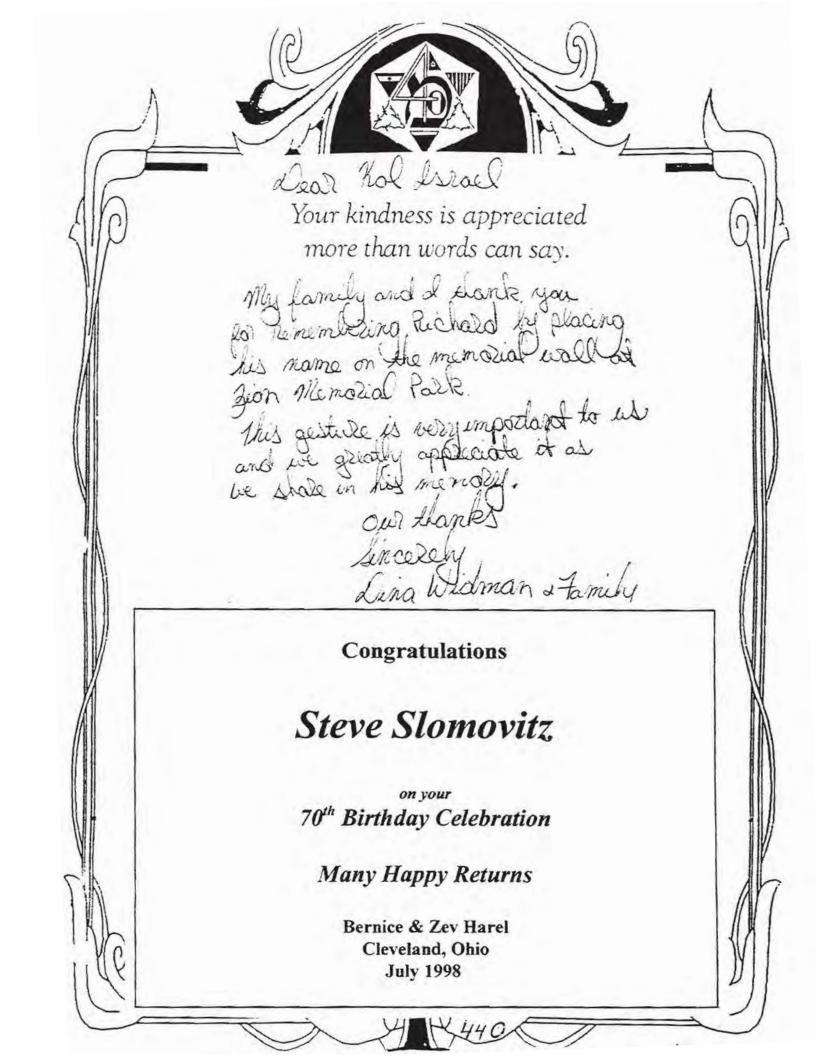
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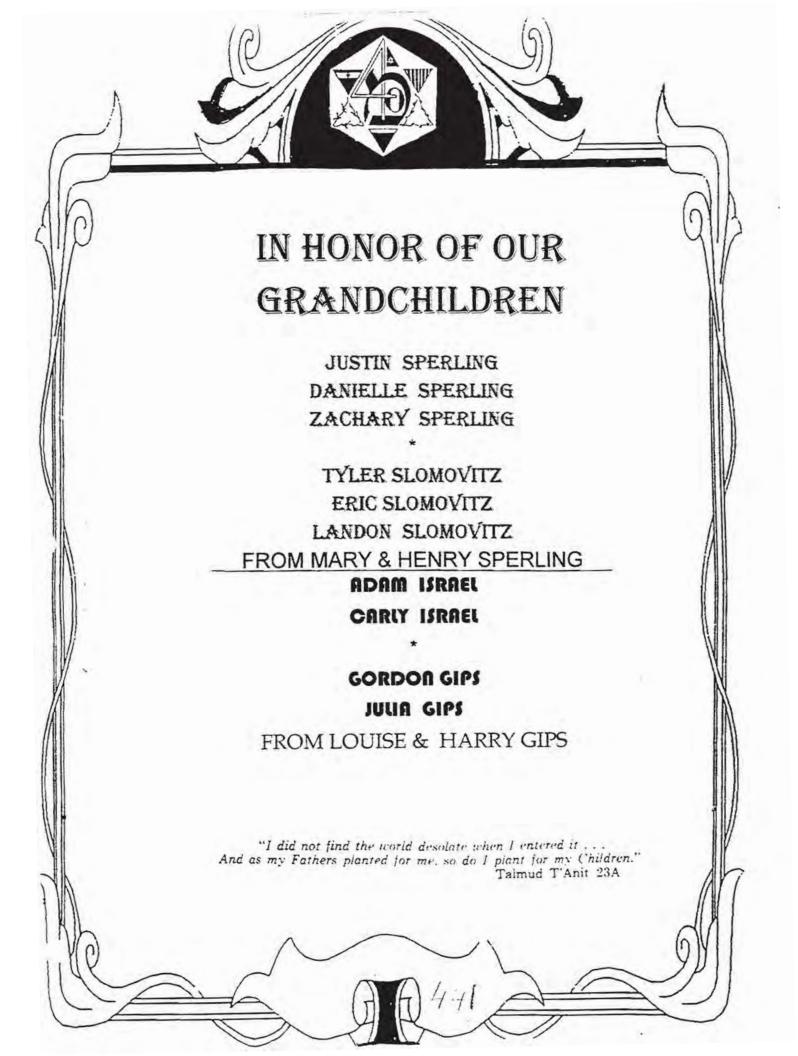


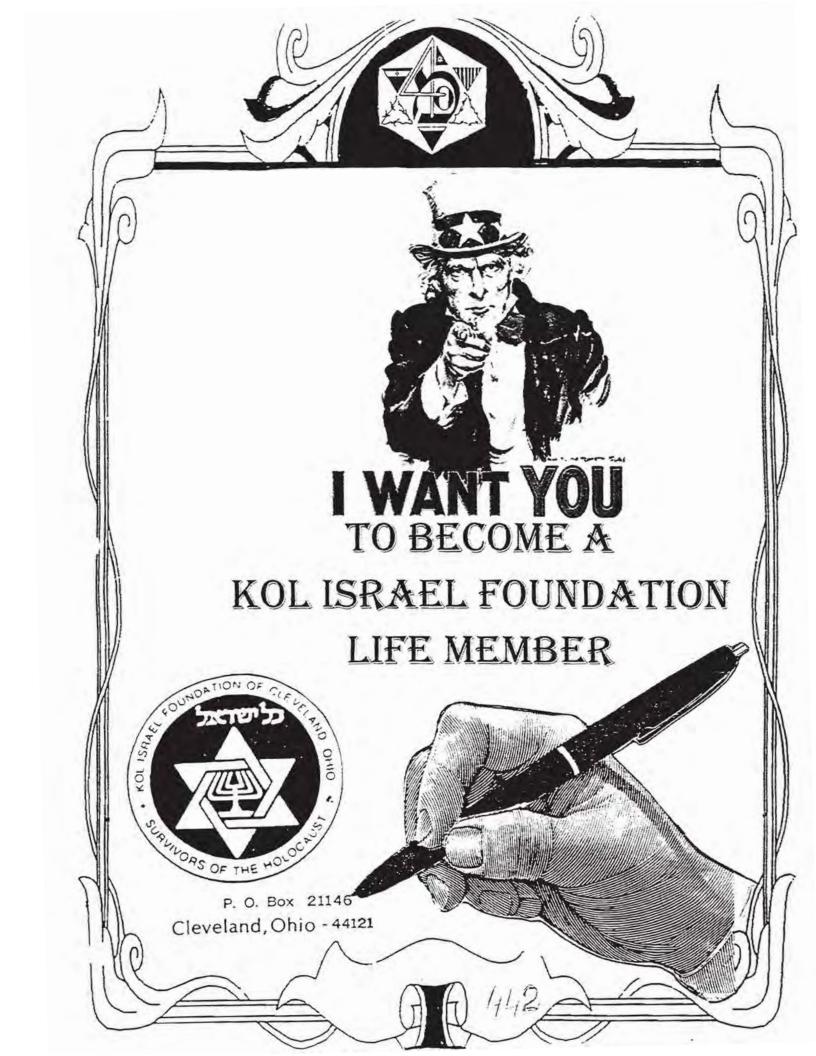
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SUB CAMP OF GROSSROSEN K.Z.WALDENBURG

IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMP WALDENBURG, THE INMATES WERE JEWISH, EXEPT THE SO CALLED "LAGER AELTESTE" RICHARD KASCHE WHO WAS GERMAN, AND THE SO CALLED "SCHREIBER" HENRYK ZWIEZYNSKI WHO WAS POLISH- CATHOLIC

OCTOBER 1944 THE CAMP WENT INTO THEIR MURKY OPERATION.
SS "STURBANFUEHRER" ERICH SCHRAMMEL WAS THE "LAGERFUEHRER"
AND 40 SS MEN TO GUARD THE CAMP INMATES, AND MAKE THEIR LIFE
MISERABLE.

THE FIRST TRANSPORT OF JEWISH PRISONERS CAME FROM A FORCED LABOR CAMP FREIBURG IN SILESIA 132 MEN RECEIVED THE NUMBERS FROM 64201 TO NUMBER 64332. THE "JUDEN AELTESTER SHULIM MEHLER."

THE SECOND TRANSPORT CAME FROM A FORCED LABOR CAMP KLETTENDORF NEAR BRESLAU ,THEIR "JUDENAELTESTER" BEREK WELLNER

SIX INMATES DIED IN WALDENBURG, TWO WERE SENT TO ANOTHER CAMP, AND BECAUSE OF POOR HEALTH DIED THERE.

ON MARCH 31,1945 DIED SYMCHA BLAS FROM JAWORZNO.

ON APRIL 6,1945 DIED SALOMON REICHER FROM CHRZANOW.

ON APRIL 24,1945 DIED CHASKEL JAKUBOWICZ FROM BENDZIN.

ON MAY 3, 1945 DIED BESEN VAN JOOCHEM FROM HOLLAND.

IN ADDITION TWO PERSONS DIED BY THE NAME OF JUCKER AND KORNHAUSER. IT IS POSIBLE THAT THEY DIED IMEDIATELY AFTER LIBERATION, BECAUSE THEIR NAMES DID NOT APEAR ON THE LIST OF PERSONS DECEASED IN THE CAMP.

THE COMPANIES THAT WE WORKED FOR

ALBERT HOCH UND TIEFBAU

PHILLIP HOLZMANN

I.G.FARBEN

A E G ALGEMEINE ELEKRIZITAET GESELSCHAFT SYNTHETISCHE BENZIN-FABRIK MATILDENHOEHE

THE WORK DAY WAS ELEVEN HOURS.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE WAR, MOST OF THE INMATES WERE TAKEN TO DIG SO CALLED "PANZERGRABEN" DEEP DITCHES AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CITY, TO PREVENT THE RUSSIAN TANKS TO CROSS.

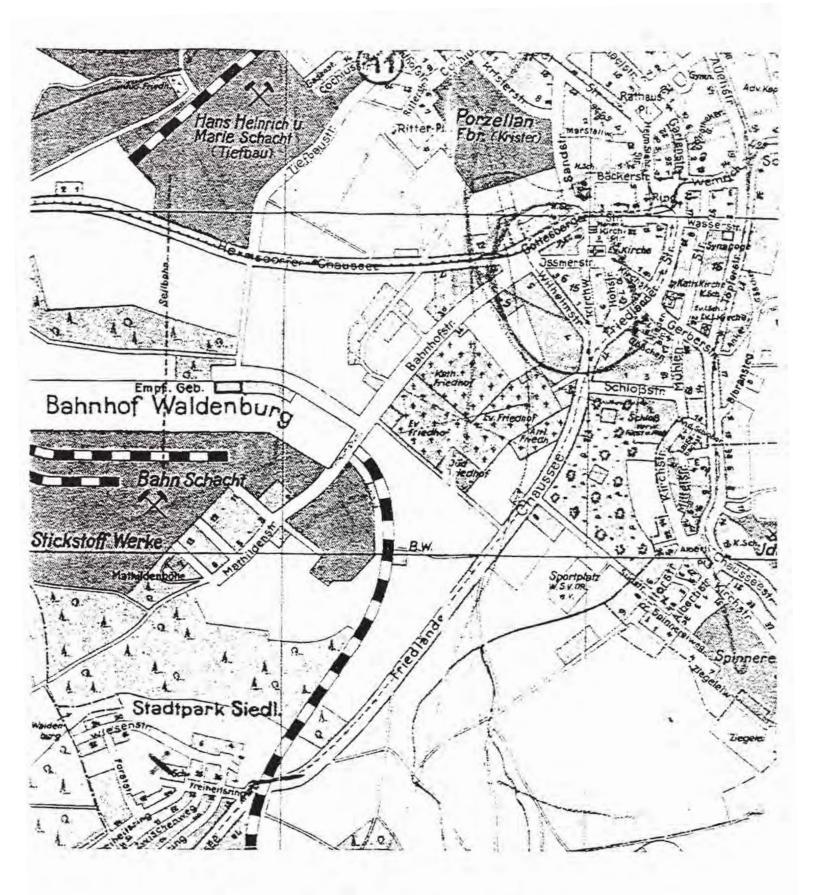
THE CAMP WAS PREPARED TO EVACUATE AND TO GO ON A DEATH MARCH.MILITARELY WE WERE SURROUNDET BY THE RED ARMY FORCES ,AND THE ROADS OUT WERE CLOSED.

ON THAT SUNNY MORNING OF MAY EIGHT, "LAGERFUEHRER" SCHRAMMEL AND HIS COHORTS DISSAPEARED.

MAY EIGHT 1945 WAS A SUNNY DAY INDEED WE WERE FREE AFTER FOUR YEARS OF HELL

JACOB HENNENBERG 64242

ERICH SCHRAMMEL
DIED ON JUNE 23.1961 IN NORDHORN.GERMANY



OUR GREATEST GLORY CONSISTS NOT IN NEVER FALLING, BUT IN RISING EVERY TIME WE FALL.

CONCENTRATION CAMP WALDENBURG NAMES AND NUMBERS OF ALL THE INMATES IN THAT K.Z.

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Pressure mounts to release data on postwar dealings with Nazis

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Some historians suspect the opened files could cause "trementions embarrassments" for the United States.

"This potentially is the biggest series of revelations since the Nuremberg [war crimes] trials," said historian Robert Herzstein, speaking by telephone from his office at the University of South Carolina.

"There will be cases that the authorities would prefer not come out," he said. "This was all done in the name of anti-communism in the early Cold War."

Mr. Herzstein and some other historians already have partly penetrated the wall of secrecy erected by the CIA, the FBI, the State Department and other agencies that hold the files, but many remain veiled in secrecy.

For a half-century, federal agencies have resisted opening the files; telling historians, journalists, lawmakers and Holocaust survivors that national security was at stake and that promises previously made to "intelligence assets" made it impossible.

Still, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., who with Sen. Mike De-Wine, R-Ohio, sponsored the Senate legislation, said the documents "have been held far too long, well beyond when the time when their disclosure might have posed a threat to national security."

"Those who suffered from the Holocaust are reaching the end of their life span. We owe it to them to make available as much information about that terrible period as possible," Mr. Moynihan said.

Jacob Hennenberg, a 74-year-old Holocaust survivor from Poland who spent four years in a concentration camp and lost dozens of relatives to the Nazis, agreed.

"If the U.S. government would come out with all this information that is hidden, maybe that would help to ease the pain of knowing that you can't do anything," he said from his home in Cleveland.

"People would be held accountable. Countries would be held accountable," he said.

Many Nazis, including the infamous "Butcher of Lyons," Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, escaped occupied Europe after World War II "and got to South America with the help of U.S. authorities, like the counterintelligence corps of the U.S. Army," Mr. Herzstein said. Mr. Barbie was convicted of crimes against humanity in France in 1987 and later died in prison.

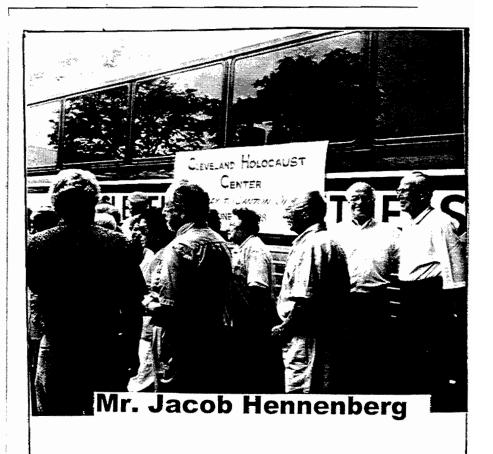
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Mr. Herzstein is questioning the government's role in concealing Mr. Waldheim's past as a Wehrmacht intelligence officer in the Balkans, where thousands of Nazi victims were deported to death camps

But Mr. Herzstein and other historians note that not everything in the files will prove nefarious.

For instance, the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations used the files to aggressively hunt down Nazis who illegally came to the United States after the war.



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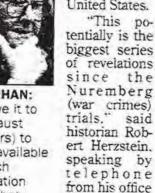
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"People would be held accountable. Countries would be held accountable," he said.

Many Nazis, including the infamous "Butcher of Lyon," Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, escaped occupied Europe following World War II "and got to South America with the help of U.S. authorities, like the counterintelligence corps of the U.S. Army," Herzstein, the historian, said. Barbie was convicted of crimes against humanity in France in 1987 and later died in prison.

In another example, the State Department and other agencies for a decade have told Herzstein that national security concerns bar them from releasing documents on the government's relationship with Kurt Waldheim, a former president of Austria and a former United Nations secretary-general.

Herzstein is questioning the government's role in concealing Waldheim's past as a Wehrmacht intelligence officer in the Balkans, where thousands of Nazi victims were deported to death

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"Was Waldheim being used as an intelligence asset for which he was protected from revelations about his wartime past?" he

Holocaust-era documents uncovered last year revealed the United States had been aware that the Nazi Germany mint took gold stolen from European banks and melted it with gold pulled from the mouths and fingers of Nazi death-camp victims.

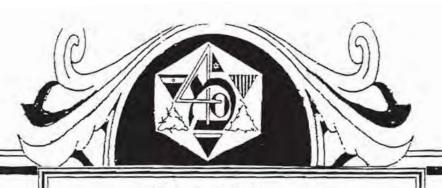
But Herzstein and other historians note that not everything in the files will prove nefarious.

The Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations used the files to aggressively hunt down Nazis who illegally came to the United States after the war.

And the files provided much of the information unearthed by Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat in his mission to compensate victims for assets stolen by the Nazis.

Under the proposed legisla-tion, the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, tens of thousands of top-secret documents from many federal agencies would be declassified and transferred to the National Archives. Information that would endanger the nation's security would remain sealed.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney. D-N.Y., who is sponsoring the legislation in the House, said, countries like Russia, Argentina and Lithuania are opening their war crime files, how can the United States, the country with democratic roots, be the last to lift the shroud of secrecy?



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Special cachet honors Israel's 50th anniversary

In honor of Israel's 50th anniversary, the Society of Israel Philatelists held a national convention and exhibition in Cleveland on July 11 and July 12.

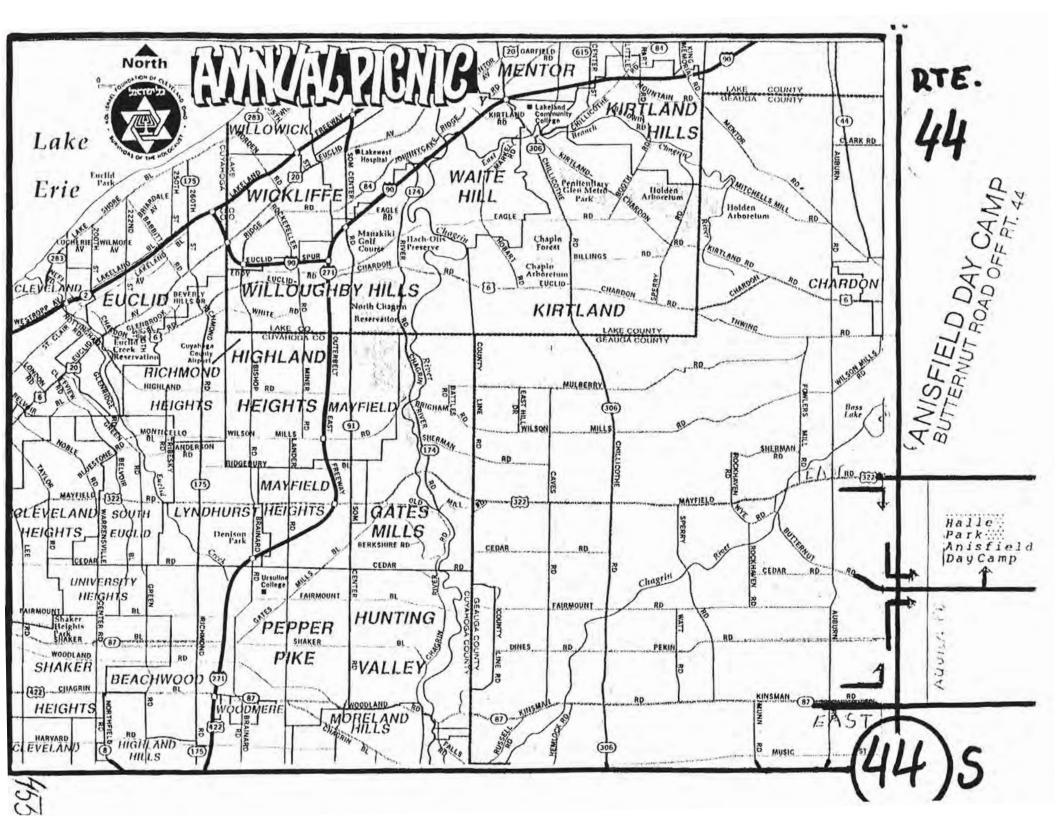
I designed a special cachet for this occasion, and the Israeli Post Office and U.S. Post Office also used a special cancellation on the 11th and 12th of July based on the design of the cachet. All the mail sent from the Parma Exhibition station was canceled with that special cancel.

My designs all through the years are in various shapes, but always there is the six-point Star of David; I do that in honor of my father.

In 1939, while living in occupied Poland in the town called Auschwitz, we were ordered to wear white arm bands with a blue Magen David (Star of David) on it. The Nazis called it a badge of shame. My father said we would call it a badge of honor, and he asked my sisters to embroider them. We wore it with pride embroidered.

The Society of Israel Philatelists. Cleveland Chapter, meets every first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Mandel JCC.

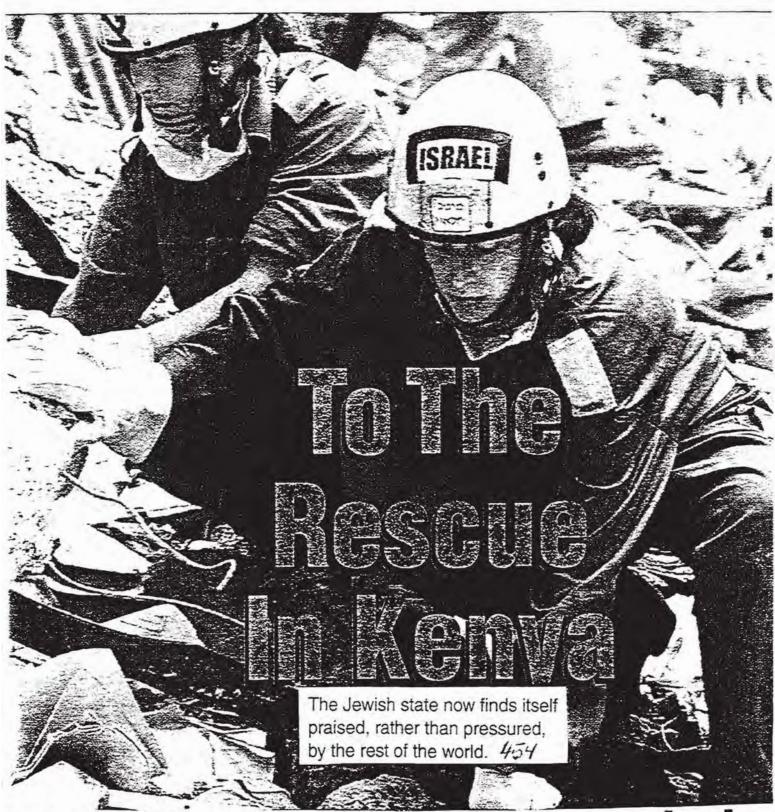
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Finding Poland's 'hidden' Jewish children

Rabbi tries to return them to faith of their parents

By John Rivera Bun staff

For nearly four decades, Rabbi Moshe Weiss has engaged in a personal mission to minister to the remnant of Poland's Jewish community in Poland that was nearly eliminated by the Holocaust.

His particular focus has been seeking out the "hidden children": those whose Jewish parents perished in concentration camps, were raised by Christian families and who as adults learned of their roots.

"Many [adoptive parents] would not tell the children who they are, but because of their intelligence, they found out," Weiss said in a telephone interview this week.

He will speak at the commemoration of Yom HaShoah, the worldwide Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust, at the Shaarei Tfiloh Congregation on Auchentoroly Terrace across from Druid Hill Park. His talk is scheduled for 2 p.m. tomorrow.

The existence of the "hidden children" gained prominence this year when Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, who is the daughter of Czech refugees, learned of her Jewish ancestry and of relatives who died in the Holocaust.

Weiss was born in Oswiecim, Poland, where the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp was located, and immigrated at age 15 to Brooklyn in 1938, a year before the war. He had his initial encounter with one of the hidden children during his first return trip to his homeland in 1959.

"I was one of the first rabbis to go to Poland after the war," said Weiss, who was sent by a Jewish organization in New York to find Jewish children being raised as Christians. The Jewish community in Poland, which numbered 3.5 million before the Holocaust, numbered a few thousand.

Weiss, who has written of his experiences in "From Oswiecim to Auschwitz," published in 1995, recalled meeting an 18-year-old man on that trip at a cemetery in Nowy Sacz, which had once had a large Jewish community.

"He said he lived with a gentile family, but he feels somehow that this is not his family," Weiss said. "The result was the parents finally tout" but that he was not to eir real son.

"And so he was searching. Where can he search in a city where there were no Jews? In the cemetery — that's where there are Jews," Weiss said. "He said he was never circumcised and that he would like to come back [to Judaism]. I did make arrangements.

He came to Brooklyn, he was circumcised and he became a devout Jew."

A more common encounter during his subsequent 11 trips to Poland is people who discover a Jewish parent but are reluctant to abandon the Christianity in which they were raised. Weiss recalls being sent to meet a doctor in Krakow, born of Jewish parents but raised as a Catholic.

"I tried to explain to her, once a Jew always a Jew, and that she should try to come back to her sources," Weiss said. "And she told me, 'I was taken in by this family. They were kind to me, wonderful to me. ... And so I continue to be loyal to them."

"And then she said to me, "Tell me, rabbi, what would you do in my case?" I was stuck. I didn't know what to answer," he said.

Weiss, who lives in Maaleh Adumim, a town about six miles from Jerusalem, retired in 1988 but is to return to Poland a 13th time this month.

Shaarei Tfiloh Rabbi David Herman said he encountered one of the hidden children here during the past year. The woman's moth

er had survived a concentration camp and gave birth to her a year after the war ended. But the mother soon realized she was dying of tuberculosis and gave her daughter to a ship's captain who brought her to Baltimore, where she was raised as a Catholic.

She later learned of her Jewish roots.

"The woman told me, 'All my life ... I got depressed around the Jewish holidays and I never knew why,' "Herman said.

Such experiences make clear that the Holocaust is not a distant memory, Herman said. "The Holocaust really continues today."



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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

3005 Federal Office Bldg Cleveland, OH 44199 July 27, 1998

Simon Fixler President, Kol Israel 1828 Edenhall Dr. Cleveland, Ohio 44124

Dear Mr Fixler:

In January 1999, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland Division, with assistance from the Cleveland Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), will be sponsoring a public poster exhibit entitled "The Holocaust: 1933-1945." The exhibit, which was created by the ADL. New York, consists of 20 black and white reproductions depicting the life of Holocaust victims. The posters have produced favorable comments from educators and other human rights advocates on their success as a visual teaching tool on the Holocaust.

We would like to invite you to a special preview of the poster exhibit on Thursday, August 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the offices of the Cleveland FBI, 1240 East Ninth Street, Room 3005, Cleveland, Ohio. At that time, we hope also to discuss with you possible locations for the display in January, potential speakers for an opening ceremony, and videotapes to be shown in conjunction with the exhibit.

We hope you will be able to attend the August 20 preview/meeting and that you will be willing to assist us in planning a meaningful exhibit for January 1999. Please RSVP to Intelligence Research Specialist Jackie Duhamel at 216-622-6760 or Supervisory Special Agent Rosanne Russo at 216-622-6660. We look forward to seeing you next month.

Sincerely.

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Special Agent in Charge Rosaine Russe

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Supervisory Special Agent



A LIVING MEMORIAL TO HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

Veitzener Cheder students in Grades 5 - 8 participated in a special Mishnayos study program dedicated to the memory of children who perished in the Holocaust. Founded by Rabbi Moshe Shapiro of Brooklyn, the program, called V'Dibarta Barn (You shall speak in the words of Torah) is designed to give Yeshiva Ketana students an awareness of the void that was created by the loss of millions of budding European Jewish Torah scholars who met their end through the cruelty of Nazi Germany. Hundreds of Yeshiva Ketana students nationwide are currently enrolled in the program. Each participant receives a laminated card with the name of a youth whose name they will perpetuate through the extracurricular study of Mishnayos. Selected tractates of Mishna are assigned according to grade level, and exams are administered to the participants. School winners then participate in a regional Mivchan Pumbi (public exam).

Six Veitzener Cheder students traveled to Cleveland in June along with 8th Grade Rebbe Rabbi Aharon Yonah Piller to compete against students from Cleveland and Detroit in the first Midwest Regional Mivchan, administered by founder Rabbi Shapiri At a breakfast attended by prominent leaders of the Cleveland Jewish community. Seventh Grader Refoel Yosef Piller was designated as the top prize winner. Chasan Hamishna of the older division. Sixth Grader Mordeona: Yoel Jaffe and Fifth Graders Eli Newmark and Yaakov Mordechai Schmelczer distinguished themselves as Seganei Chasan Hamishna in their respective divisions.

Rabbi Piller reports that next year's Mivchan Pumbi will be held in Chicago, hosted by the Cheder. The older division is currently studying Maseches Shabbos, while the younger students will study the Masechtos of Rosh HaShana, Yoma, and Ta'anis



Students from Detroit, Cleveland, and Chicago participate in the mivchan



Mordechai Yoel Jaffe receives an award as Rabbis Piller (L) and Shapiro (R) look on



ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: August 17, 1998

The Swiss Fund for Needy Victims of the Holocaust/Shoa was established by decree of the Federal Council of Switzerland on March 1, 1997 as a humanitarian gesture to aid needy victims of the Holocaust worldwide. This is a humanitarian fund, not reparations or restitution of possible assets deposited in Switzerland which must be claimed under separate procedures.

The Fund has received contributions of approximately 278 million Swiss Francs (approximately USS 185 million) from three major Swiss banks, other Swiss companies in the private sector, and the Swiss National Bank.

The Fund was divided geographically with approximately 47 million Swiss Francs (approximately USS 31.4 million) allocated to Jewish Holocaust victims in the United States. Allocations are also being made to Jewish Holocaust victims in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union (approximately SFr 85.5 million), Israel (approximately SFr 85.5 million), Western Europe, Latin America, Canada, Australia and South Africa (together approximately SFr 27 million), Approximately SFr 33 million has been set aside for non-Jewish victims worldwide.

The World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO) will distribute the funds for Jewish Holocaust victims through national systems established in each country. The member organizations of the WJRO are: Agudath Israel World Organization. American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, B'nai B'rith International. Centre of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel. Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Jewish Agency for Israel, World Jewish Congress, World Zionist Organization.

For the distribution in the United States to Jewish Holocaust victims, the WJRO has made arrangements with a professional processing agent to establish an Application Processing Center. The Application Processing Center will distribute applications via a toll free telephone number and will receive completed applications.

Any eligible individual in the United States wishing to apply must submit an application so that it is received by the Application Processing Center by November 30, 1998. Applications must be requested from the Application Processing Center by November 17, 1998.

Any individual who meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria may apply for a one time grant from the Fund:

- Is a Jew who has lived in a country at the time when it was under the Nazi regime, under Nazi occupation, or under the regime of Nazi collaborators;
- Is currently a citizen, permanent resident, or other legal resident of the United States:
- Is in need: applicants should declare themselves to be in need on the application form.

Each approved applicant will receive an equal sum. All approved applicants will receive their distribution checks after the close of the application filing period. The modest amount to be paid to each person will depend on the total number of applications approved.

An Advisory Committee composed of Holocaust survivors from across the United States has been established by the WJRO. Members of the Advisory Committee serve on a voluntary basis.

Administrative costs will be paid from a separate contribution by the Swiss banks and not from the Fund.

Non-Jewish victims may apply for support from the Fund through their own organizations, which can receive information on criteria and procedures by writing to: Swiss Fund for Needy Victims of the Holocaust/Shoa. 3003 Bern. Switzerland. (Individuals who meet the criteria of the WJRO's United States distribution program should not write to this address to request applications, nor should they return completed applications to this address.)

At the request of the WJRO, the New York State Banking Department has agreed to act as a special advisor to the WJRO on the United States distribution program. The New York State Banking Department will not determine the eligibility of applicants, make any payments or bear any responsibility for decisions made by the WJRO.

Applications may be requested from the Application Processing Center's toll free number:

1-800-549-6864

Survivors Prayer from Arnold Friedman

As the number of the remaining survivors are slowly dwindling, my heart goes out to the ones who remain alive today.

I know what we are going through. No one could feel the pain as we have in the past and will always feel until we too join our departed fellow survivors in peace. Words could never describe the pain we have enormously suffered and are still suffering every day of our lives. As long as I live. I will pray for my fellow survivors. I pray that our final resting place will be a better one than the one we lived through under the Nazi atrocities and that while we remain on this earth, the world be at peace.

May God Bless all the survivors, and their loved ones.

Arnold Friedman

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Dear Sir/Madam.

The Shoa shall never be forgotten. All of you still suffer from the unimaginable you have gone through and which can never be repaired or compensated, but only honored. Some of you, however, are today in a difficult economic situation. For those, a humanitarian support is not only a gesture, but also a meaningful assistance.

The Swiss Fund for Needy Victims of the Holocaust/Shoa has been established to provide such support to needy survivors. This strictly humanitarian support is not a reparation or restitution of possible assets deposited in Switzerland, which have to be claimed under separate procedures. The Fund's resources of approximately 185 Million US S have been donated by Swiss business circles and the Swiss National Bank. 88% of that sum has been set aside for Jewish victims of the Holocaust worldwide and will be distributed by the "World Jewish Restitution Organization" (WJRO) through national systems it is establishing in every country where survivors live. The remainder will assist non-Jewish victims.

You may apply for such support through the application form included in this package. The amount to be distributed to each person will depend entirely on the number of people who are found eligible. I would therefore appeal to you that only those of you who are in need apply - for instance, survivors who are in an especially difficult financial, health or social situation - in order to enable us to make a meaningful payment to those who actually need such a support. Indeed, if other survivors apply, no more than 300 Dollars could be paid out to each eligible applicant.

May God forbid that anything like the Shoa repeats.

Yours sincerely

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Dr. Rolf Bloch

President of the Fund

President of the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities



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Journey of renewal leads to D.C.

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n eclectic group of Holocaust survivors, educators and students of diverse backgrounds joined in the recent Journey of Renewal to Washington, D.C. Forty-three participants went on the pilgrimage sponsored by the Kol Israel Foundation and Cleveland Heights High School. Led by Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky and assisted by Heights High teacher Sol Factor, the group shared

the commitment "to renew our

faith in the principles of our country and to remember and honor heroes, martyrs and survivors of the Holocaust."

Highlight of the threeday journey was the tour of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Local survivors presented documents, memorabilia and personal testimonies in a special ceremony at the museum. Esther Pitt Malin, Harry Schuster, Sam Burke and Arnold Friedman spoke

and donated personal artifacts to Martin Goldman, director of survivor affairs, and Steve Feinberg, coordinator of the Mandel Fellowship Program. Avi Goldman, president, told about the activities of the Cleveland Holocaust Center. Jacob Hennenberg presented the program book of the Yom Hashoa V'Hagyura.

A fascinating tour of government and historic sites was led by Robert Somers, Washington attorney and VIP-licensed tour guide. Somers was a student of Dr. Rabinsky's and a member of the first Journey of Conscience in 1975, He also served as a counselor of the journeys of 1993 and 1995. Journey members enjoyed a guitar concert at the Kennedy Center and toured many sites of interest.

Following are some comments made by Journey of Renewal participants:

Julian Solonitz:
"After visiting the Holocaust museum, a visit to Washington's Mount Vernon with its serenity was like refreshing balm for the wounded soul,"

Sam Burke: "It was fascinating to see the great architecture of our capital and its beautiful memorial design and sculpture."

Gustav Murray (exchange student from Sweden): "I learned so much at the Holocaust museum, especially because we went with some of the people who survived the Holocaust era."

Joshua Lifschitz: "The Hall of Remembrance was most meaningful to me, a room filled with silence and a myriad of burning candles providing time for meditation."

Sally Lifschitz: "As an adopted daughter of this country, I want to know everything about the



Mirla Malin, above, gives World War II family pictures to Martin Goldman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Harry Schuster, below left, shows his memorabilia to Steve Feinberg, coordinator of the Mandel Fellowship Program.

country that accepted me."

Pearl Goldstein: "Daniel's story, the boat, railroad wagon and exhibits from before the war were most meaningful."

Esther Malin: "The bridge from the Lodz Ghetto brought back a lot of memories."

Charles Caputo (teacher): "Each time I learn more and try to understand more. Having the sur-

vivors here to talk to made the trip super."

Sam and Helen Feig: "It was very interesting to see the history of this country."

Dr. Rabinsky, a Cleveland Heights resident, is a nationally recognized Holocaust educator.

Government under pressure to declassify secret papers on U.S. dealings with Nazis

WASHINGTON (AP) - Under pressure from Congress, the Justice Department and other agencies may be forced to declassify tens of thousands of top-secret documents describing the U.S. intelligence community's dealings with Nazi war criminals in the Cold War years.

Legislation to open most of those files already has passed the Senate and could come up for a vote in the House as early as this week.

Some historians suspect the opened files could cause "tremendous embarrassments" for the United States.

'This potentially is the biggest series of revelations since the Nuremberg (war crimes) trials," said historian Robert Herzstein, speaking by telephone from his office at the University of South Carolina.

"There will be cases that the authorities would prefer not come out," he said. "This was all done in the name of anti-communism in the early Cold War."

Herzstein and some other historians already have partly penetrated the wall of secrecy erected by the CIA, the FBI, the State Department and other agencies that hold the files, but many remain veiled in secrecy.

For half a century, federal agencies have resisted opening the files, telling historians, journalists, lawmakers and Holocaust survivors that national security was at stake and that promises previously made to "intelligence assets" made it impos-

Still, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., who with Scn. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, sponsored the Senare legislation, said the documents "have been held far too long, well beyond when the time when their disclosure might have posed a threat to national security.'

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IDF forces sift through rubble after terrorists blast Nairobi (Photo reprinted from last week's CJN cover story.)

Reinforcing Israel's destiny

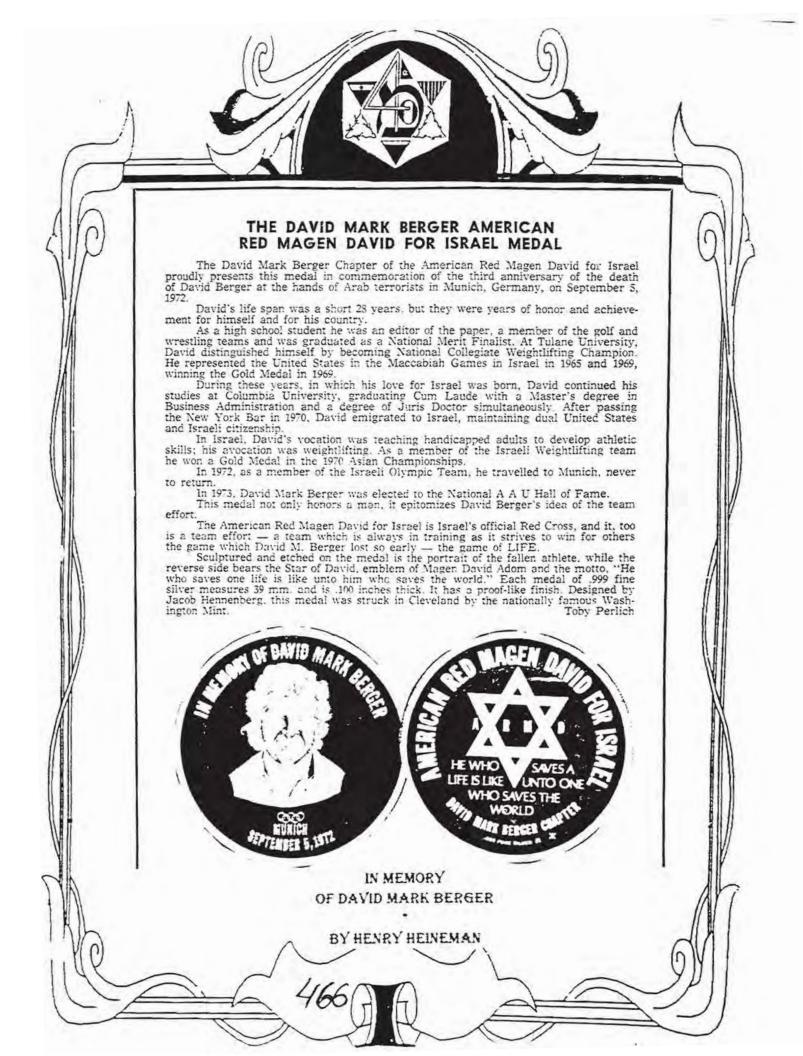
Tel Aviv. One of the highlights of our current visit to Israel was the pride we took in the IDF rescue mission in Kenya. Working selflessly and heroically, our soldiers, male and female. responded to the tragedy immediately. We were riveted to the TV, watching replays of the perilous crawling through rubble, the heartfelt handclasp of a hospitalized survivor and rescuers, and the overwhelming sadness at reaching entombed Rose too late. Surely this entire terrible rescue effort reinforces our destiny to be "a light unto the nations."

> LEATRICE and ASHER RABINSKY Cleveland Heights/Tel Aviv

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STEVEN SPIELBERG FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN

July 1, 1998

DR. MICHAEL BERENBAUM PRINTERS AND CEO Dear Friend:

ARI C. ZEV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR We are writing to thank you once again for giving your testimony to Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation and to share with you our accomplishments and goals for the future. Your efforts to help build this archive today will have a profound impact on tomorrow, bringing the history of the Holocaust and the message of tolerance to future generations.

AHAVIA SCHEINDLIN EXECUTIVE CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

During the past four years, the Shoah Foundation has collected over 44,000 testimonies in 52 countries and 30 languages, more than 17,000 of which were recorded in the United States. We have interviewed the great majority of those survivors and witnesses who have come forward and expressed their readiness to testify. Therefore, our focus will soon be shifting from the interviewing phase to the task of making this material accessible for educational purposes. Interviews will continue to be scheduled, but on a more limited basis, until we reach the goal of 50,000 testimonies, if not more.

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Over the next several years, the Shoah Foundation's goal is to make the testimonies available for global education. Interviews will be catalogued using a thesaurus of index terms consisting of names, events, geographic locations, and other elements. In 1998, portions of the Archive will begin to be accessible at the Shoah Foundation's initial repositories: Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York, Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University, and Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. We are also exploring the possibilities of making the testimonies

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FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Additionally, we are developing educational materials such as documentaries, books and CD-ROMs which will be used to teach Holocaust history and to promote tolerance. Our fundraising campaign, Partners in History and the Future, is well underway and is focused on raising money for this crucial phase of the project.

Karen Kusheli Branko Lustig Gerald R. Molen

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A LIVING MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST -MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE NEW YORK CO available in other countries around the world.

We would like to suggest another way you may contribute to preserving the memory of the Holocaust. As you may know, Yad Vashem in Israel has established the Names Project to memorialize each one of the millions of Jews who perished in the Holocaust. If you would like to obtain the forms necessary for participation in this project, please contact Yad Vashem directly, as indicated on the enclosed information sheet.

You may also want to consider donating or lending photographs, documents or artifacts from this period to museums or institutions dedicated to the collection and historic preservation of such items. If you are interested in learning more about how to proceed, please refer to the enclosed information sheet, or contact a local Holocaust institution. Please be sure to contact the institution prior to sending any items, as each institution has specific policies regarding what it collects.

We recognize that many people have made significant contributions to the success of this project. We would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts and dedication of the Shoah Foundation's regional office staff in Los Angeles, Miami, Philadelphia, Chicago and New York, as well as the interviewers, videographers, and volunteers who have given so generously of themselves.

As we meet the challenges of the coming months and years, we will build upon the foundation you have helped to establish. Because of your courage, future generations will have the opportunity to learn about the Holocaust directly from those who lived through it. You have given an invaluable gift, not only to your family, but to the world.

Sincerely.

Michael Berenbaum

President

Ari Zev

Executive Director

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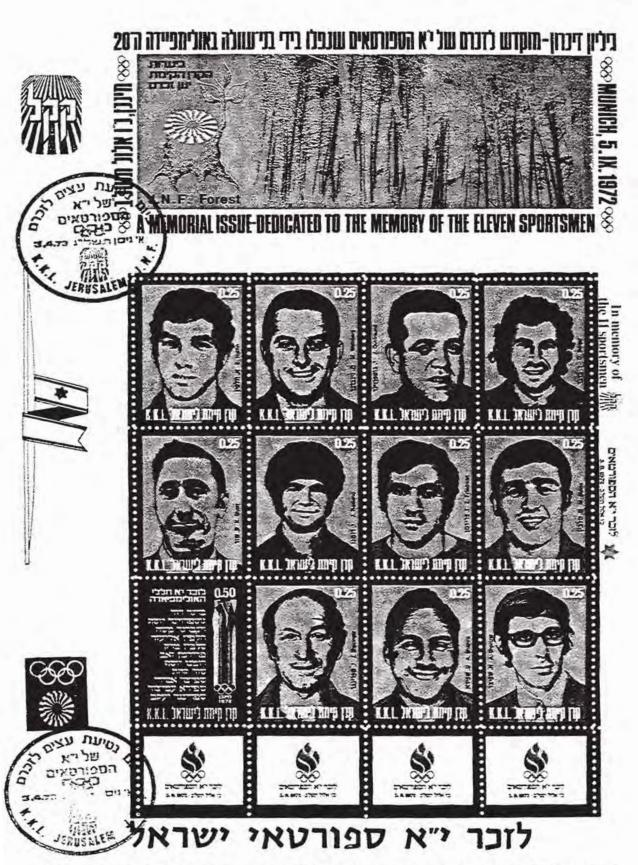
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LEONARD RATNER
MAKING A "HAMOTZI" AT ONE OF OUR CELEBRATIONS

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THE HOLOCAUST: 1933 - 1945

A POSTER EXHIBITION CREATED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH, NEW YORK, NEW YORK,

ON VIEW AT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HEADOUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 20, 1997, AND THEREAFTER AT PARTICIPATING FIELD DIVISIONS

the Final Solution, Hitler's systematic plan to exterminate an entire people, has been termed *The Holocaust*. This dark lesson in the history of human depravity matters even more today, because of a greater presence of extremists, racists, and Holocaust deniers who seek to recreate conditions of the Nazi past by eliminating the truths of history.

The Holocaust is a lesson for all people—that a society built on inequality, whether legalized or in practice, that legitimizes bigotry and discrimination—represents a path toward mass murder.

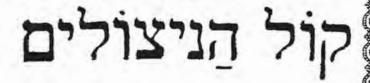
The Holocaust <u>must</u> be remembered so that future generations become aware of the devastating effects of prejudice. Thus, this exhibition has been created. Viewing it may make you angry, sad, or even filled with disbelief. You may, however, walk away with a renewed sense of justice and compassion for those who are targets of bigotry, even in your own community. If so, then perhaps some meaning will be derived from the senseless slaughter of so many . . . including a million and one-half children.

The mission of the FBI includes that of upholding the law by conducting investigations of violations of federal criminal law; protecting the United States from foreign intelligence activities; providing leadership and law enforcement assistance to federal, state, local and international agencies; and performing these responsibilities in a manner responsive to public needs and one faithful to the Constitution of the United States.

Related to this, the FBI's Office of Equal Employment Opportunity (OEEOA) has the mission of providing equal opportunity in employment for all persons, prohibiting discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or reprisal, and promoting the full realization of equal employment opportunity through a continuing affirmative employment program.

The Special Programs Unit (SPU) of OEEOA is especially concerned with these issues. It therefore has provided this exhibition for the enrichment of FBI employees at Headquarters, the Washington, D.C. area, and at participating field offices. The exhibition also is intended to remain at each site for a sufficient period of time so that all employees and visitors can view it, and thoughtfully consider its meaningful, underlying themes.

VOICE OF THE SURVIVORS





The Kol Israel Foundation 326 Second Generation Kol Israel Fall Newsletter - September 1998

Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Ms. Cindy Feuer, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz, Ms. Anne Lukas and Mr. Julian Solonitz

SUMMER 1998 ACTIVITIES:

Second Generation Kol Israel - 20th Anniversary

Green Road Synagogue - June 14, 1998

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue - June 22, 1997

Kol Israel Foundation & Second Generation Kol Israel

Annual Picnic Anisfield Park - July 5, 1997

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Membership Luncheon

South Euclid Recreation Center - August 10, 1997

FALL 1998 ACTIVITIES:

Second Generation Kol Israel - How to locate Survivors

Menorah Park Miller Auditorium - September 2, 1998

Kol Israel Annual Holocaust Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park - September 27, 1998

Kol Israel Foundation - Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue - September 14, 1997

The Kol Israel Foundation Board of Directors and the Editorial Board of the Voice of The Survivors

wish all members of the Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood, Second Generation Kol Israel, Cleveland Jewish Community and State of Israel

a healthy, happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

President's Message - Simon Fixler

I am proud of the achievements of the Kol Israel Foundation this past year. First, I want to express my appreciation, and thank members of the Kol Israel Foundation, the KI Sisterhood and the Second Generation KI — all those who planned, organized and worked hard to make our annual picnic a great success, again. Second, as we are approaching the New Year, I want to thank officers and board members of the Kol Israel Foundation for their work on behalf of our organization.

I hope that this coming year will bring our members a healthier year. This past year we have lost several members, including a past-president and founder of our organization, Morry Malcmacher.

This coming year, we have several important tasks ahead of us. We need to make preparations for our 45th anniversary celebration. The Anniversary Book, on which our historian Jack Hennenberg is working, is in progress. Please, send in your contributions to Jack Hennenberg as soon as possible.

The Memorial Wall at Zion Memorial Cemetery looks beautiful. We have a few places left for inscribing names of lost loved ones. Please, send your requests as soon as possible. Also, we have established a Kol Israel Memorial Fund at the Jewish Community Federation. If you would like to make a donation to the fund, let us know or contact the Endowment Fund at the JCF.

I want to take this opportunity to wish the entire membership of our three survivor organizations a healthy and happy New Year.

Annual Holocaust Memorial Service Sunday, September 27, 1998 Time 2:00 P.M.

The Memorial Service this year will take place on September 27, 1998, at Zion Memorial Cemetery. The annual memorial service is jointly sponsored by the Kol Israel Foundation and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. As it has been the tradition, Holocaust survivors will light memorial candles. Guest speaker is Mr. Albert Ratner. Rabbi Michael Hecht, the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth-Am, will deliver an address. Please invite your family members and friends to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kol Israel Life Membership

Our life membership continues to grow. We have 90 life members, 36 families and 18 individuals.

Harry Abraham Molly & Abbie Akst Tova & Sam Baron Jack Beigelman Sally Bergrin Betty Berry Mary & Harold Chaitoff Max Curtis Alice & Simon Fixler Esther & Herman Frank Judith & Herbert Frankel Rina & Sam Frankel Ann & Mike Frum Pearl Goldstein Bernice & Saul Gottlieb Sarah & Joe Greenberg Nitza & Nehemia Hampel Bernice & Zev Harel Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg Clara & Alex Hertz Denise & Jacob Herskovitz Leah & William Kagan Rose Kaplovitz Suzanne & Bernard Krakow Fanie & Isak Koen Marcia Krause Paula & Karl Lasman Martin Lax Chava & Anchel Lebovits Aranka & Mose Loeb Lola & Morry Malcmacher Lola Mandelbaum Sylvia & Izidore Malcmacher Rose Marmor Ruth Marmorstein Miriam & Henry Miller Frances & Stanley Neuman Dina Offman

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Ruth Schwartz
Florence Singer
Hans & Gisele Walter

Funda & Paul Schwartz
Paula & Leo Silverman
Evelyn & Steve Slomovitz
Miriam & Philip Wexberg

Eva & Jack Wieder Norman Weinstein Pearl & Bernard Yaeger

Refuah Slema! Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to:

Sally Bergrin

Julie Simon

David Bobrow

Peretz Slivka

Chaya Zryl

Deepest Sympathies are extended to families of: Joseph Dorfsman Sam Slomovitz

40th Anniversary Book - Jack Hennenberg

Reservations for the 40 th Anniversary Book continue on a first come first serve basis. To receive a book a contribution of \$50 or more is required. Members who do not want their pages to be at the end of the book, should send in their pages now (\$50 for a half page and \$100 for a full page).

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Cleveland Holocaust Center P.O. Box 22043 Cleveland, OH 44122

Phone: 216 381 7141

August 1998

Dear Friends:

The Cleveland Holocaust Center has launched a series of important programs focusing on education and awareness of the legacy of the Holocaust.

Our first program was the riveting lecture by Dr. Louis Flancbaum "From Hippocrates to Hypocrisy" Nazi Medical Experiments, held at Congregation Shaarey, on May 2nd, 1998.

On June 28, 1998, we sponsored a trip to the Canton Museum of Art to see the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum exhibit "The Nazi Olympics, 1936" with pecial program for survivors and their families.

We are pleased to announce the following upcoming programs:

- Sunday, November 1, 1998, 11:00 AM: Holocaust in Southern Europe" will take place at Landerhaven. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.
- Sunday, December 6, 1998, 7:30 PM: Survivors of the Holocaust in the U.S., Israel and Hungary – Needs and Concerns." A community forum will be presented by Dr. Zev Harel, Dr. Eva Kahana, and Dr. Boaz Kahana at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah.
- Sunday, March 15, 1999: Journey to the detroit Holocaust Museum. Seminar with survivors and students. Bus Trip.
- May 26, 1999: Teachers' Conference on the Holocaust will take place at Notre Dame College of Ohio. This evening program is open to the community.
 May 27, 1999: Teachers' Conference, in cooperation with the Tolerance Resource Center, Notre Dame College of Ohio.
 - October 1999: "And I Still See Their Faces," a photo exhibit from the Shalom Foundation of Poland. This program will be co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Cleveland.

We also have a Speakers Bureau comprised of Survivors, Second Generation members and Holocaust educators, who speak to schools and community groups. Your membership, financial support and continued interest is vital to the continued success of the Cleveland Holocaust Center. Please return the enclosed application.

Have a joyful and healthy New Year 5759!

Avi Goldman President Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Vice-President Bea Stadtler, Vice-President

P.O. Box 22043 Cleveland, OH 44122 Phone: (216) 381 7141

Membership Renewal/Application

I wish to renew/support the Cleveland Holocaust Center with my membership dues for 1998/99

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איך מער בישט פון איר,

מחמת;

איעדן זומער האבן די פייגעלעך מיט יארן שפעטער האט זיך פארזאמלט ביי מיין פענצטער מיין האפענונג ערוואכט און האבן בעזונגען. די חלוסעם פון די קאלטע פליצלינג איז חזיח פארשווינדן רוינטער נעכט זיינען פאר געווארן מיטן זומער, צווישן שווינדן, און א שלופדיקער די סויסע גריכישע געטער. רעש פון די פייגעלעך האבן פארשווינדן איז די הויבט זיך פארואמלט ביי מיין גאס מיטן פרילינג, צוזאמען פענצטער, און זיי האכן סים די שיינע יונגע מיידלעך ... 19131191 מען שפאצירם מער נישם... דאם מאל איז "זי" בעווען היינט בין איך אלט און שוואך שענער ווי א גריכישע די כוחות האבן זיך אויסגע-געשין, קוקענדיק אויף לאזט, ס'איז טרויריק אויפן איר גסטאלט בין איך פאר הארצן, איך קאן זיך מער נישט כישופט געווארן, ווען "זי" דערמאנען ווען מיר האבן האם געשםייכלם האם די שפאצירט אין די הויבש גאם. זון געסיינט, און"זי" מים די ברוין קאשטאנע האר הייבט זיינען די פייגעלעך האם בעקוקם אויף ביד, מים נישט געקומען צו מיין פענצטער... די שווארצע לעבעדיקע אויגן. זלמן פייערווערקער פון סיגעט "געטריבען"

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel - Betty Berry

Remembrance of our beloved departed who died during the Holocaust is always important. They did not die in vain. They will live in our hearts and minds and their memory will always be with us.

Israel arose from their sacrifice. Sacrifice brings creation, like the spring rains that water the newly planted flowers. Israel sprang literally from the ashes of Jewish bodies, hearts and minds. Their sacrifices forged the creation of the State of Israel, those dear Israeli soldiers who gave their lives to establish and defend the State of Israel follow that tradition.

We hope that the suffering and struggle of the Jews in Europe during World War II will prevent such terrible deeds from happening ever again. From the ruins and sacrifices Israel will continue to bloom and flower.

Congratulations and best wishes to the State of Israel on the first 50 years.

Please, send us your news artcles of importance and comments. We are eager to get your contributions. Next issue will be printed in December 1998.

Kol Hanizolim - Editorial Board

MY GRANDFAIRERS SIA STAKS

As a young boy growing up in the town of Oswiecim, Poland wanting so badly to leave that place, but how do you leave a mother that you love so much, and a father that is up in age, sisters and friends. I should have taken the opportunity at least as long as I was not leaving, to find out more about the family background, but I did not to my regret. My thoughts were directed towards the future.

In February 1937 my world colapsed, My dear mother passed away one month before my "Bar Mitzva". Now I have no more mother I am no more a child I realized I have to grow up in a hurry. The political events of those days sped up my growing up, and again I missed the chance to find out more about my family, which did not seem

important, while I had to face real problems.

In September 1,1939 the nazis attacked Poland, Oswiecim was occupied on the second day being so close to the border from the west and the south.

The nazis succeeded to destroy in Oswiecim things that even resembled being Jewish not until 1945 when the war ended did I get a notion to reassemble the family history

Through all my travels I gathered fragments on my family history through photos and documents and artifacts. I realize that some of it is conjection, but until something better I find, that will have to do. Since I joined the Jewish genoalagy group it gave me additional knowledge how to research, and a number of discoveries that I have to credit to the organisation.

My mothers name was Perl Bochner Henenberg, the daughter of Naftali David Bochner. The Bochner side of the family, I was able to find a lot of information up to the year 1700. My Grandfather's Naftali David Bochner's great great great grandfather

was Schloimele Bochner, the first Rabbi in Chrzanow. My grandmother Chana Feigel Schoenberg Bochner was a direct descendant of the Rabbi Elimelech of Lezansk.

However on my family Henenberg ,the information is limited.

Acording to the book "JEWISH FAMILY NAMES AND THEIR ORIGIN"Ktav publishing comp. Hennenberg, הננברג Hennenberg (THURINGIA)

That brings us to a town Henneberg in Thuringia. Acording to the book "GERMANIC COINAGE, the Henneberg family was extinct and disappeared?

My fathers name was Chaim Zvi the son of Henoch Heneneberg the son of Salomon Nathan Henenberg. Our family lived in Oswiecim-Oshpitzin-Auschwitz, different names of the same town.

My grandfather Henoch Hennenberg was involved in producing alcoholic beverages in Oswiecim.until today I have a great respect for him, in particular because of his logo for his business in Poland. He chose a shield supported by two lions

But what struck me when I saw it last year for the first time, the are six Stars of David on that shield, the question in my mind .why would he put Magen Davids on his product in a country not friendly to the Jewish people? Maybe he wanted to make a statement? And why SIX?

Immediately it brings to my mind six million victims of the Holocaust, coincident?

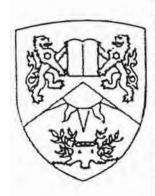
On August 1749 the BAALSHEMTOV is alarming his friend, Rabbi Mordechai of Tlust, to come to OSHPIZIN, because he forsees bad tidings for this community, and maybe together they will be able to pray to ward them of. Coincident?

Rabbi Elimelech of Lezansk arrived in Oshpizin, with his brother Zusia, they went to the "MIKVAH"he exclaimed to his Brother Zusia, this is the end of the road, we are not going further. Coincident ?In the C.C.Waldenburg, sub camp of GrossRosen, I

received a number,64242 adds up to 18 7 coincident?

My Grandfather's six Magen Davids all coincidens ????????

Jacob Hennenberg







MOSES?

Theresienstadt was established as a fortress on October 10.1780, by Emperor Josef II and giving it the name Theresienstadt (in Chech Terezin)

In 1939 the nazi flag was hoisted at the so called "litle fortress" at Theresienstad as a prelude to what was to be, the suffering and murder there, some time later.

In my travel to find my sister after liberation, being on a train in Chechoslovakia, while standing on a railroad siding some where en route, another train stopped next to ours with repatriates going back to Poland, I started a conversation with a young man, he made me an offer, I should give him my Polish money, and he will give me his Chech money, it sounded reasonable after all he was going to Poland and I was going to Chechoslovakia, so we exchanged, and the trains moved in opposite directions. After examining the money, I realized that he fooled me, he did not give me Chechoslovakian money instead they were Theresienstadt ghetto paper bills. To my amazement, on those bills is the likeness of Moses with the Ten Commandments, I could not belive my eyes, after comming out of a concentration camp, loosing all my family, is it posible they printed during the war money, with Moses and the Ten Commandments and in the Hebrew language.

Moses pointing to the Comandmant YOU SHOULD NOT KILL.

This episod started my collection of Holocaust artifacts and continues until today.

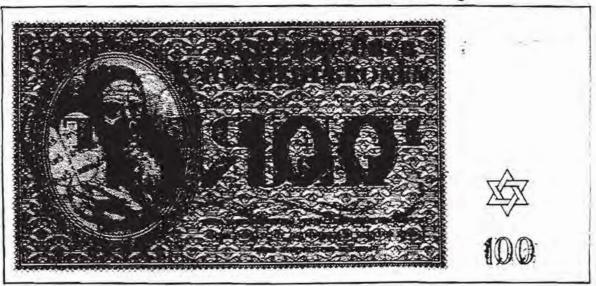
Theresienstadt (Bohemia) originally suposed to be a priveleged Ghetto, in the end it did not prove more priveleged than the other Ghettos. The inmates were forced to exchange their money that they brought with them for these so called "Moses Crowns". In 1942 under orders of the ss, an inmate Peter Kien designed the Ghetto curency.

In October 1944 he and his family were send to Auschwitz and died there. Reinhard Heidrich, head of the notorious gestapo, personaly established this Ghetto, in 1943 he was assasinated near the town of Lidice. Theresien stadt Ghetto served as a way station to Auschwitz.

30.000 victims are buried in the Theresienstadt National cemetary. It is located 40 miles north of Prague. Of the 130.000 persons that passed trough these hell gates, 17.00 survived until liberation in May 1945.

The Camp commander was Heinrich Jockl and Karl Rahm, both were executed after the war

Jacob Hennenberg



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The Board of Trustees of the Kol Israel Foundation, at its meeting on December 11, 1995, decided to begin plans for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of our organization. Plans for the special occasion include a gala celebration and the printing of a 40th Anniversary Book.

The book will include, again, history of the Kol Israel Foundation, historical events of interest to the survivor community, the Jewish community and the State of Israel, advertisements, and personal ads and testimonies. Of special interest in the production of the 40th Anniversary Book is the securing of personal testimonies from Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood and Second generation Kol Israel Foundation members.

If you would like to contribute an ad, advertisement, or personal testimony, please contact Mr. Jack Hennenberg (464-5149). Place in the book will be determined by the date of reservation. For assistance with writing of testimony, please contact Dr. Zev Harel (371-2536). Cost: one full page, \$100; half page \$50); and quarter page, \$30.

Contribution to the book in the amount of \$50 or more will assure receiving a 40th Anniversary Book.

KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION, KOL ISRAEL SISTERHOOD, SECOND GENERATION KOL ISRAEL,

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MONUMENT
Zion Memorial Park

ANNUAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, September 27, 1997 2:00 P.M.

Program highlights:
Presentation of colors by Jewish War Veterans
Display of KIF flag & flags of liberating countries
Candle lighting by survivors
Guest Speaker: Albert Ratner

Jewish Genealogical Society of Cleveland and Second Generation Kol Israel present

Gary Mokotoff, author of How to Document Victims and Locate Survivors of the Holocaust

> Wednesday, September 2, 1998 7:30 pm Menorah Park Miller Auditorium 27100 Cedar Road, Beachwood



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Many of you should have already received your membership renewal forms. If you haven't, please use the bottom of the page to do so. This year I am asking for more than just a check. We really could use help with many different committees.

It is the people of this organization that have allowed us to accomplish so much over the past few years that I have been involved. We need someone for the position of Secretary and Sunshine committees and anything else you can help us with.

Sept 2nd "Gary Mokotoff"
Author of "How to Document
Victims and Locate Survivors
of the Holocaust. 7:30 at
Menorah Park Miller
Auditorium.

Sept 13th. Look for our booth at the Solomon Schechter Kosher Rib Burn-Off. We will be the only booth making potato latkes.

Sept. 27th Annual Memorial Service at Zion Memorial Cemetery. Begins at 2:00 pm.

1998 BOARD MEETINGS

All SGKI board meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 in the morning at the Na'amat office in South Euclid. The office is in the Cedar Hts., Professional Building, 14055 Cedar road on the third floor. We encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved to please come sit in on our monthly meetings. We have a lot of work to accomplish and could use the help.

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www.remember.org

This site is an internet library of the Holocaust with some great links. Check it out. Let me know if you know of any others. You can e-mail me at Arthurr@Star21.com

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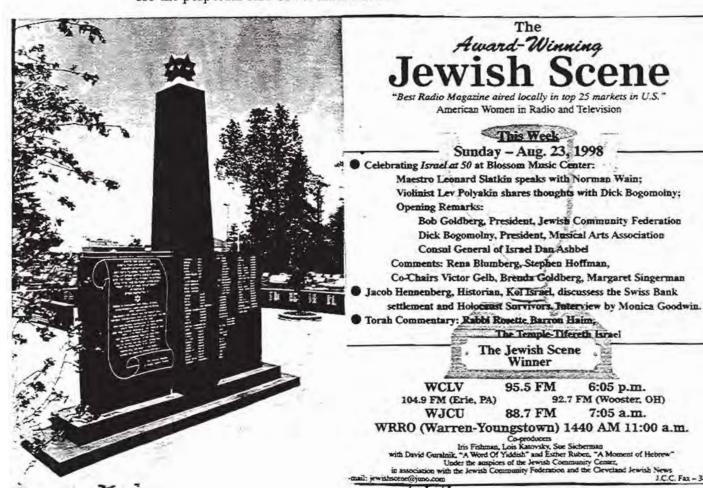
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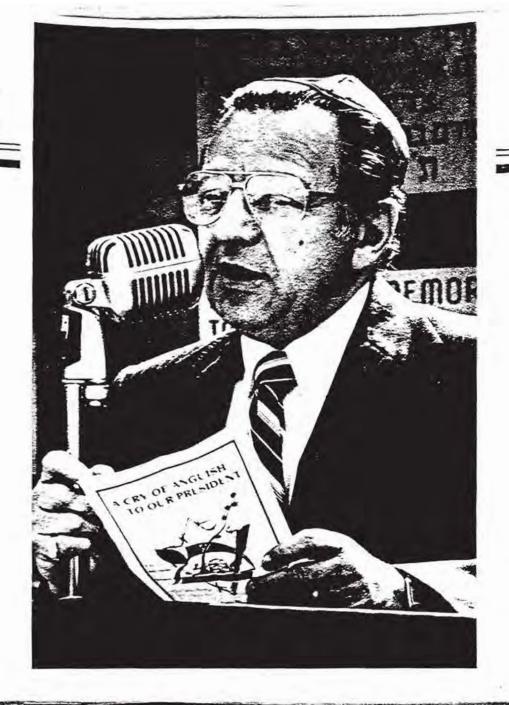
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Contributions to the Holocaust Memorial Monument at Zion Cemetery

If you would like to make a donation in the name of a departed Kol Israel or Second Generation Member, please contact us to make a donation in the members name to the Holocaust Memorial Monument at Zion Cemetery. We will send a certificate to the family of the departed and forward your donation to a special fund that has been set up for the perpetual care of the monument.





→ CLEVELAND JEWISH NEWS / SEPTEMBER 18, 1998

Prophecy, the Baal Shem Tov and Auschwitz

While I was living in prewar Oswiecim (Auschwitz), which was considered a Hasidic-oriented town. I heard many legends and stories about the town and its people. In particular, stories were told about the mikvah, or ritual bath. One story involved Rabbi Elimelech of Lezansk and his brother Zusia of Hanipol, who came to Oswiecim and went to the mikvah. Rabbi Elimelech exclaimed, "We are not going any further; this is the end." And we know the "end" that happened in that town between 1939 and 1945.

The Baal Shem Tov also visited Oswiecim in 1749 and when he arrived, he went straight to the mikvah. In all the years that I remember, it was a privilege to immerse in that mikvah.

This year we are commemorating the 300th anniversary of his birth. Searching documents pertaining to Oswiecim-Oshpizin-Auschwitz (the same town). I came across a letter dated August 1749. In the letter, Baal Shem Tov is writing to his friend Rabbi Mordechai from Tlust. He has come to Oswiecim, he writes, because he foresees bad tidings for his congregation, and maybe together they will be able to pray, to ward them off. It was signed, "Israel Baal Shem Tov from Tlust." The rest is history.

JACOB HENNENBERG Cleveland







Holocaust survivor recalls history's 'darkest

Cleveland Heights resident tells Norwalk's eighth-grade students about her ordeal

By CHRISTINA JOLLIFFE

Reflector Staff Write:

NORWALK — She called it the "darkest chapter in the history of mankind."

She said it left a very deep mark on all of our society. "Deep in my heart this is the only thing I feel I can give back to this country

ple," she said.



Kaplovitz

and particularly the young peo-

And she gave back to eighthgrade students at Norwalk Middle School at the end of the school year when she spoke to Scott Ford's English class. The class had finished reading "The Diary of Anne Frank" and put together projects on the Holocaust. Germany in 1930 was "the most cultural, most educational, most scientifically advanced country in all the world."

"The people who carried out those crimes, they were people just like you and I and your mothers and your fathers."

And so began the tale of Rose Kaplovitz, Holocaust survivor.

This now Cleveland Heights resident was born in a small town in Poland not far from the German border.

"The very first day of the war, I felt its terrible impact for it was then my only brother was killed," she said.

She said the Germans came into her town and told all the

chapter'

Jews to come forward. Her uncle, her cousin and her brother all descended into the street. There were 14 people altogether that marched to the edge of town and dug the ditch that was to become their grave.

Her brother was "not quite 16 years old."

"I knew then, in 1939, that life would never be the same for me." she said.

room for rounne care. If they have high blood pressure, they should be able to come here and have it checked out and get their prescription renewed," he added

Other routine or chronic problems that can be handled by the clinic would include physical exams, diabetes, thyroid, psoriasis, ear and throat infections, getting stitches removed and the like, Schultz said.

Tremmel said the new clinic is aimed at "filling a need in the community" and not at taking away patients from doctors' established practices. Local doctors were consulted several times before the clinic was set up, he said.

"We need a clinic of this nature." Tremmel added. "We're here to take care of those who fall through the cracks. What we're trying to do is plug the gap of local medical care."

Fees are charged on a sliding scale according to income, and the clinic can dispense some antibiotics and other drugs that have been donated by pharmaceutical companies, the health chief said.

Student can take tests

ELYRIA (AP) — A judge has ordered the Midview school district to let a suspended student take her final exams.

Lorain County Common Pleas Judge Lynett M. McGough said Thursday that the district had mishandled sophomore Michelle Foote's suspension for allegedly violating its drug policy.

School officials said they properly followed the district's policies and state law when they suspended the 15-year-old student on June 4 for 10 days. She has denied having anything to do with drugs.

Survivor

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She told the students about the restrictions regarding Jews that forced her and her family and friends to give up their homes. The laws imposed curfews, prohibited Jews from going into theaters or movie houses and forced them to wear a white armband with a blue Star of David.

That mark eventually changed from the white armband to the yellow Star of David on the front and back of clothes.

By December 1939, she said, no Jewish children could enter a school. Mrs. Kaplovitz's family was split apart and reunited during the war and split apart again. Two of her sisters were sent to concentra-

tion camps.

Her mother, father, younger sister and her were sent to live in a "ghetto." The ghettos were surrounded

by a brick wall or barbed wire. No

one could leave without a guard.
They were allowed to take the
possessions they could carry. Mrs.
Kaplovitz chose her ice skates
even though ner mother said she
would never be able to use them.

She never did.
"There were no houses of worship, no schools, no stores, no libraries, no books, no pencils, no newspapers, no toys — hide and seek was no longer a game, but a way of life," Mrs. Kaplovitz said.

She was assigned to work in a factory making dominoes and checkers for the German soldiers.

"One day when I came home, no one was in the building," she said. "There was a raid and I thought my parents were taken."

She said she didn't report to the factory the next day. Eventually, she heard a faint noise and discovered her parents had been hiding from the Germans in the house.

After that, the families living in the building in the ghetto decided

to have a lookout to warn the people about the raids. Mrs. Kaplovitz's father was often the lookout.

Being one of seven children. Mrs. Kaplovitz said the nights on lookout gave her time alone

with her father when he recited multiplication tables and poetry.

"As horrible as those nights must have been, they hold a special place in my memories." she said. "I'll never forget those nights with my father alone because it is such a warm place in my heart."

But what happened next is one thing Mrs. Kaplovitz said she would never forgive.

"My father who was ready to give his life for me had to take my hand and deliver me to the Nazis knowing he would never see me again," she said. "How heartbreaking for him."

Two weeks after Mrs. Kaplovitz left, the ghetto where her family lived was "cleaned of all Jewish life" — including her parents and her younger sister. They were taken to Auschwitz, an extermination camp, where they were

alled.

"The day I entered

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- ROSE KAPLOVITZ

"The day I entered the concentration camp, the very last of my personal possessions was taken away — my name," she said.

Mrs. Kaplovitz and the 30 girls she shared a room with were numbers. They were numbers who

encouraged each other not to give up. They were numbers who sang to lift their spirits. And eventual-

ly, the war ended.

"Liberation day, which came much, much too late, was the best day of my life,"

she said. "We climbed on the Russian Liberation Army trucks and danced around.

"We celebrated as one people and rejoiced in our liberation."

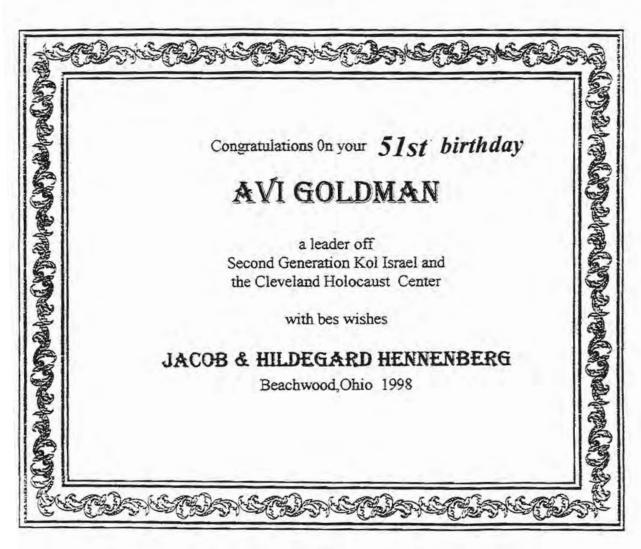
Mrs. Kaplovitz urged students to preserve freedom and have compassion for their fellow man.

Congratulations on your 51st birthday

Avi Goldman

a leader of Second Generation Kol Israel and the survivor community

> with best wishes Bernice & Zev Harel Cleveland, Ohio September 1998









Congratulates KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION'S 40TH

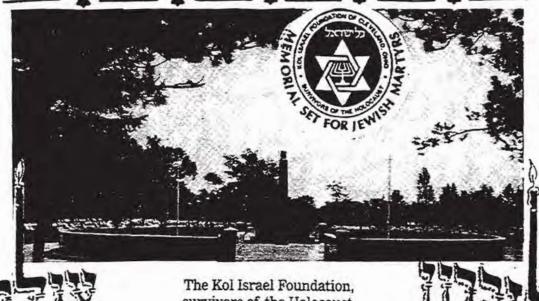
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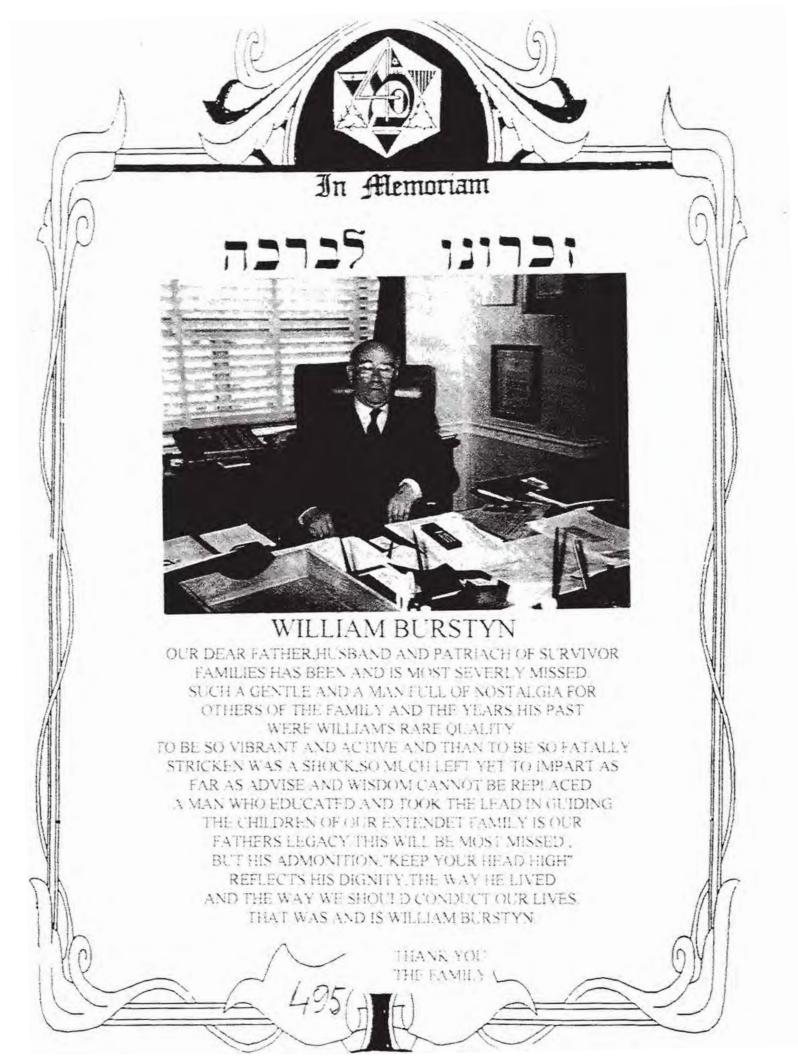
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Honorable Louis Stokes Member of Congress 21st District, Ohio

TRIBUTE

On the occasion of this special dinner reception, we the residents of the 21st Congressional District, the City of Cleveland, State of Chio and the nation join the Greater Cleveland State of Israel Bonds to honor and recognize the courage and veracity of the survivors of the Holocaust. These courageous people have risen from the ashes of Hitler's attempt to destroy the Jewish people and have created a new life in our community.

Their contribution to our community is a daily confirmation and celebration of the victory of men and women of good will over the forces of tyranny, inhumanity, injustice and prejudice.

Their survival meant the world was not to be denied their great contributions in every walk of life. They give new meaning to the word courage.

JACK WIEDER is one of a chosen people we honor today with our deepest respect and admiration. MR. WIEDER is an officer and board member of Green Road Synagogue where he was honored as Man of the Year in 1980. He is President of Kol Israel Foundation and a member of several Holocaust commemoration committees.

MR. WIEDER and his wife, Eva, are active in the National Council of Jewish Women Cleveland Section and its Holocaust Archives Project.

In the spirit of the courage and inspiration of JACK WIEDER and countless others. I, Louis Stokes, on behalf of the residents of the 21st Congressional District, join in this celebration of new life. From their example we shall not forget so that the Holocaust is never again.

Respectfully submitted

Louis stokes

Member of Congress



IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDRENS WEDDING ANIVERSARY

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House and wealth are inherited from our fathers:

but a sensible wife

is a gift from the Lord.

(Proverbs 19:14)

Opening files could reveal U.S. ties to Nazis after war

By Ronald Powers ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Under pressure from Congress, the Justice Department and other agencies might be forced to declassify tens of thousands of top-secret documents describing the U.S. intelligence community's dealings with Nazi war criminals during the Cold War

Legislation to open most of those files already has passed the Senate and could come up for a vote in the House as early as this week.

Some historians suspect the opened files could cause "tremendous embarrassments" for the United States.

This potentially is the biggest series of revelations since the Nuremberg (war crimes) trials," said historian Robert Herzstein, speaking by telephone from his office at the University of South Carolina.

"There will be cases that the authorities would prefer not come out." he said. This was all done in the name of anti-communism in the early Cold War."

Herzstein and some other historians already have partly penetrated the wall of secrecy erected by the CIA. FBI. State Department and other agencies that hold the files, but many remain veiled in secrecy. "There will be cases that the authorities would prefer not come out."

Robert Herzstein, historian

For half a century, federal agencies have resisted opening the files, telling historians, journalists, lawmakers and Holocaust survivors that national security was at stake and that promises previously made to "intelligence assets" made it impossible.

Still. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. D-N.Y., who with Sen. Mike DeWine. R-Ohio, sponsored the Senate legislation, said the documents "have been held far too long, well beyond when the time when their disclosure might have posed a threat to national security.

Those who suffered from the Holocaust are reaching the end of their life span. We owe it to them to make available as much information about that terrible period as possible," Moynihan said.

Jacob Hennenberg, a 74-year-old Holocaust survivor from Poland who spent four years in a concentration camp and lost dozens of relatives to the Nazis, agreed. "If the U.S. government would come out with all this information that is hidden, maybe that would help to ease the pain of knowing that you can't do anything," he said from his home in Cleveland.

"People would be held accountable. Countries would be held accountable." he said.

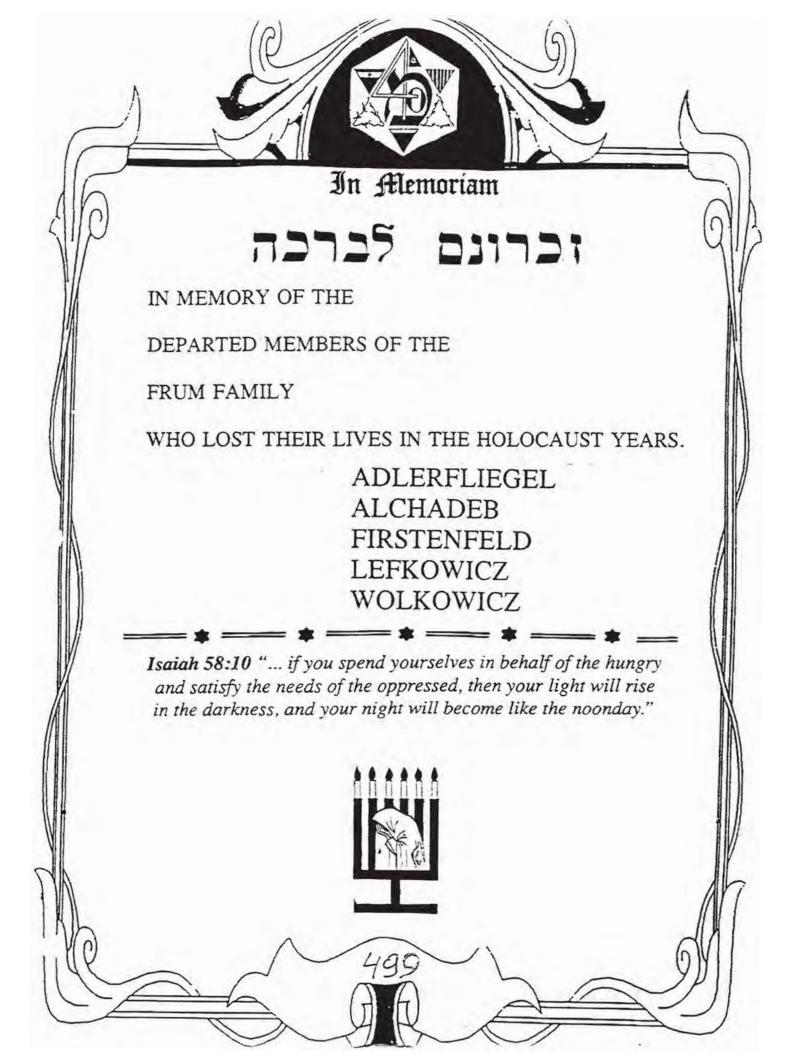
Many Nazis, including the infamous "Butcher of Lyons," Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, escaped occupied Europe after World War II "and got to South America with the help of U.S. authorities, like the counterintelligence corps of the U.S. Army." Herzstein said. Barbie was convicted of crimes against humanity in France in 1987 and later died in prison.

Holocaust-era documents uncovered last year revealed that the United States had been aware that the Nazi Germany mint took gold stolen from European banks and melted it with gold pulled from the mouths and fingers of Nazi death-camp victims.

Under the proposed legislation, the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, tens of thousands of top-secret documents from many federal agencies would be declassified and transferred to the National Archives. Information that would endanger the nation's security would remain sealed.



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DeWine urges access to Nazi records trove

By SABRINA EATON PLAIN DEALER BUREAU

WASHINGTON - Victims of Nazi persecution and theft need better access to U.S. government records that were previously secret, Ohio Republican Sen. Mike DeWine yesterday told a House subcommittee.

"We owe to those who suffered and those who seek to prevent future genocides the disclosure of all the records in the United States on this issue," DeWine said at a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Government Management Information and Technology.

Last month, the Senate passed DeWine's legislation to speed up processing of Holocaust victims' public records requests, and establish a review board to locate, declassify and place government records on Nazis in the National Archives. The Senate approved \$2 million to fund the search.

DeWine, who showed the subcommittee U.S. intelligence photos taken in 1944 of the Auschwitz

death camp, said there was no way to tell what else was hidden in government files.

University of South Carolina History Professor Robert Herzstein, said DeWine's bill is needed to determine whether the Central Intelligence Agency hid evidence that former United Na-Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim helped send victims to death camps.

"We need to know if there was a trade-off, where the CIA agreed to silence on his war record in exchange for his cooperation with them," Herzstein said.

New York Democratic Rep. Carolyn Maloney, who has sponsored the House counterpart of DeWine's legislation, said she anticipates it will pass without opposition this year.

"Other countries, like Russia, Argentina and Lithuania are opening their war crime files," Maloney said. "We, the country with democratic roots, should not be the last to lift the shroud of se-

Law eases access to war crimes records

Washington - President Clinton signed into law yesterday a bill making it easier for survivors of Nazi atrocities to delve into war criminal records that are still available in government files in the United States. The bill was co-sponsored by Sens. Mike DeWine, Ohio Republican, and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a New York Democrat. It will speed up Freedom of Information Act requests and establish an interagency working group to locate and declassify Nazi records and information about assets stolen from Holocaust victims.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1998

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Resolution

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO
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ON THE OCCASION OF A RECEPTION
HELD IN HIS HONOR BY THE
GREATER CLEVELAND STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

- * WHEREAS, As a NATIVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, JACK WIEDER WAS ONE OF ONLY 1600 SURVIVORS OF 5000 IMPRISONED AT DACHAU; AND
- * WHEREAS, Jack Wieder is a leader in the Jewish community, serving as an officer and board member of Green Road Synagogue, President of Kol Israel Foundation and member of several Holocaust commemoration committees; and
- * WHEREAS, Jack Wieder is the Loving and Devoted Husband of Eva, their union having been blessed with four children; and
- * WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTS, DEFENDS AND JOINS IN AN EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT SUCH A TRAVESTY NEVER AGAIN WOULD OCCUR ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY JOINS WITH THOSE GATHERED HERE THIS EVENING IN HONORING JACK WIEDER AND ALL THOSE WHO SURVIVED THE TERROR OF THE HOLOCAUST AND IN HONOR OF THIS OCCASION THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY DECLARES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1984 AS "NEW LIFE DAY" IN AND THROUGHOUT ALL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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July adopted this 5th day of October, 1984



LODZ GHETTO

TRYING TO STAY HUMAN UNDER UNHUMAN CONDITIONS





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October 16, 1998

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Dear Sisterhood Members:

Mona Ackerman Carvn Rosen Adelman Mery Adelson Brian Becker Richard Bernstein Kenneth J. Bialkin Moshe Bondar

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter on behalf on FIDF and the Soldiers of Israel to thank your all for your generosity. The Kol Israel Sisterhood has made an everlasting bond with Israel, her soldiers and especially the Women's Corp with a beautiful contribution of \$10,000.

Richard S. Borisoff Steven G. Chrust Nilv Falic Joshua Feigenbaum Glen M. Feit Richard Gelfond

Your donation will enable FIDF to renovate and modernize a classroom in the Women's Corp Education Center at the Tzrifin Training Base. This classroom with bear the name of the Kol Israel Sisterhood and ensure that our women soldiers receive the high standards of education that the so need and deserve.

Fleur Harian Larry Hochberg Jay Katz

FIDF is proud to have the Kol Israel Sisterhood among our circle of friends. It is with the dedication and help of women such as yourselves that the Women's Corp Education Center and many other projects will be completed.

Alon Kaufman Shari Ferber Kaufman John Klein Stuart Levine Israel Levy Moshe Levy

Our brave young men and women on the front line continue to ensure the security of our Homeland, Israel. We must continue to ensure their wellbeing with our support and devotion - your generosity sets a wonderful example for the Cleveland Jewish Community. Once again, our sincere thanks.

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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, Avrum MENDEL, Josef, far right back, neighbor

¹€ Herman and Toni, missing from the photo.





JACK & EVA WIEDER

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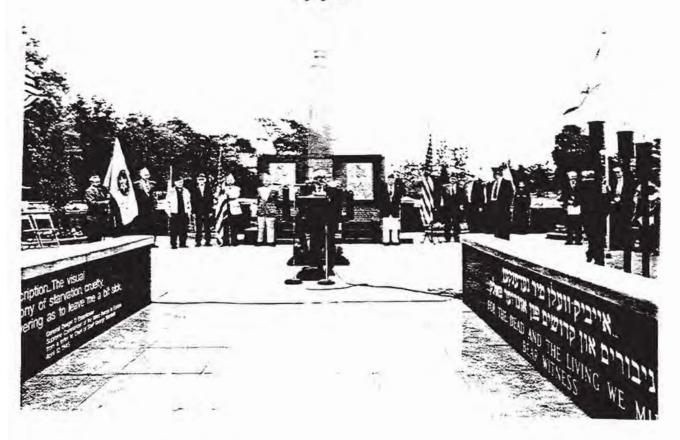


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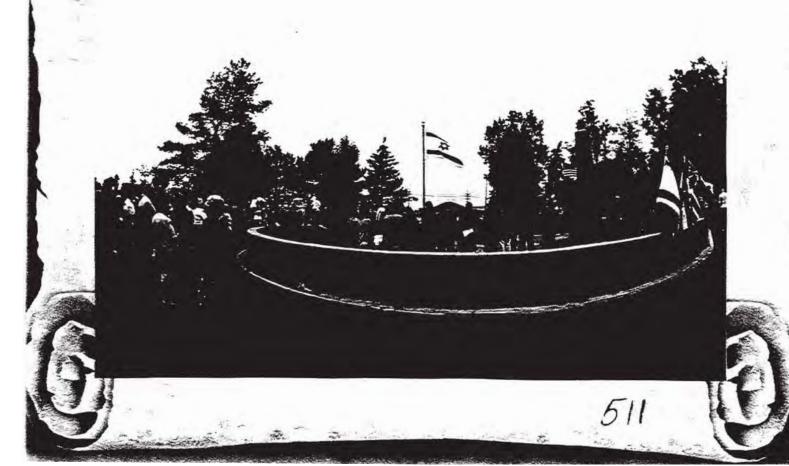
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IN HONOR OF MY GRANDCHILDREN WHO ARE MY PRIDE AND JOY

ROSE KAPLOVITZ





ORNING JOURNAL PAUL WALSH

PAINFUL MEMORIES — Holocaust Survivor Rose Kaplovitz of Beachwood shows some of her family photos before speaking at an assembly at Huron High School yesterday. Mrs. Kaplovitz also spoke at Norwalk Middle School.

One day in the summer of 1943 when she was 13 years old, Mrs. Kaplovitz's father said he wanted her to volunteer for a labor camp, where her two older sisters, Mania and Tola, were located. He told her that he had heard that the Nazis were only allowing families with one child to remain in the ghetto, and if she went to the labor camp her father and mother and little sister could remain.

"First I had thought my father had gone mad and I refused to go," she said. "But I had no choice. I had to listen to my father.

"I can not forgive the Nazis for causing so much pain to my father," Mrs. Kaplovitz said. "He had to take my hand and with so much pain in his heart he had to deliver me to the Nazis, knowing that he may never see me again."

Following the war, she found out that two weeks after she volunteered for the labor camp, all the people in the ghetto, including her mother, father and little sister, were sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp and killed.

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It was at the labor camp that
the Nazis took away her last
possession — her name, she
said. The Nazis issued every-

"When they take everything away from you and they take away your name and give you a number, you begin to feel that you are subhuman." Mrs. Kaplovitz said.

one a number and referred to

the Jews as "subhumans."

The Jewish workers were treated terribly at the labor camp, and often, for the amusement of the Nazi guards, they would be forced to do impossible jobs, she said. Some of those tasks included draining mud puddles while it rained, or to stand naked while the Nazi guards laughed and made fun of them, she said.

"Your passport to life was work," she said. "As long as you could work you could survive, but this was work to humiliate us.

"We did all of this while they laughed at us and made fun of us," Mrs. Kaplovitz said. "It was at times such as this that I began to feel subhuman."

No one in the labor camp knew the war was over until they awoke on the morning of May 9, 1945, to find that all

Holocaust survivor tells kids of ordeal

By MICHAEL ZAWACKI Morning Journal Bureau Chief

NORWALK — Holocaust survivor Rose Kaplovitz captivated an audience of eighthgraders at Norwalk Middle School yesterday with a story of Nazi terror and her perseverance through persecution during World War II.

For about 45 minutes, Mrs. Kaplovitz told how she survived the Holocaust, including the murder of her parents and a younger sister. She also talked of other forms of terror and mental torture carried out by the Nazis upon Jews.

The middle school children sat silent and motionless, concentrating as Mrs. Kaplovitz spoke in a voice containing a hint of her native Polish accent.

Mrs. Kaplovitz said she and her family were forced out of their home in Sosnowiec, Poland and made to live in a Nazi-run ghetto on the outHe had to take my hand and with so much pain in his heart he had to deliver me to the Nazis, knowing that he may never see me again.

Rose Kaplovitz Holocaust survivor

skirts of town.

"Imagine a place with nothing but congestion — people and buildings," she said.

There she was assigned to a factory to make dominos and checkers for the German army, she said.

"I wondered, why is this happening to me?" she said. "What have I done wrong?"

the guards had left, she said. The labor camp workers were liberated by the Russian army later that day, she said.

"I can not describe liberation day," she said. "It was the happiest and greatest day of my life."

After the war, Mrs. Kaplovitz spent some time in a displaced persons camp and a Polish orphanage. She then decided to move to America in September 1947 and made her way to Cleveland, she said.

After learning some English, she entered the ninth grade at the age of 17 and graduated fifth in her high school class at the age of 21, she said.

Today, the 67-year-old Mrs. Kaplovitz lives in the Cleveland suburb of Beachwood. Since 1970, she has been giving speeches about her experiences during the Holocaust, she said.

The primary reason she has passed her experiences on to other people, especially youngsters, is to allow them to better understand and learn from history.

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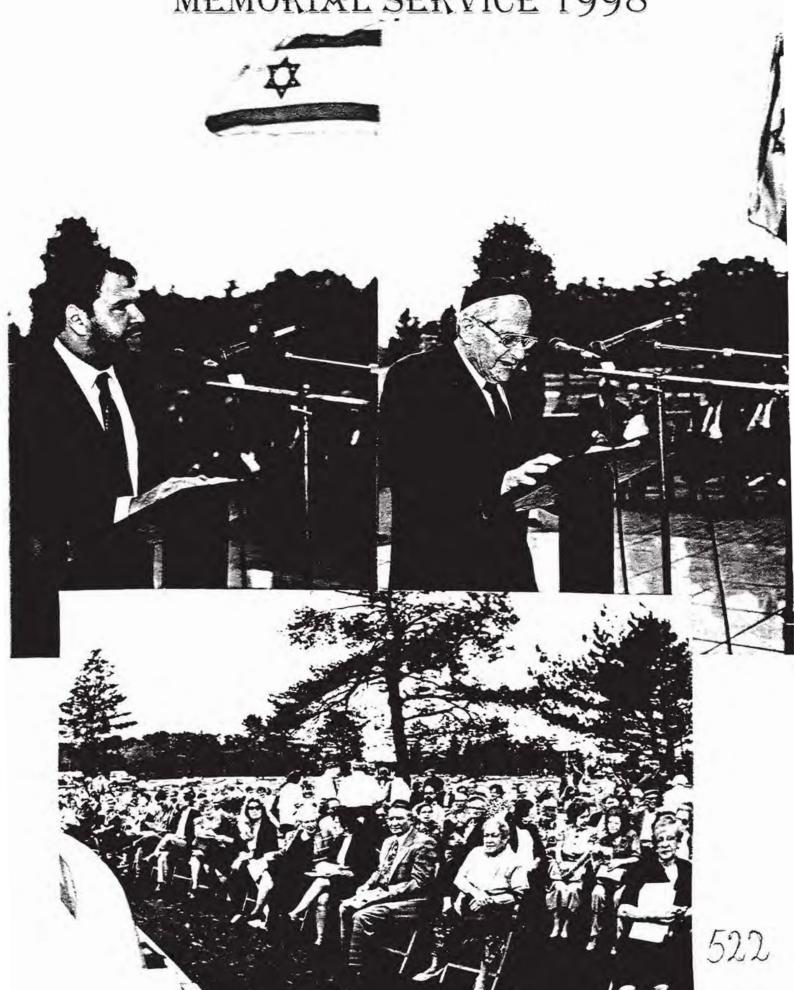


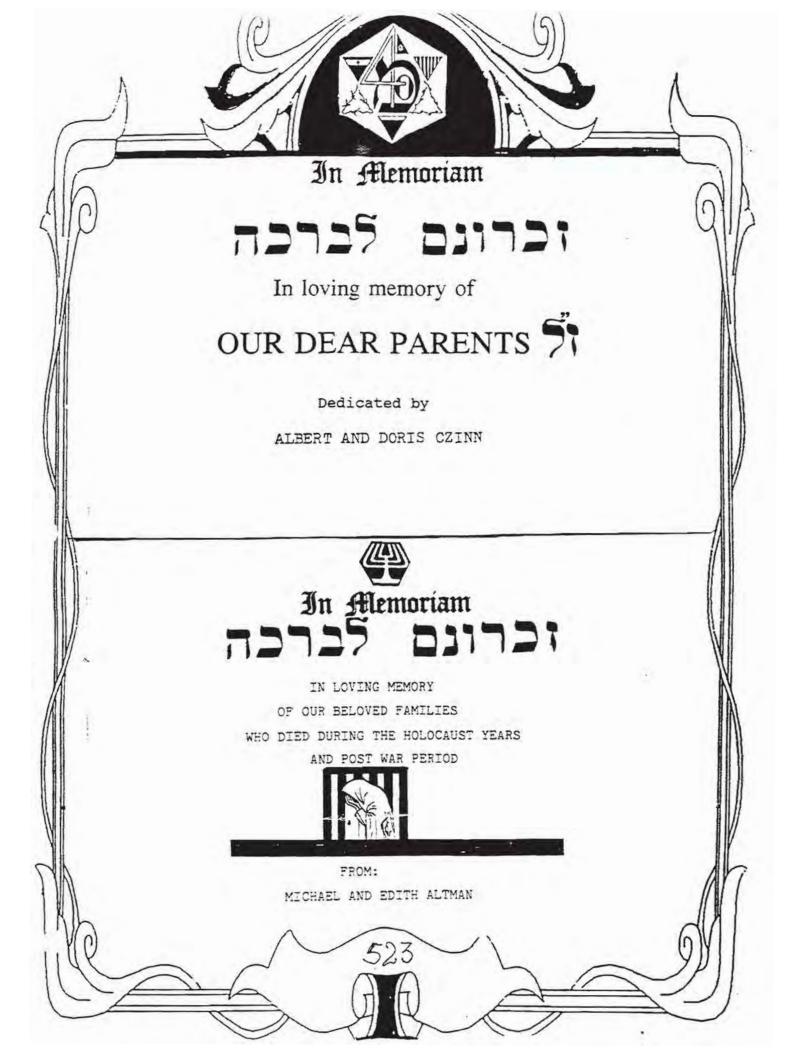
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(Likutev Moharan 2:28)

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SAMUEL WOHLFEILER
1906 1949
KRAKOW MUNICH



CHILDREN: DR. ARTHUR WOHLFEILER IRENE BLOCK, NEE WOHLFEILER

GRANDCHILDREN:
SAMANTHA-JOY BLOCK
JENNIFER-REBECCA BLOCK
MICHELE-SUZANNE WOHLFEILER
ROSS-HOWARD AND CARLY WOHLFEILER

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"In the life of the spirit, there is no ending that is not a beginning."

Henrictta Szold





JACOB HENNENBERG

ְיִהְיוּ לְרָצוֹן אִמְרֵי־פִּי וְהָגְיוֹן לְבִּי לְפָנֵיךּ, יְיָ, צוּרִי וְגוֹאֲלִי.

May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable to You, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

We have lived in many towns and villages, and in too many of them we have endured cruel suffering. We seal them into our memory, a wound that does not heal. We remember the victims and martyrs whose blood cries out from the earth, at Dachau, Buchenwald, Auschwitz, Treblinka, Maidanek, Sobibor, Chelmno, Babi Yar, and so many more. How shall we endure the unbearable, or accept what life has brought to our people? All who are born must die, but how shall we compare the normal passage of our time, with the heartless murder of the innocent whose lives were destroyed abruptly.

They lived with faith. And, many died with faith; faith in God, in life, in the goodness that even flames cannot destroy.

They have left their lives to us: let a million prayers rise whenever Jews worship; let a million candles glow against the darkness of these unfinished lives.

May their memory always rise before thee, may they rest in peace and let us say Amen.







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If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning...

Psalms 137:5

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If not now, when?



Cloverleaf Middle School 7500 Buffham Rd. Seville, OH 44273 October 27, 1998

Mr. Jacob Hennenberg c/o "Face to Face" Program 26811 Fairmount Blvd. Beachwood, OH 44122

Dear Mr. Hennenberg:

On behalf of the students from Cloverleaf Middle School who attended the "Face to Face" program on October 8, we would like to thank you for taking the time to speak to us. We all learned a great deal from your presentation. It is so much more valuable to hear history from one who witnessed it than to simply read about it or hear it from somebody like a teacher! We've heard so much from our students in class discussions that we wanted to share it with you. For instance, the students thought that the photograph of you shoveling snow, the mittens, the cloth star and the detailed stories of your encounters during and after the Holocaust were most intriguing.

Enclosed, you'll find letters from our students. In them, the students express their thanks and offer questions. Please keep in mind that these students are twelve and thirteen years old and they all have various levels of skill. To be sure, the students put quite a bit of thought into their letters. They understand it may be impossible for you to respond, so please do not feel obligated to do so. If at all possible, perhaps you could respond in one letter addressed to all our students.

Mr. Hennenberg, the students and teachers at Cloverleaf Middle School appreciate your courage, both past and present. You certainly are a valuable element in Holocaust education. People like you do a wonderful job in ensuring that the horrors you and your family endured will never be repeated.

With peace in our hearts,

Pat Straub and Jay Manix Cloverleaf Middle School Teachers



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IN OSZMIANY (POLAND).

KILLED IN OSZMIANY IN 1941.

MOTHER: CHAWA BLECHER (ROGOZIN), -BORN IN MOLODECZNO IN 1887.

MARRIED AND LIVED IN OSZMIANY. PERISHED IN 1945 IN CONCENTRATION

CAMP STUTTHOF.

BROTHER: HENECH BLECHER. BORN IN 1915.

KILLED IN OSZMIANY IN 1941.

BROTHER: MOTEL BLECHER. BORN IN 1919.

KILLED IN 1941 - PLACE UNKNOWN.



SURVIVORS:

SON: MEYER BLECHER

DAUGHTER: LIZA ALPERT (BLECHER)

In Memory of

OUR BELOVED PARENTS



DOV-BER AND CHAJA MATEL

MOISHE MOSES AND RACHEL MOSES AND OUR

BROTHERS, AND SISTERS



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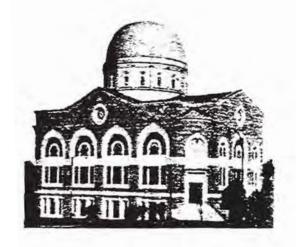
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In honor of a good and learned friend from Oshpitzin

Jacob Hennenberg

Survivor, Historian, Mensch.

"Is not this man a brand plucked out of the fire?"

הלא ה אד כעל כאש ז

Zechariah Chapter III v.2

In memory of the holy and pure cities of Oswiecim and Chrzanow and the six million victims of the holocaust.

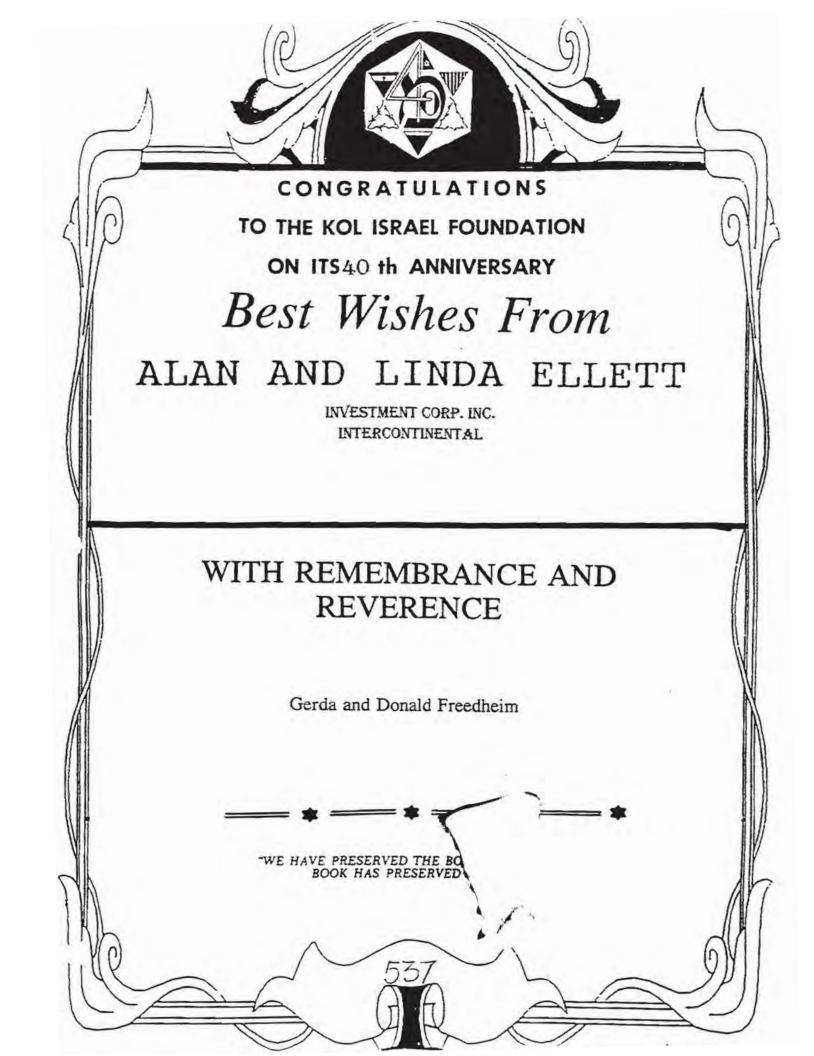
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Beloved and dear in life and in death they were not separated. May their souls find rest in paradise.

May the Almighty avenge their blood

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THE MEMORY
OF A DEVOTED FATHER
AND LOVING HUSBANI





IN LOVING MEMORY

BY THE KRUTOWSKY AND

ORLOVE FAMILIES



IN MEMORY OF JOE GREENSPUN 1918-1985



HUSBAND TO HELEN, FATHER TO PAULINE AND RITA, GRANDFATHER TO BENJAMIN, TALI, JOEY, JAKE, AND CHAD. EVERYONE KNEW OF JOE'S KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY THRU HIS INVOLVEMENT AND COMMITMENT IN SO MANY FACETS OF JEWISH LIFE, BOTH IN CLEVELAND AND IN ORLANDO, FL. AS THE YEARS HAVE PASSED, WE MISS HIM MORE EACH DAY. THIS YEAR IN PARTICULAR, AS WE CELEBRATED THE SIMCHA OF HIS GRANDDAUGHTER TALIS BAT MITZVAH. WE SORELY MISSED HIS PRESENCE. HIS MEMORY WILL FOREVER BE IN OUR HEARTS.









ELLEN JACOB



In Loving Memory of Ben Nebel

Ben Nebel passed away on October 1st, 1998 at the age of 74 and we will miss him every day of our lives. He was our father, husband, grandfather, and friend. He was a wonderful man. In fact, he was a great man. But how does one define, measure, or quantify "greatness"?

Was he great in size or stature? 5'5", 150 lbs. for most of his adult life can hardly be considered great.

Was he <u>great</u> in wealth? A carpenter by trade, he worked hard with his hands, laboring to create beautiful cabinetry for friends and loved ones. He struggled to make a living comfortable enough to raise and college educate his three children and to care for his wife whom he adored beyond all measure, but there was never quite enough money to lavish her with the expensive gifts he would have liked. Financially comfortable, perhaps, but you never saw his name in the financial section of the paper.

Was he <u>great</u> in the community or in politics? Only to his small community of close personal friends and family. Not a President. Not a "macher".

So how can we say Ben Nebel was a <u>great</u> man? He wasn't a business tycoon, nor world leader. He wasn't a famous doctor, nor sports hero. But he was, indeed, the greatest man who ever lived. He was a survivor. He was "Shpilke Benny". He was a hero — our hero.

He was a person not interested in personal gain nor in recognition. He was an honest man. He was a religious man. He was a generous man – generous in heart and of spirit. Always the first to give or help or do, he would literally give a stranger the shirt off his back. When someone would call, he was out the door with hammer in hand in an instant, leaving dinner on the table, ready to fix or help or make or do whatever anyone asked.

He paid his bills on time. He cherished his wife and children. He doted on his grandchildren. Even in his last years, when Alzheimers claimed his mind long before his body, it was the little ones who could break through the barrier of confusion and make him smile. He liked Yiddish and Cantorial music. He liked to play "a Koppich". And he loved to dance with his loving wife. Ruth.

We can't speak to the untold violence, atrocities, indignities, or horrors he endured during the Holocaust. Yet, having lost all his family, there was an inner strength, a spirit that survived, a light that continued to shine, and this great man was able to begin life anew – in a new land, learning a new language, and was able to love again and build a rich and rewarding Jewish life. How many millionaires do you know who can say that?

Yes, Ben was a <u>great</u> man, a man who will always be remembered as a dear, sweet, gentle, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. We are grateful for the time we had him with us. He wasn't here long enough. And so much of the time that he was, he suffered — first during the Holocaust and then through the agony of the Alzheimers. It's not fair. Everyone says so.

Ben Nebel's in a better place, now. The confusion is gone. The furrowed brow is relaxed. The fear of the unknown no longer exists for him. He is resting peacefully in God's hands. His body is no longer with us but his spirit lives on in our hearts and in our memories as his light continues to shine in all of us. He was a great man and will be sorely missed.

You can't tell the size of an evergreen until it is cut down.

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein





In Memoriam

זכרונו לברכה

IN MEMORY OF

AL ELIA SIMON

A Paint to David.

Adones is its shepherd, I shall lack nothing

 In lush pastures He makes me lie, beside tranquil waters. He leads me.

5. My soul. He restores.

He directs me in paths of righteousness for the sake of His Name

4. Though I walk

in the valler of the shadow of death,

Your rod and Your stall, they comiton me

5. You prepare a rable for me

in the full presence of my enemies.

You announce my head with oil

my cup overtio

6 (Mas) only good and kindness pursue me

all the days of my life.

and I shall sheel in the House of Adunos

or long

א. מוכור לְנָתר

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אַליפי פָנחות יַנְהַצְּרִיּ

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לפען שמו:

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ושבמי בביתייהנה

לאַרֶךְ יָמִים:



BY SYDNEY AND EDU SIMON





In honor of my father, Harry, who after escaping a forced labor camp, repeatedly risked his life to save dozens of Jews from certain death. Although shot twice by the Nazis and left for dead, my father survived against all odds and continued his dangerous work with the Swedish Consulate under Raoul Wallenberg.

In honor of my mother, Anna, who along with her sister Lillian (as well as sister-in-law Gretchen) miraculously survived the horrors of Auschwitz Concentration Camp and Bergen-Belsen.

In memoriam to my mother's mother, Sara, who died in 1935 of consumption when my mother was only 6 years old;

In memoriam to my mother's father, Michael, who after witnessing his wife and stepchildren gassed, was murdered in Auschwitz;

In memoriam to my mother's step-mother, Chava, and all the other mothers who knowingly went to their death to protect and be with their small children in the last few minutes of their shortened lives;

In memoriam to my father's sister, Livia, who survived the atrocities of Auschwitz only to die on her 18th birthday just weeks after liberation, from typhus she contracted while in Bergen-Belsen;

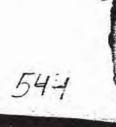
In memoriam to my father's brother, Walter, who at age 14, was murdered in Auschwitz because he had already seen "too much";

In memoriam to my father's brother, Arthur, who survived and thereafter loved me as if I were one of his own daughters;

In memoriam to my father's parents, Joseph and Julia, the two grandparents I knew and loved and who I miss so much.

By: Susan Spitz Hennenberg & Family

If you offer your compassion to the hungry
And satisfy the famished creature
Then shall your light shine in darkness
And your gloom shall be like noonday
Isaiah 58:10





Editor

CYNTHIA DETTELBACH Editor



Lighting a 'miracle' in Montana

n a little over a month. Jews the world over will be lighting Chanukah candles and retelling the story of Judah Maccabee and the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days.

To this time-honored tradition we might want to add a '90s midrash, or story, about Tammie Schnitzer, her family and her town. The unlikely setting for this Chanukah story is Billings. Montana, where, in 1993, another "miracle" of sorts happened. But as Schnitzer explained in a phone interview from Billings, the story really begins around 1990 when the Aryan Nation and other white supremand of the supreman

cist groups, active for many years in the Northwest, began to come to public attention.

A convert to Judaism and "a fourth-generation Billings" whose family helped homestead the area 100 years ago. Schnitzer was also co-founder of the Billings Coalition of Human Rights, an organization that works to oppose white supremacist activity.

Schnitzer, who keeps a kosher home and was then president of her Conservative synagogue, wanted to wing opedier all 500 Jews in Montana for a Shabbaton, a weekend of prayer, study and socializing. To publicize the Shabbaton she took out a small ad in the local newspaper and included her home phone number.

The first call she got was from an older man who screamed, "Jew bitch, die."

Shaken and wishing to flee from that hateful message, Schnitzer grabbed her son, Isaac, then 19 months, and got into her van. As she was pulling out of the driveway, someone blew out the window of the van and her son got showered with shards of plass.

Although she told the police she had gotten a death threat just minutes before, they maintained the window blowout was unconnected and, in a pattern of denial that was to continue on many fronts, wrote it up as "a single act of vandalism."

For long after that, Schnitzer's synagogue, Beth Aaron, was targeted with hate mail. But, she says, synagogue leaders "didn't want to rock the boat" and did little about it.

Not Tammie Schnitzer. She doggedly walked the streets of Billings with Isaac and now. Rachel. in a stroller, showing citizens, the editor of the paper, and the police examples of hate mail local Jews, African-Americans, Native Americans and Hispanics were receiving. Her fight, she insists, was not against a handful of skinheads, but "the apathy

STAND TOGETHER BILLINGS!

Tammie Schnitzer, left, was the catalyst for Billings, Montana, supporting its Jews' (safe) observance of Chamurah.

and indifference" of the public.

The problem came to a head, she says, in 1933 beginning with the desecration of their small Jewish cemetery on Rosh Hashana weekend. Nineteen of the 30 headstones were overturned or smashed, including the headstone of the Schnitzers' infant son, Elliot.

"I saw someone had defecated on my son's (smashed) headstone," says Schnitzer, her strong voice breaking. "I will go to my grave with part of my soul murdered" at that sight.

A week later, at Yom Kippur services, the synagogue received a bomb threat and everyone had to be evacuated. It proved to be a false alarm but, by then, the quality of life and of prayer was "totally ruined."

On the first night of Chanukah. Isaac, then 5, asked if all their menorahs could be fully lighted because he wanted his friend across the street to see them.

"I felt furny about it, especially since the night before, Isaac had screamed that someone was looking at him through the window," Schnitzer recalled. But she relented and, before going out to a meeting, did as the voungster requested.

When she came home, she felt a chill winter breeze as she stepped inside the door. Turning on the light, she found her husband Brian, holding his head in

his hands and the children sleeping under her bed. A couple of hours earlier someone had thrown a huge cinder block through the window.

Brian, meanwhile, had "washed away" any sign of violation, much as Jews and others had torn up the hate mail they received. As if that would make it seem it never happened.

Nonetheless, the incident made front-page news the next day. It also brought a classmate of Isaac's and her mother to their front door with a picture of a menorah the youngster had made and which she wanted to paste to

Isaac's window.

They "knew what we were about and that validated us."

says Schnitzer.

The next week the local paper printed a huge menorah on its back page and in a show of solidarity, 10,000 people pasted that page onto their front windows!

"I can't explain how powerful that was and how much good it

did for my Jewish community," says Schnitzer. Moreover, she adds, for a brief moment "someone else had to be afraid, too," since the menorahed windows of many non-Jews were also broken or shot out.

While the message of '93 still resonates, says Schnitzer, it doesn't mean that bigotry has been abandoned in Billings. A current target is gays and lesbians. While Schnitzer admits that her Aryan looks and Lutheran past "made it O.K. to listen to me," she is not an undisputed heroine in her own backyard. For safety reasons, she has been forced to move and get an unlisted phone number, and even members of her own Jewish community, she says, resented being pulled out of the closet by me." But, she counters, "I had a vision of what (acceptance) I had as a child, and I wanted that to be part of my children's acceptance.

Schnitzer continues to fight and speak on behalf of social issues throughout the country. Her message is that "before we can begin erasing hate, we must recognize it within ourselves, come forward and say it is happening. Our mistake is thinking that hate will end some day. It won't."

In the spirit of our faith and of Chanukah, rather than curse the darkness, Tammie Schnitzer has chosen to light a candle.

Schnitzer will be speaking in Cleveland Nov. 12, 13 and 14. See page 33 for details.







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Aging of Holocaust Survivors in the U.S., Israel and Hungary

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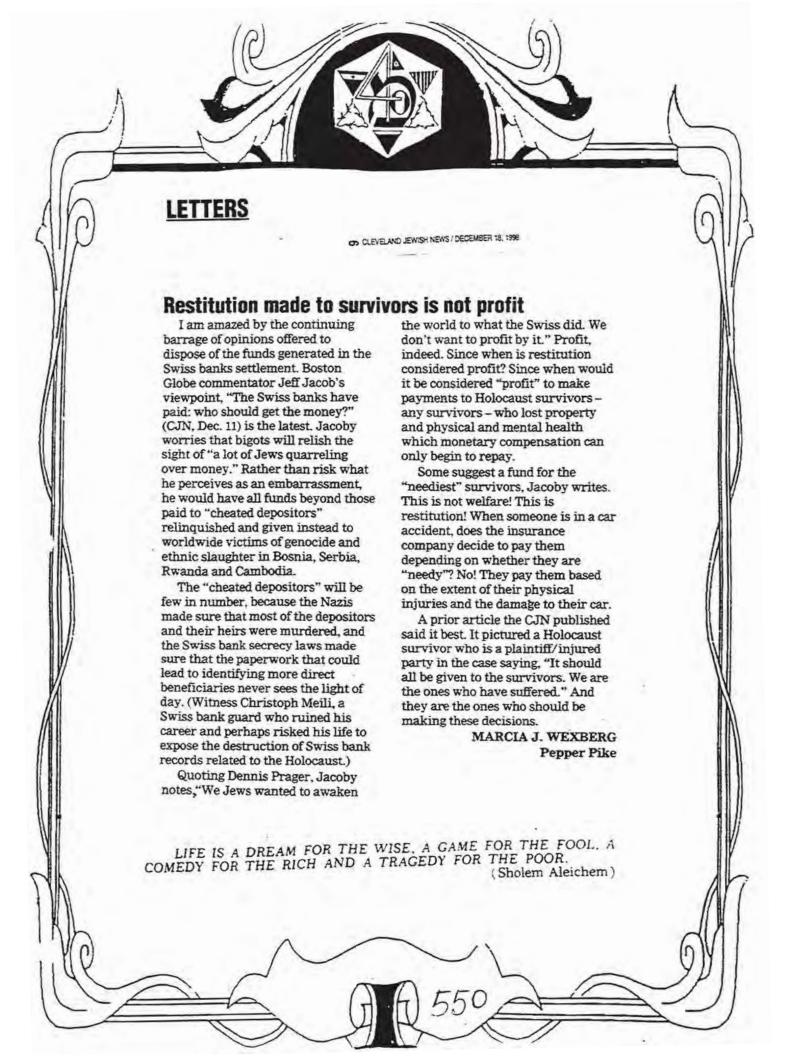
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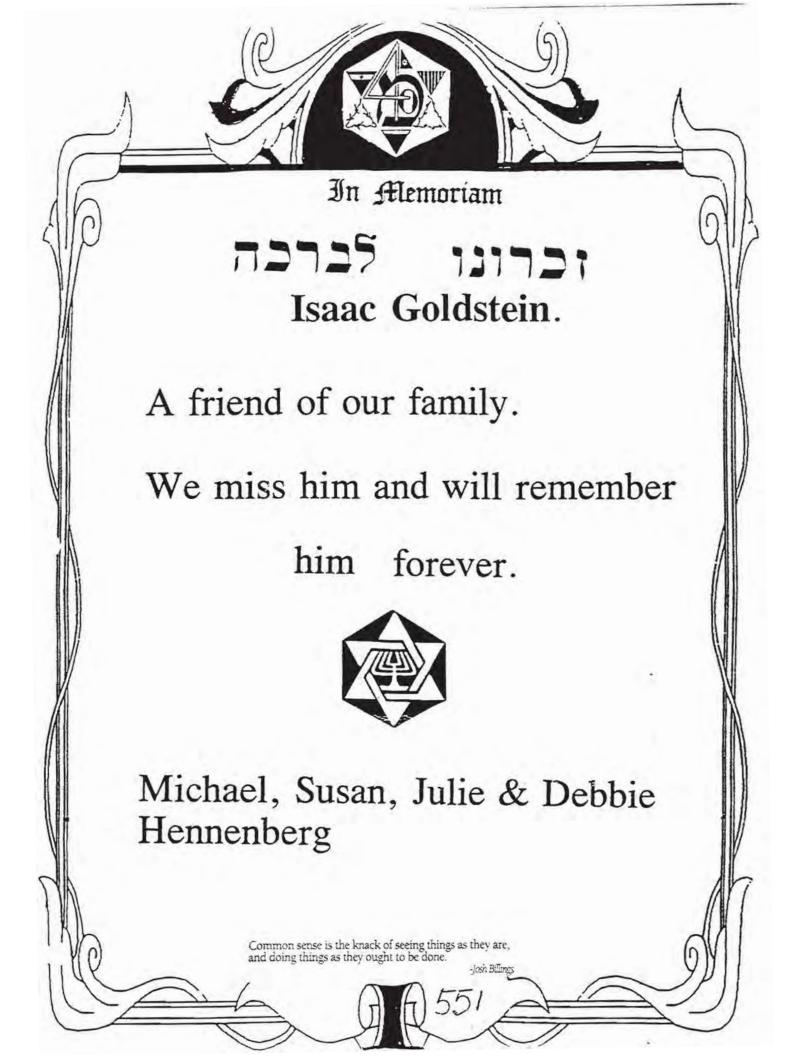


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Algeria	Cyprus	Lebanon	Nicaragua
Aruba:	Egypt	Macedonia	Reunion'
Bahrain	Fiji	Malta	Slovenia
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Bermuda'	Guadeloupe	Mozambique	Zambia
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SYNAGOGITH DEDICATION: A scene at the dedication in Moscow of the Holocaust Memorial Synagogue, and Months
Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mey rabba. . . .
It is said that his prayer must be repeated six million times.

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But people have forgotten why this should be so.



רעדאַקציע פון "דער אָנהײב״י

מיט טיפן צער און טרויער באַוויינען מיר די פּטירה פון

סענדער ווייסמאַן ע״ה

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חיים לעווין, סעקרעטאַר

IN MEMORY

OF

SENDER WAJSMAN

HE WAS THE DRIVING FORCE
FOR THE EARLY ANUAL COMMEMORATION
OF THE UPRISING
IN THE WARSAW GHETTO

JACOB HENNENBERG HISTORIAN K.I.F.

The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil.
-Reigh Walls Energy.

Search Committee Report - 12/2/98

At our last Board Meeting on 10/18/98, a Motion passed authorizing our President, Avi Goldman, to appoint a Committee to explore the possibility of Taylor Road Synagogue becoming the future home of CHC. He appointed a three-person committee to gather information relative to that possibility.

On 10/22/98, after taking a tour inside the building and walking the grounds, there was a meeting between the CHC committee (Simon Fixler, Jacob Hennenberg, Michael Saltzman) and Taylor Road Synagogue representatives (David Kahan, Les Keller, Alex Hertz). The results of that meeting are discussed below.

Competitive Price: Their price is competitive, as it approximates ½ of the cost of constructing a new building. For example, the cost of a building a new facility is \$100.00 for every square foot of usable space. So, if we projected the need for 15,000 square feet of usable space, we would be able to cordon off 15,000 square feet of the existing building at half the cost of building a new facility. Because we would be paying \$400,000.00 to Taylor Road Synagogue, while still being able to allocate an additional \$350,000.00 toward the rehabilitation of the building.

Room for Expansion: There would still be room for future expansion, as the interior of the available space is well over 15,000 square feet of usable space.

Great Signage: Although Taylor Road Synagogue would lease back the use of the main sanctuary, they would require no signage. The entire frontage would provide ample signage for our Center.

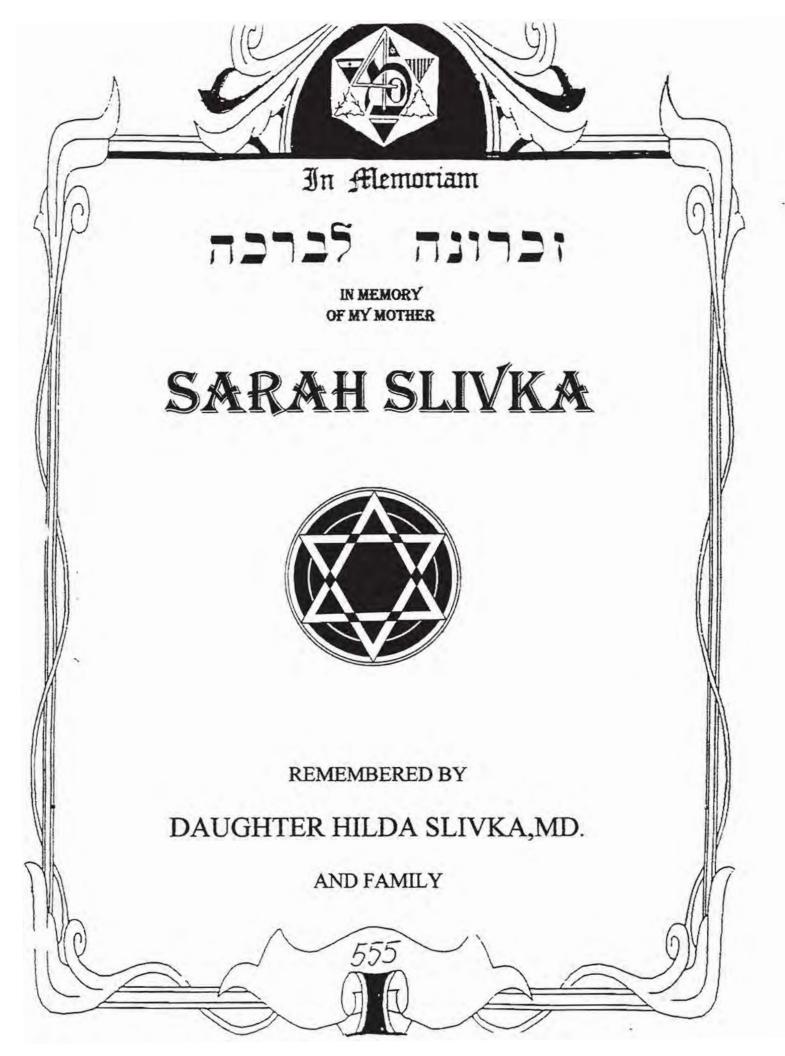
Preserving a Congregation: The congregation known as Taylor Road Synagogue would become a living part of the Cleveland Holocaust Center.

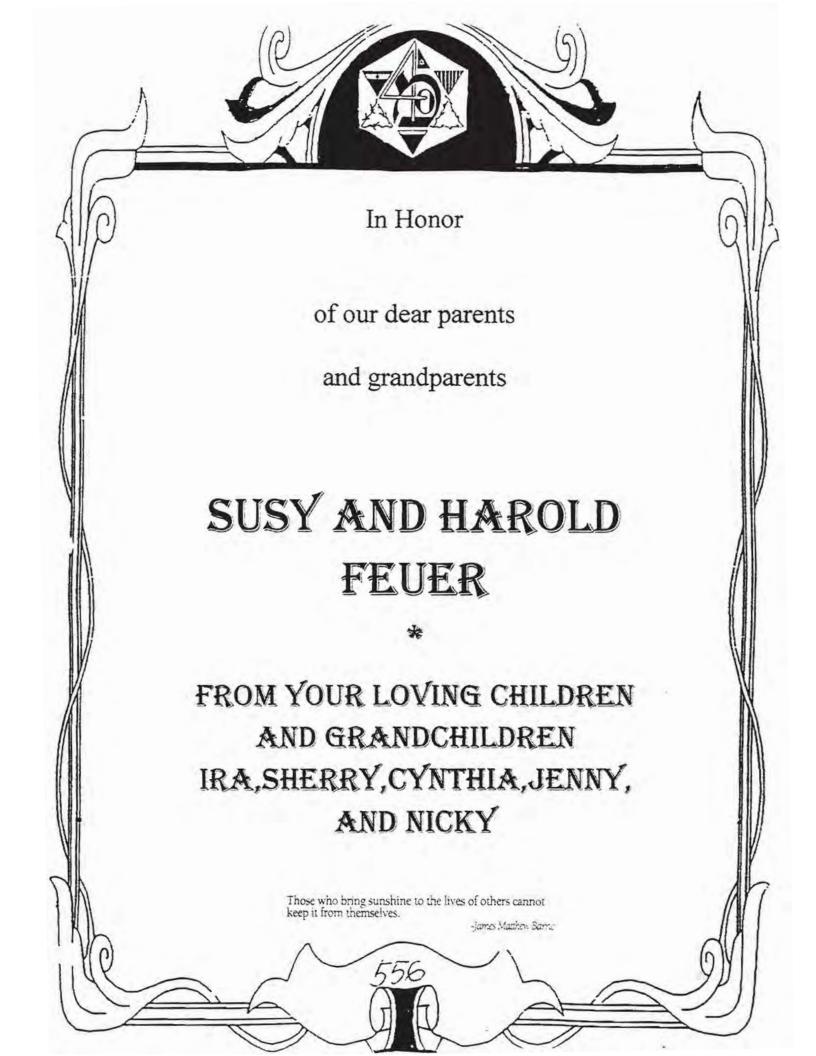
Saving a Jewish Neighborhood: By preserving the building as a Jewish institution, we will be helping to preserve the Jewish flavor of the Taylor Road neighborhood.

Opportunity for Uniqueness - Our Niche: This facility would set us apart from other Holocaust Centers and/or Museums in our country, as we would have a live Congregation as part of our Center. We would also be able to present an actual shul (with artifacts) as the first exhibit one would see when entering our building.

Option to Purchase - allowing time to secure funding: We can secure an "Option to Purchase", which would provide sufficient time to secure financing. The Search Committee would entertain such a Motion granting authority to negotiate an "Option to Purchase" Taylor Road Synagogue.

Respectfully submitted by the Search Committee.





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The Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel Winter Newsletter - December, 1998

Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Ms. Cindy Feuer, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz, Ms. Anne Lukas and Mr. Julian Solonitz

FALL, 1998 ACTIVITIES:

Second Generation Kol Israel "How to Locate Survivors"

Menorah Park Miller Auditorium - September 2, 1998

Kol Israel Foundation - Social Evening Green Road Synagogue - September 14, 1998

Kol Israel Annual Holocaust Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park - September 27, 1998

Kol Israel Foundation - Social Evening

Green Road Synagogue - November 28, 1998

Cleveland Holocaust Center -

"Aging Holocaust Survivors in the U.S., Israel and Hungary" Congregation Shaarey Tikvah - December 6, 1998

WINTER, 98 & SPRING, 1999 ACTIVITIES:

FBI Holocaust Poster Exhibit

Justice Center - January 12, 1999 - 10:30 am

Cleveland Holocaust Center -

Visit to the Detroit Holocaust Museum - March 14, 1999

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration

Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun - April 12, 1999

Cleveland Holocaust Center - Teachers" Conference -

Notre Dame Tolerance Resource Center - May 26-27, 1999

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

President's Message - Simon Fixler

As 1998 nears the end, I feel very proud of the achievements of the Kol Israel Foundation this past year. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thank members of the Kol Israel Foundation, the KI Sisterhood and the Second Generation KI for their work on behalf of our organization. I want to especially thank all Kol Israel Board members for their dedication and ongoing support of our organization.

This coming year, we have several important tasks ahead of us. We need to make preparations for our 40th anniversary celebration. The anniversary book, on which our historian Jack Hennenberg is working, is in progress. Please send in your contributions to Jack Hennenberg as soon as possible.

The Memorial Wall at Zion Memorial Cemetery looks beautiful. We have a few places left for inscribing names of lost loved ones. Please send your requests as soon as possible. Also, we have established a Kol Israel Memorial Fund at the Jewish Community Federation. If you would like to make a donation to the fund, let us know or contact the Endowment Fund at the Jewish Community Federation.

Annual Holocaust Memorial Service

The 1998 Memorial Service took place on September 27, 1998, at Zion Memorial Cemetery. The annual memorial service, is jointly sponsored by the Kol Israel Foundation and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. As has been traditional, Holocaust Survivors lit memorial candles and representatives of the three Survivor organizations reflected on the meaning of this special day. Guest speaker was Mr. Albert Ratner. Rabbi Michael Hecht, the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth-Am, delivered a special address.

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura And Warsaw Ghetto Commemoration - Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura and Warsaw Ghetto Commemoration will take place Monday evening, April 12, 1999 at B'Nai Jeshurun Congregation at 7:30 PM. Entitled "From Darkness to Light," the historical and spiritual theme of this year's Yom Hashoa will focus on the many forms of resistance, the heroic efforts of victims and rescuers and the renewal of survivors and their families.

The March of Generations involves more than one hundred area students of public and private schools. A unity procession of Cleveland rabbis precedes the program. Bea Stadtler presents students in a dramatic reading of her original script, "Resistance and Remembrance." Keynote speaker is Rabbi Stanley Schachter of Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun. He will relate his experiences from his recent trip to the sites of the Holocaust in Europe. Unique to this commemorative event is the community choir organized by Cantor Aaron Schifman of Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun.

A generational candle lighting ceremony pays tribute to Kol Israel members who are survivors of the Holocaust, their children and grandchildren. Jacob Hennenberg's Precious Legacy Exhibit is a prominent feature of the Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration.

Elementary and secondary schools in the Greater Cleveland area are preparing their students for participation in the creative arts, poetry and drawing competitions. Leaders in the Jewish and general communities will be recognized for their efforts in Holocaust education and awareness on a special Honorary Committee.

It is crucial for Kol Israel Foundation members and their families, and community people of all faiths to participate in this program of "Resistance and Remembrance," Yom Hashoa V'Hagyura. Co-chairpersons are Charles Gruenspan and Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky...

Journey of Conscience 1999 - Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky

We are privileged to organize a unique lifetime pilgrimage, a Journey of Conscience, Sunday, June 20, 1999 to July 11, 1999. This journey will travel to the sites of the Holocaust in Europe and to Israel, the land of rebirth. For survivors of the Holocaust and their adult children, the triumph of this visit is the acknowledgment that "Mir Zinen Do" - "We are here." For students and for all of us, the journey is the fulfillment of the legacy "Zachor," "Remember." The visit to Israel is the ultimate expression of renewal.

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky is Journey organizer and leader. Co-leader is Mary Chaitoff, teacher at Cleveland Heights High School. We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Gary Robuck is joining the Journey as Associate Leader. It has been twenty years since Rabbi Robuck participated as a student in the second Journey of Conscience of 1979.

Our itinerary includes Holland, Austria, Czech Republic, Poland and Israel. Judy Seidel, C.T.C. Inc., is arranging our itinerary. The 1999 Journey of Conscience will be limited to twenty-five people. Limited scholarship funds are available for students. Early registration will insure maximum consideration. To reserve your place on this Journey of Conscience and for further information, please contact Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky at (216) 321-7030. We are grateful that the Survivor organizations, Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood, Second Generation Kol Israel and The Cleveland Holocaust Center and Cleveland Heights High School, are sponsors of this Journey of Conscience.

The importance of the Journey of Conscience is what we are doing for ourselves and for future generations, "to free mankind from ignorance, to remind the world of the oppressor's brutality which enslaved us and still threatens mankind, and to come face to face with hope and renewal which was sown by the victims of oppression and which may yet save the new generations from another Holocaust."

40th Anniversary Book - Jack Hennenberg

Reservations for the 40th Anniversary Book continue on a first come-first serve basis. A contribution of \$50 or more is required to receive a copy of the book. Members who do not want their pages to be at the end of the book, should send in their pages now (\$50 for a half page and \$100 for a full page).

Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Education Scholarship

Second generation Kol Israel is now accepting applications for the 1999 Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky Holocaust Education Scholarship which can be granted for research studies in Holocaust-related areas, or trips to Holocaust sites or educational facilities. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 1999. For applications or more information, call Susan Saltzman (216) 561-7709, or Cindy Feuer (216) 691-0123.

Marcia Krause - A proud volunteer

Marcia Krause is a proud Holocaust Survivor and can be counted on to attend the various functions of the Survivor organizations and the Jewish community. She was with us in demonstrations at Seven Hills against the presence there of the SS guard John Demjanjuk. She has volunteered her time on several occasions on behalf of the Jewish Armed Forces in Israel. She also maintains a steady involvement in social action and community service functions in the Cleveland area with Jewish and general community organizations. Her many volunteer involvements include Jewish Volunteers in Action, Habitat for Humanity, Operation ISAIAH, Menorah Park Center for the Aged, Montefiore Home for the Aged, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Heather Hill Nursing Home and Jewish Community Center.

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Kol Israel Life Membership

Our life membership continues to grow. We now have 92 life members, 37 families and 18 individuals We would love to see an increase in our life membership.

Harry Abraham Molly & Abbie Akst Tova & Sam Baron
Jack Beigelman Sally Bergrin Betty Berry

Mary & Harold Chaitoff

Esther & Herman Frank

Ann & Mike Frum

Sarah & Joe Greenberg

Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg

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Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg Clara & Alex Hertz Denise & Jacob Herskovitz
Leah & William Kagan Eva & Boaz Kahana Rose Kaplovitz
Suzanne & Bernard Krakow Fanie & Isak Koen Marcia Krause

Paula & Karl Lasman Martin Lax Chaya & Anchel Lebovits

Aranka & Moshe Loeb Lola & Morry Malcmacher Lola Mandelbaum Sylvia & Izidore Malcmacher Rose Marmor Ruth Marmorstein

Miriam & Henry Miller Dina Offman Frances & Stanley Neuman

Helen & Jack Pahmer Helene & Steven Pincus Eva Reis

Leatrice & Irving Rabinsky Manny Schneider Judith & Marshal Rosenberg

Darlene Schwartz Eva & Paul Schwartz Ruth Schwartz

Paula & Leo Silverman Florence Singer Evelvn & Steve Slomovitz

Hans & Gisele Walter Miriam & Philip Wexberg Eva & Jack Wieder

Norman Weinstein Pearl & Bernard Yaeger

Congratulations to:

Paula & Karl Lasman on your 50th Anniversary Anne Lukas and Steven Jones on your 25th Anniversary Shirley Garn on the Bar Mitzva of your grandson

Refuah Slema! Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to:

Jack Friedman Paul Izakowitz Bella Klein Paul Kuper Sally Pitluk Julie Simon

Philip Wexberg Rita York

Deepest Sympathies are extended to families of:

Zoltan Blaustein Zoltan Freireich Jenny Kuricki Sara Slivka

Jenny Kuricki - In Memoriam

With great sorrow, we mourn the loss of our friend and loyal member, Jenny Kuricki. Jenny was a devoted member of our organization since the establishment of the Kol Israel Sisterhood. She was a hard-working committee member, and the chairperson of the telephone committee. She did her job willingly and with pleasure. With her committee, she coordinated all the calls necessary for meetings, special events or any news of importance to the membership. During the last years of her life, she went through a lot of suffering, due to her ill health. In her last years, she resided at Stone Gardens. No matter how sick she was, she never complained. She liked people and appreciated when they visited her. Her motto was: "Tomorrow will be better"

We will miss her. May she rest in peace— The Kol Israel Sisterhood

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The Board of Trustees of the Kol Israel Foundation, at its meeting on December 11, 1995, decided to begin plans for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of our organization. Plans for the special occasion include a gala celebration and the printing of a 40th Anniversary Book.

The book will include, again, history of the Kol Israel Foundation, historical events of interest to the survivor community, the Jewish community and the State of Israel, advertisements, and personal ads and testimonies. Of special interest in the production of the 40th Anniversary Book is the securing of personal testimonies from Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood and Second generation Kol Israel Foundation members.

If you would like to contribute an ad, advertisement, or personal testimony, please contact Mr. Jack Hennenberg (216) 464-5149. Place in the book will be determined by the date of reservation. For assistance with writing of testimony, please contact Dr. Zev Harel Rose Kaplovitz-Baige (216) 371-2536. Cost: one full page, \$100; half page \$50; and quarter page, \$30.

> Contribution to the book in the amount of \$50 or more will assure receiving a copy of the 40th Anniversary Book.

Past Presidents: Jack Baigelman, Leo Bergrin*, Robert Birnbaum*, Art Gelbart, Dr. Zev Harel, Jack Herskovitz, Morry Malcmacher*, William Miller, Jack Wieder, Jack York* *Deceased

Cleveland Holocaust Center P.O. Box 22043 Cleveland, OH 44122 Phone: (216) 381 7141

Dear Friends:

The Board of the Cleveland Holocaust Center continues its work to plan and provide educational and Holocaust awareness programs for the community. The Cleveland Holocaust Center is pleased to welcome three new members: Professor Saul Friedman, of Youngstown State University; Rabbi Gary Robuck of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah; and Sol Factor, educator at Cleveland Heights High School.

On Sunday, December 6, 1998, 7:30 PM, the Cleveland Holocaust Center presented a program on AGING OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS - IN THE U.S., ISRAEL AND HUNGARY - at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah. The program was presented by Professors Eva Kahana, Boaz Kahana and Zev Harel, who spent many hours studying the aging experiences of Holocaust survivors in these three different environments. About 100 persons attended this very informative event.

On Sunday, March 14, 1999, The Cleveland Holocaust Center is sponsoring a one day bus trip to the Detroit Holocaust Center. The cost is \$30 per person. Please mark your calendars and join us for this trip. For reservations call: (216) 381-7141

On May 26-27, 1999, the Cleveland Holocaust Center is planning a Teachers' Conference, in cooperation with the Tolerance Resource Center of Notre Dame College of Ohio. The opening event is planned for the evening of May 26, 1999. The teachers' conference is scheduled to follow on May 27, 1999.

Plans are underway for a photo exhibit entitled "And I Still See Their Faces," from the Shalom Foundation of Poland, for October, 1999. This program will be co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Cleveland.

We are actively pursuing a site for a permanent home for the Cleveland Holocaust Center. A committee, comprised of Michael Saltzman, Art Rosenfeld, Jack Hennenberg and Simon Fixler was formed to gather the necessary plans and details. More information will be forthcoming in the future.

If you would like to help with the Cleveland Holocaust Center activities, please let us know by calling (216) 381-7141

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The Kol Israel Foundation Board of Directors secured the services of Classic Memorials for building the Memorial Wall and engraving the names at Zion Memorial Park.

We found their work vary satisfactory, their attention to people's needs exemplary and we highly recommend their services to our members.

Simon Fixler - KIF President

A NEW BEGINNING

DISPLACED PERSONS(DPs):

A term used to describe people who had been driven out of their homes as a result of nazi persecution. It was applied primarily to thouse who had been imprisoned in forced labor camps and concentration camps.

Searching for my sister Karola who survived a concentration camp in the Sudetenland by the name Oberaltstadt ,brought me to a town in Bavaria named Weiden where my life started anew.

In June 1945 President Truman commissioned Earl G.Harrison to inquire into conditions and needs of displaced persons in Germany, in particular Jews. Harrison's report, submitted to the President described the harsh conditions prevailing in the camps and stressed the special character of the problem: "The first and plainest need of these people is a recognition of their status as Jews. Refusal to recognize the Jews as such has the efect of closing one's eyes to their former persecution.

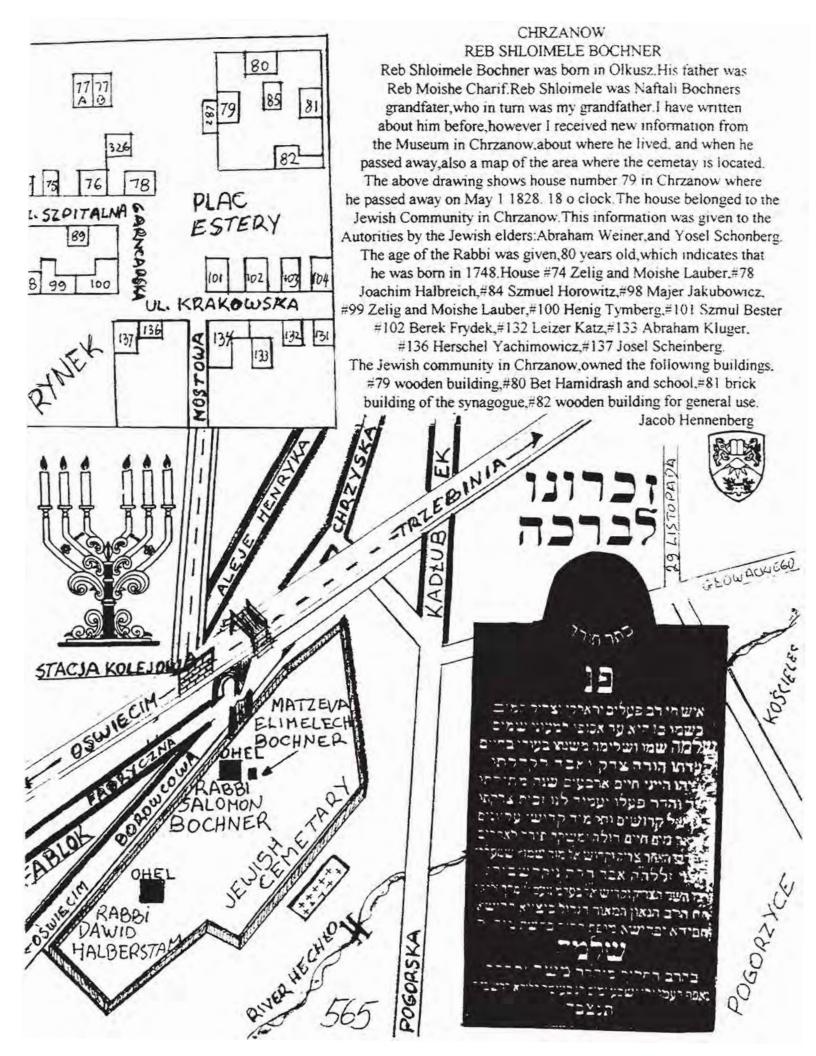
My first employment in Weiden was with the U.S.Army, afterwards with the U.N.R.R.A. and IRO both refugee support organizations, I also met my wife there and my son Michael was born there. In Weiden I learned how to drive different vehicles, which was very exiting to me as a young man without a trade. Contrary to other D.P. Camps

We in Weiden lived in privat homes. To me this was a new beginning to a normal life, however not forgetting the loss and tragedy that befel our families and our people only a short time before.

AS I WALKED OUT OF THE CAMP FOR THE VERY LAST TIME A TEAR DROP FELL FROM ONE CORNER OF MY EYE, THANKFUL BECAUSE I WAS ALIVE.

WHEN I ARRIVED IN WEIDEN I DID NOT KNOW WHAT I AM GOING TO DO BUT FOR NOW I WILL CONCENTRATE ON STARTING A NEW BEGINNING. Jacob Hennenberg





Bearing Witness

My name is Jocelyn Berger, and I just turned seventeen. I am a senior at Shaker Heights High School, and I look just like everyone else. I have no physical evidence on my body to show where I've been and what I've seen. My arm is not tattooed and I do not have a permanent, clouded over glaze on my eyes. It is not easy to identify me as someone who bore witness to one of the greatest tragedies of modern times, the Holocaust. But that's me, I'm a witness.

This summer I had the privilege to bear witness on the Israel Pilgrimage/Poland Seminar program of United Synagogue Youth. Our five weeks in Israel were preceded by a week in Poland. I have been immensely impacted and affected by my experiences there, and I would like to take this opportunity to discuss some of those experiences.

Arriving in Poland, a distinct feeling of fear came over me. The uniformed guards in the airport scared me horribly, and every time an alarm went off (in the baggage claim), I actually expected the guards to gather all of us Jews and throw us into a ghetto or worse. After a few scary hours, that feeling rubbed off and I could better concentrate on the history all around us. Besides visiting the death camps of Sobibor and Treblinka, we also bore witness to the concentration camps of Majdanek, Auschwitz, and Birkenau. I saw the train tracks, the cramped bunkers, and the crowded latrines. I stood in the gas chambers with blue stained walls from the Zyklon B's reaction with the white plaster, and in front of the crematoria with ashes still in the oven. I saw the gardens fertilized by human remains, the lush green grass concealing the mass graves below. I felt rain falling as heaven cried alongside me; I felt the sun shining above telling me that I could go on.

And I did go on. Not all of our time in Poland was spent in camps. We also went to the old Noszyk Synagogue in Warsaw, which is still in use. We sat on top of the bunker in Mila 18 where Mordechai Anielewicz planned the Ghetto uprising with his cohorts. We danced in the old Jewish square in Krakow. We studied and danced in what was the center of Jewish education, the Yeshivat Chochmei Lublin. We told folk tales in Chelm. We saw evidence of the growth, rise, and strength of the Jewish people in the pre-war era, and the contrast of the war's destruction.

Two events stand out when I think about my journey through Poland. One is when we sang and danced at the Ghetto Memorial in Warsaw on Shabbat. Little by little, the remaining Jews in the area came out to the square and watched us bring life, joy, and above all, Judaism, back to their city. The second event was singing a Yiddish song to the caretaker of the Jewish cemetery in Lublin. The caretaker is over ninety years old, a survivor of several camps, and the only Jew left in Lublin. As we sang to him, a smile crept across his wrinkled face and tears of joy filled his eyes. Despite the terror that he lived through, he is still able to experience happiness and life. This, to me, is the essence of Judaism: as a people we have experienced immense tragedies, but we still bask in the joy of life and continue to go on. This summer, I bore witness to the bitter sadness of Poland and the sweet joy of Eretz Yisrael, and I have been forever changed.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Many of you should have already renewed your 1998-99 membership. If you haven't, please use the bottom of the page to do so. This year I am asking for more than just a check. We really could use help with many different committees.

It is the people of this organization that have allowed us to accomplish so much over the past few years that I have been involved.

Upcoming Events

- *Jan 12th.... FBI Holocaust Picture exhibit at the Justice Center. Call for more details.
- *March 14th Cleveland Holocaust Center trip to Detroit Holocaust Museum

- *March 28th... Tentative program date detailing the rebuilding of a temple in Auschwitz
- *April 12th....Yom Hashoa at B'nai Jeshurun
- *May 26-27, CHC Holocaust Educators Conference

1998 BOARD MEETINGS

All SGKI board meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 in the morning at the Na'amat office in South Euclid. The office is in the Cedar Hts., Professional Building, 14055 Cedar road on the third floor. We encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved to please come sit in on our monthly meetings.

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Avi Goldman

216-382-4412

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216-382-0789

Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for the annual Leatrice Rabinsky Scholarships. Please call me for an application or details

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Contributions to the Holocaust Memorial Monument at Zion Cemetery

If you would like to make a donation in the name of a departed Kol Israel or Second Generation Member, please contact us to make a donation in the members name to the Holocaust Memorial Monument at Zion Cemetery. We will send a certificate to the family of the departed and forward your donation to a special fund that has been set up for the perpetual care of the monument.

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In honor of my father, Jacob Hennenberg, who as a teenager, convinced a German soldier to take him instead of his sixty year old father. He never saw his family again.

In honor of my mother, Hildegard Hennenberg, whose unconditional love, support and hard work has been and continues to be a constant source of inspiration and strength to my family, my children and myself.

In memory of my aunts, Sabina, Anna and Ida, who heroically refused to abandon their babies and were brutally murdered as a consequence.

In honor of Jacob and Hildegard Hennenberg, two special people who, against all odds, married in 1947, and whose marriage remains strong fifty-two years later. My parents have demonstrated their values and morals by living a clean, hard working life. I am grateful to my parents for their faith, love and devotion to family.

In memory of the entire Hennenberg family who, between February 18 and 20, 1943, went from a selection at Chrzanow straight to the gas chamber at Auschwitz.

Love,

Michael





1 SPOKE TO THE FIFTH

ORADE STUDENTS

(DESALT TRIEDMENT)

Dear Mr. Freidman, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thank you for coming into talk to us about your life during the Holocaust. As you talked you made me feel mad to be a human being. Don't worry I wasn't mad at you. I was mad at the German goverment, and that the United States didn't get involved early ier than they did. I'm pretty happy that you come to talk to us. You know I'm glad that you talk to fifth graders and not any grade lower. Why? Well, because if you did you wouldn't be able to hear yourself think. All you would hear would be is crying of all the children. I'm sorry that you got hit in the head with a revolver, but I am glad that you get all of this off your mind and that you don't hold it in. Well thanks again for coming in. Bye! I hope that I will see you again some where, some day.

Then The Rains Came

Sunday, September 27 1998'

Sincerely, Cheryl Saddler Yom Hashoa is a remembrance of the departed ones who perished at the brutal hands of the Nazi murderers. The names of our departed loved ones are inscribed in this beautiful memorial in the Zion Cemetary. Thanks to Kol Israel organization and others who erected this memorial

May their memory be a blessing.

It was a beautiful day, the ceremony started. There was a large crowd of survivors, children of survivors and other guests. The speakers gave their best speeches. Candles were lit, Kadish was said. Our hearts were in pain, our tears came down and we felt sad and bitter. Why shouldn't we be sad, it seemed as if the whole world was against us. Even God was somewhere else when Hitler and his henchmen were murdering us simply because we were Jews and we obeyed God's laws. All of a sudden the sky got dark and cloudy, it started to thunder and lightening, yet the rain held. Then some large raindrops came down. It felt as if they were the tears of our loved ones.

When the memorial was over, the rains came.

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and giving us something of vision to honor them.

Arnold Friedman,

Survivor of Auschwitz, Birkenau, Doernhau, Seiffenwasser and Flossenbuerg.



First Aid For Choking Adults/Children

When someone is choking...

CHECK Check the scene for safety

CALL Dial 9-1-1 or local emergency number

Check the victim for consciousness, breathing, pulse, and bleeding

CARE Care for conditions you find

If conscious but choking....



Give abdominal thrusts

Prepared in cooperation with the American Red Cross

First Aid For Choking Adults/Children

If person becomes unconscious...

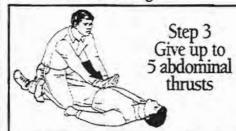


Step 1 Clear the mouth



Step 2 Give 2 slow breaths

If air won't go in...



Repeat steps 1, 2 & 3 until breaths go in or help arrives

Supports 'confessions' article

I was in complete agreement with Susan Rzepka's beautiful article "Confessions of a Jew at Christmas time" (CJN, Dec. 18) regarding her love of Christmas carols, her going to the homes of Christian friends to help decorate their Christmas trees and welcoming them to her home to help celebrate our holidays.

I, too, love Christmas carols. There – I said it! I used to love singing them. I find myself singing them once in a while even now. I used to love trimming other people's Christmas trees. Never for a minute did I want a tree nor did I want to be anything but Jewish.

We live in America. God bless it and keep it. Here we are all able to earn a living, be and achieve things beyond our wildest imaginings. I have allowed myself to be receptive to people of other ethnic backgrounds, colors and religions. The more we know about each other, the less there is to hate.

I write this letter in defense of Susan Rzepka because of Rabbi Isidore Pickholtz's letter criticizing her article. Helping decorate someone's Christmas tree in no way devalues Chanukah or Judaism; it only enriches our humanity.

> RUTH MARMORSTEIN Coral Gables, Fla

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-George Santaya

THE HOLOCAUST: 1933 - 1945



WELCOME

Van A. Harp, Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation

REMARKS

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THE HOLOCAUST: 1933 - 1945 (Cleveland organization of Holocaust survivors)

A POSTER EXHIBITION CREATED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

OPENING CEREMONY

THE CLEVELAND JUSTICE CENTER CLEVELAND, OHIO JANUARY 12, 1999

PRESENTED BY
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Rev. Joseph Hilinski Director, Interfaith Commission Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

Rabbi Sruly Wolf

CLOSING REMARKS

Cliff Savren Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League

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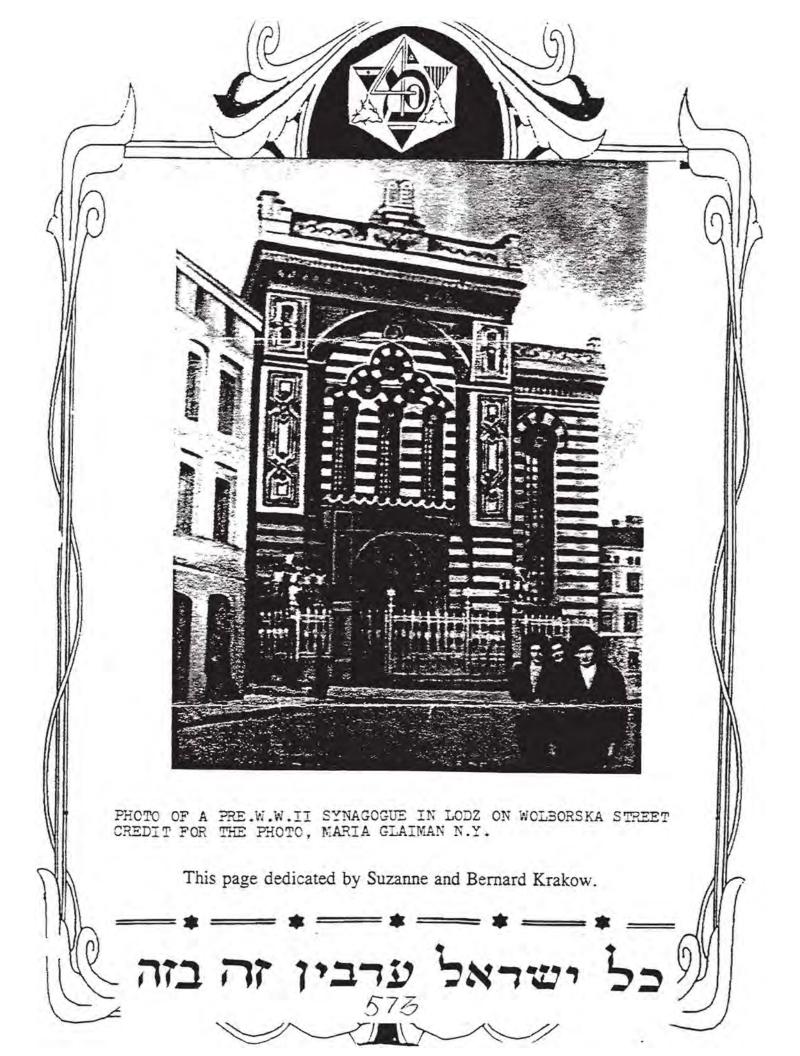
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- Susan Friedman, Associate Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League
- Avraham C. Goldman, President, Cleveland Holocaust Center Inc.
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- Jacob Hennenberg, Historian, Kol Israel
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- Maya Holtz, Staff Associate, Jewish Community Federation
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- Sister Mary Louise Trivison, Professor of Spanish and Theology, Notre Dame College of Ohio
- Rabbi Sruly Wolf

FBI Holocaust exhibit set to open in Justice Center

An FBI-sponsored exhibit about the Holocaust — meant in part to remind people of the importance of fighting hate crimes — will go on display in the lobby of the Justice Center in Cleveland tomorrow.

The exhibit, called "The Holocaust 1933-1945" and created by the Anti-Defamation League, includes 20 poster-size, black and white reproductions of photographs depicting the lives of Holocaust victims. Officials from the FBI, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and religious leaders will observe the opening of the two-week exhibit with a ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

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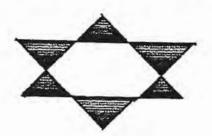
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MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

FROM LILIAN SINGER, MICHAEL S.SINGER, DEBRA J.SINGER AND FAMILY

IN HONOR OF OUR GRANDCHILDREN

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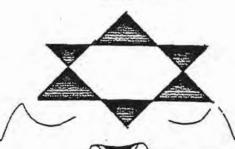
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IN HONOR OF THE BAR-MITZVAH OF OUR GRANDSON JUDAH SHALOM REINITZ



PROUD GRANDPARENT **ELIAS CALA**



LIFE IS A DREAM FOR THE WISE. A GAME FOR THE FOOL. COMEDY FOR THE RICH AND A TRAGEDY FOR THE POOR.

(Sholem Aleichem)



CLEVELAND

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FBI sponsors exhibit of Holocaust posters at Justice Center here

The Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will sponsor a public poster exhibit called "The Holocaust: 1933-1945" through Jan. 26. The posters will be on display in the lobby of the Cleveland Justice Center, 1200 Ontario St., and will likely be seen by thousands of people daily.

At a Jan. 12 opening ceremony, speakers reminded the audience about the importance of remembering the Holocaust and the role of law enforcement. They included: FBI Special Agent in Charge Van A. Harp.; Cleveland State University professor and Holocaust survivor Zev Harel; U.S. attorney Emily Sweeney; Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Interfaith Commission director Rev. Joseph Hilinski; Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court Judge Richard J. McMonagle; Jewish Community Federation Community Relations Committee chairman Amy M. Morgenstern; Rabbi Sruly Wolf and Anti-Defamation League regional director

Cliff Savren.

The exhibit, which consists of 20 black-and-white reproductions depicting the life of Holocaust victims, was created by the Anti-Defamation League in 1977. For the last year, the FBI has sponsored the exhibit at sites around the country.

"We are thrilled that the FBI has embraced this ADL exhibit," says Savren. "The FBI sponsorship is especially fitting because the genocide of the Holocaust would not have been

possible without the breakdown of the law in Germany."

According to the FBI, the federal agency is committed to bringing this exhibit to the public because of its jurisdiction over federal civil rights violations, including hate crimes. FBI director Louis Freeh has been quoted as saying he believes it is the responsibility of law enforcement officials to ensure that another Holocaust never happens.

- M.S.O.

Van A. Harp, Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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JOURNEY OF CONSCIENCE

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Dear Journey Friend:

We are privileged to organize a unique lifetime pilgrimage, a Journey of Conscience, Sunday, June 20, 1999 to Sunday, July 11, 1999. This journey will travel to sites of the Holocaust in Europe and to Israel, Land of Rebirth. For survivors of the Holocaust and their adult children the triumph of this visit is the acknowledgment that "Mir Zinen Doh"-"We are Here." For students and for all of us the journey is the fulfillment of the legacy, "Zachor,"-"Remember." The visit to Israel is the ultimate expression of renewal.

Our itinerary includes Holland, Austria, Czech Republic, Poland and Israel. Enclosed is a tentative itinerary. Judy Seidel, C.T.C., Inc. is arranging our itinerary. The Journey of Conscience will be limited to twenty-five people. Cost of the Journey, which includes air and land arrangements, hotel and breakfast and six dinners is \$5,299.00. Limited scholarship money is available for students.

Early registration will insure maximum consideration. To reserve your place on this Journey of Conscience please send a deposit check of \$450.00 by February 12, 1999 in the enclosed envelope to:

> Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky 3848 Shannon Road Cleveland Heights. Ohio 44118

Please make checks payable to Judy Seidel, CT.C., Inc. Fill in the enclosed card and return with your remittance.

The importance of the Journey of Conscience is what we are doing for ourselves and for future generations, "to free mankind from ignorance, to remind the world of the oppressor's brutality which enslaved us and still threatens mankind, but to come face to face with hope and renewal which was sown by the victims of oppression and which may yet save the new generations from another Holocaust."

With warm good wishes.

Leatrice B. Rabinsky, Ph.D.

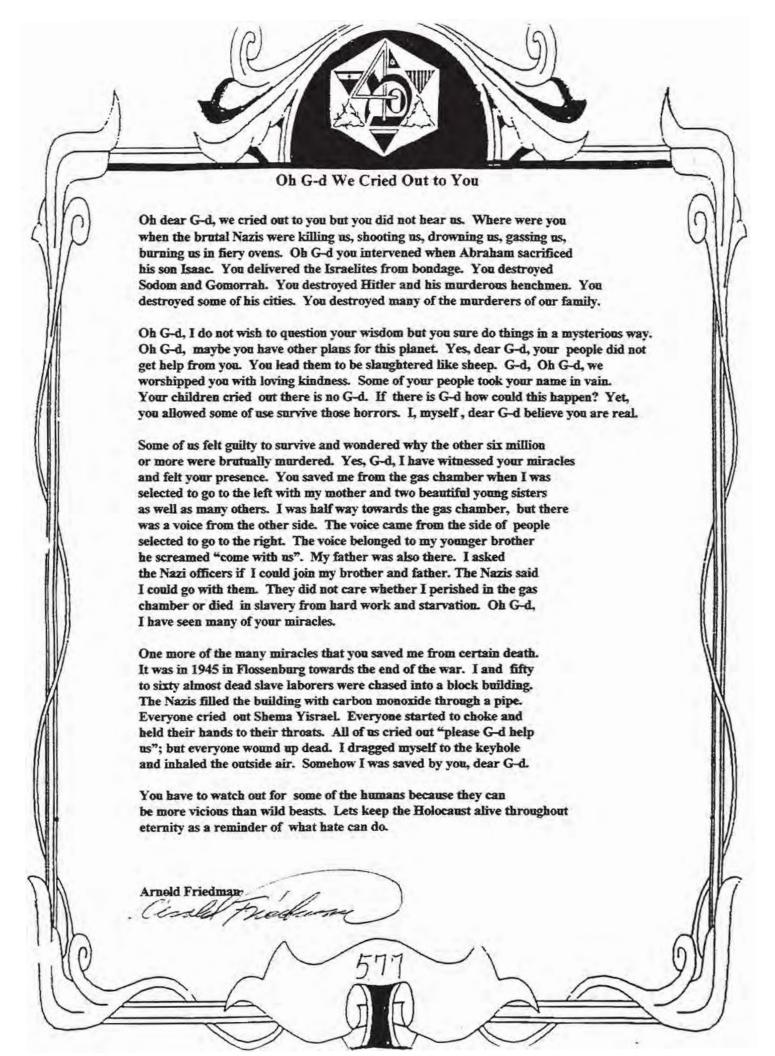
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Editor

CYNTHIA DETTELBACH Editor



CLEVELAND JEWISH NEWS! FEBRUARY 12, 1986

50 years ago they fought for Israel's survival

could go through

srael's 50th birthday celebrations are over now, but for those who fought more than half a century ago for Israel's right to have birthdays, the memories are still fresh.

Zev Harel and Larry Hersh are two of the many Clevelanders who can say with pride that they fought in Israel's War of Independence.

Both men were relative newcomers to

the country when the Arabs declared war on Israel on May 15, 1948, the day after David Ben-Gurion declared the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. Harel, whose name was then Herschkovitz, came in 1946; Hersh in 1948, a month after the new state was declared.

Both were survivors of a far more insidious battle not long before: the battle to stay alive and sane in the horrors of Auschwitz and other concentration camps. To them, the fight for their Jewish homeland, the country that took them in, would have a resonance the rest of us could only guess at.

"During the years I was in the camps I couldn't defend myself,"
explains Harel, a professor of social work at
Cleveland State University and president of Kol
Israel, the Holocaust survivors' organization.
"Here (in Israel) I volunteered in a way it made

sense for me to fight ... You think the worst that can happen is that you lose your life fighting for your country. But (at least you) have the ability to fight for that country."

Hersh puts it another way. At the last meal he and his family had together – the seder of 1944, in the ghetto of the Hungarian city of Nagy Banyo – Hersh's mother told him: "May G-d be with you, and never forget you are a Jew." A week after arriving in Israel, Hersh was in the army... fighting and remembering.

Having been trained earlier in Europe by the Irgun, "a terrorist organization," Hersh took several courses with an Israeli commando unit and then was sent to the Negev to face the Egyptian army. On Yom Kippur night, 1948, Hersh's unit prepared for their military

operation, code named "Operation 10 Plagues."

"At 11 p.m., we went to open up the minefields so that Israeli trucks and army (personnel)





Zev Harel, above, and Larry Hersh, below, during the 1948 Israeli War of Independence and today.

guy stepped on a mine and lost his legs; the guy next to him was killed and another was seriously wounded. I was almost at the end of the line and others absorbed the shocks, so nothing happened to me," he says. Despite more losses, "we had to keep going," and the unit reached Eilat within a week. Shortly after, Nasser and his army retreated to Egypt.

While Hersh was in the south and later in Nazareth, Harel was fighting for Jerusalem.

A year before war broke out, Harel,

only 17 at the time, had volunteered for the Palmach, the elite fighting arm of the Haganah. The Palmach consisted of three brigades. Harel was in the Sixth Battalion of the Harel Brigade, from which he would later take his name. His commanding officer was a young soldier named Yitzhak Rabin.

During the War for Independence, Arab armies had blockaded Jerusalem, and residents were in danger of both starvation and massacre. The Harel Brigade "fought a number of nasty battles that helped to open the road to Jerusalem," noted Harel. They provided protection to the truck convoys bringing desperately needed food and equipment to the beleaguered capital.

By day they patrolled the area and by night they guarded it. The convoys traveled mostly by night. "Sometimes the convoys were successful (in getting through) and sometimes not," says Harel of that terrible period when so many were killed and injured.

While Harel and his brigade were never in danger of starvation, as were the residents of Jerusalem, food was neither particularly plentiful nor varied for the fighting men. At certain periods, Harel recalls, "we lived mostly on rye bread and sardines."

One night, while battling an Arab legion moving from Ramallah to Latrun on the road to Jerusalem, Harel was wounded. In the morning, Rabin himself "picked me up and took me to the medical station at Abu Gosh," Harel recalls. Two-and-a-half weeks later Harel left the hospital and returned to battle.

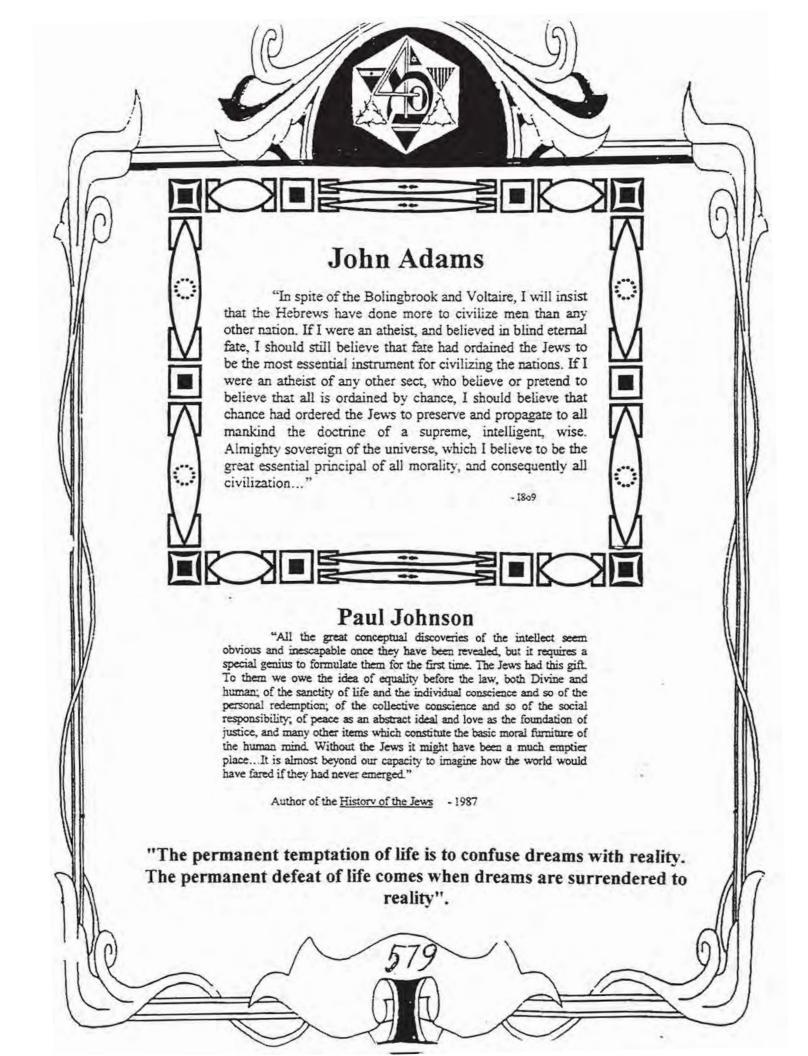
Meanwhile, whenever the convoys did get through to Jerusalem, says Harel, "people would be waiting to greet us. Today you read about religious dissonance. In those days (following months under siege) we'd see people in Jerusalem with shtreimels (fur hats favored by Hasidim) and beards, religious and non-religious, (standing) together excited to see us."

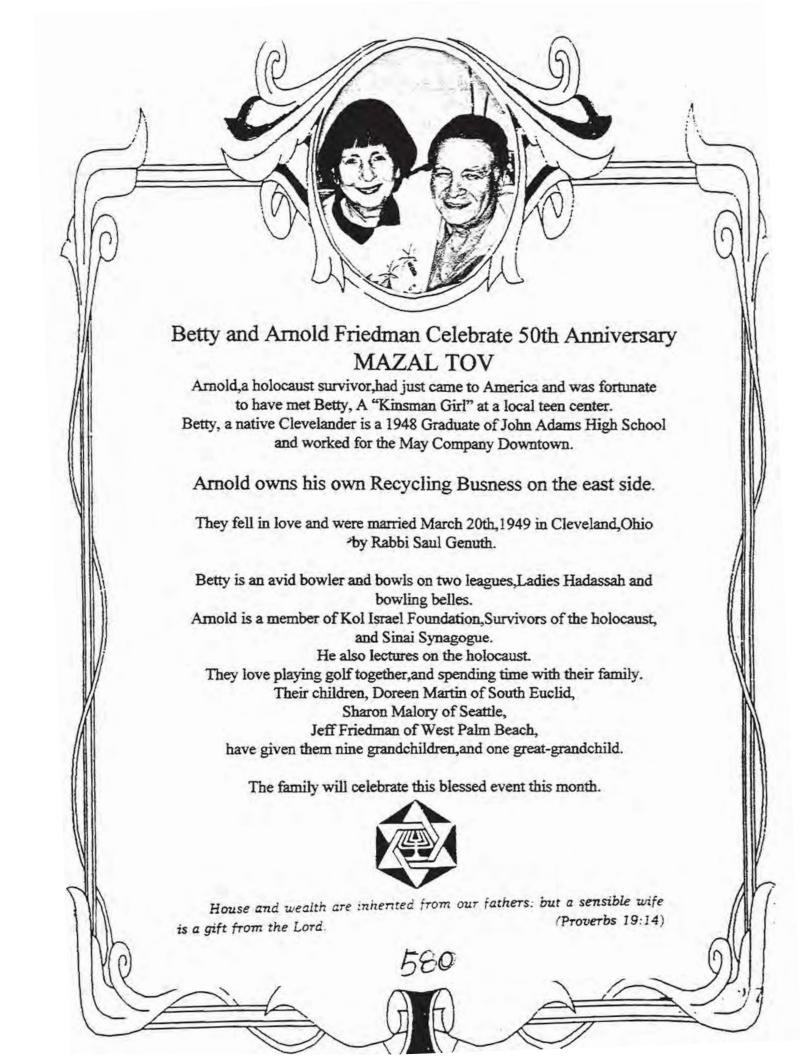
Both men lived several more years in Israel, Hersh moving to the U.S. after the 1956 war and Harei in 1965.

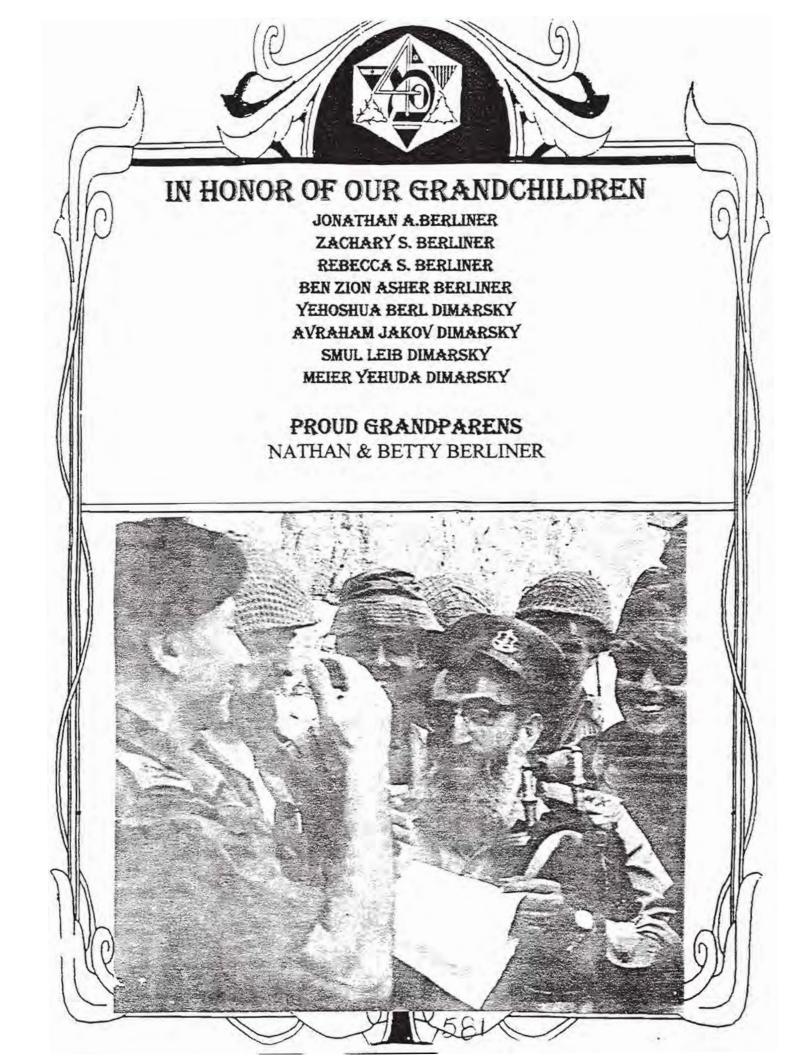
Harel still keeps up with the men in his unit, seeing them at Palmach gatherings in Israel that have been held from time to time since the formation of the state. It was at the first Palmach gathering that Zev Herschkovitz, together with "at least 20" more of his fellow soldiers, "decided to all become Harels."

In that way, and in so many others, the significance of Israel remains a living entity in the minds and hearts of the soldiers who fought hard to ensure its early survival.

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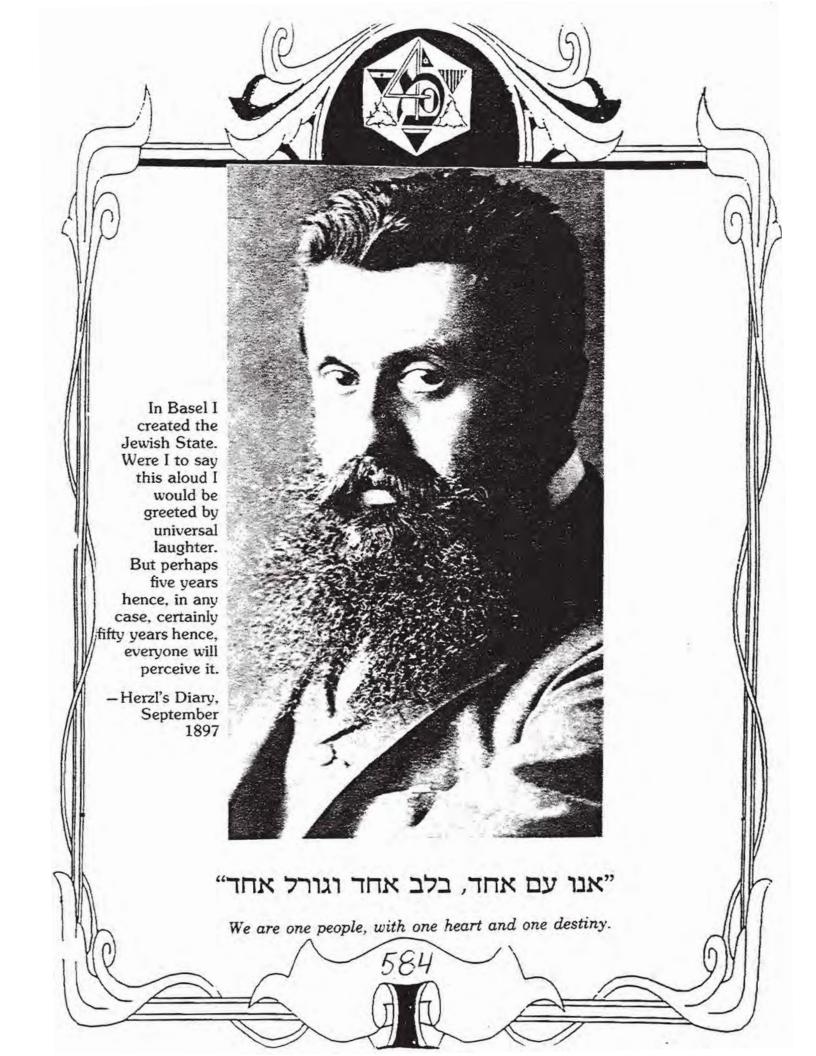




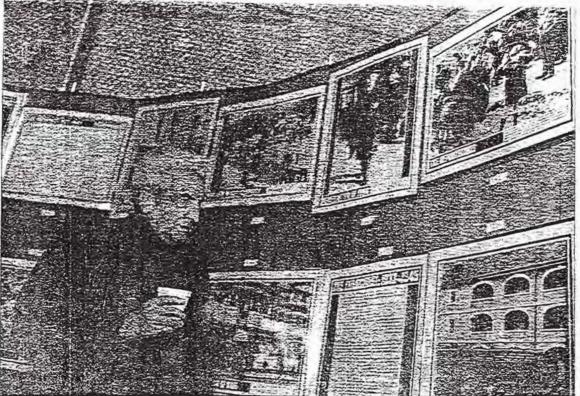
MEMORIAL SERVICE 1998 ZION MEMORIAL PARK











Joff Forman Noves-Herald

Remembering a dark past Herman Frank, a survivor of Auschwitz, looks at posters depicting the Holocaust Tuesday at the Justice Center in Cleveland. The exhibit, titled "The Holocaust: 1933-1945," was created and distributed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and is presented here by the Cleveland Division of the FBI. Frank lives in Pepper Pike.

Exhibit aims to prevent future atrocities

By Cecilia Dolgan News-herald Correspondent

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Lisa DeGeronimo, 17, had an immediate reaction after seeing the pictures.

"It's sick that things like that can happen in real life," said Lisa, as she viewed the pictures in "The Holocaust: 1933-1945," a traveling exhibit on display through Jan. 26 at the Cleveland Justice Center.

Her Independence High School sociology class was touring the Justice Center class on Tuesday as several speakers welcomed the FBI-sponsored exhibit and urged the public to see it.

Another speaker-visitor was professor Zev Harel, a Cleveland State University social work professor who survived two concentration camps as a teen-ager from Hungary.

Harel hopes people will think of the 11 million people, including 6 million Jews, who were killed, and strive for a better future.



"I hope this will enlighten people to the lowest point humanity sank to," said Harel, who came to the United States in 1965.

"This is a segment of history that reflects on the most hideous, cruel behavior of people against people. I am proud to be an

American citizen and proud that the FBI is putting on an exhibit of the evils of the past, and bring hope for a better present and funter." Among the people in the sizable audience — considering the snowy weather — at the opening ceremony was Bishop Anthony Pilla, of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese.

"I am here because the community should come together and unite to combat prejudice and biases, and be mindful of the Holocaust so it doesn't occur again," the bishop said.

Also attending was Rabbi Sruly Wolf, a Cleveland Police Department/FBI chaplain and former director of Telshe Yeshiva rabbinical college in Wickliffe.

Wolf praised the FBI's commitment to raising public awareness of crimes of bigotry and

The display will be on view during regular hours Monday through Friday in the first-floor front entrance lobby of the Justice Center. I Lakeside Ave.

Together, We Will Keep the Flame of Remembrance Alive!

UNDERSTANDING Mission Statement of the s

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM IS AMERICA'S NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR THE DOCUMENTATION, STUDY, AND INTERPRETATION OF HOLOCAUST HISTORY, AND SERVES AS THIS COUNTRY'S MEMORIAL TO THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE MURDERED DURING THE HOLOCAUST.

THE HOPOCAUST WAS THE STATE-SPONSORED, SYSTEMATIC PERSECUTION AND ANNIHILATION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY BY NAZI GERMANY AND ITS COLLABORATORS BETWEEN 1933 AND 1945. JEWS WERE THE PRIMARY VICTIMS — SIX MILLION WERE MURDERED; GYPSIES, THE HANDICAPPED, AND POLES WERE ALSO TARGETED BY R DESTRUCTION OR DECIMATION FOR RACIAL, ETHNIC, OR NATIONAL REASONS. MILLIONS MORE, AND TUDING HOMOSEXDALS, JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, SOVIET PRISONERS OF WAR, AND POLITICAL DISSIDENTS ALSO SUFFERED GRIEVOUS OPPRESSION AND DEATH UNDER NAZI TYRANNY.

The Museum's primary mission is to advance and disseminate knowledge about this unprecedented tragedy; to preserve the memory of those who suffereds and to encourage its visitors to reflect upon the moral and spiritual questions raised by the events of the Holocaust as well as their own responsibilities as citizens of a democracy.

Chartered by a unanimous Act of Congress in 1980 and located adjacent to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the Museum strives to broaden public understanding of the history of the Holocaust through multifaceted programs: exhibitions; research and publication; collecting and preserving material evidence, art, and artifacts relating to the Holocaust; annual Holocaust commemorations known as the Days of Remembrance; distribution of educational materials and teacher resources; and a variety of public programming designed to enhance understanding of the Holocaust and related issues, including those of contemporary significance.

I SIGN ON TO THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM:

h Hennenberg

Miles Lerman, Chairman

United States Holocaust Memorial Council



HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT

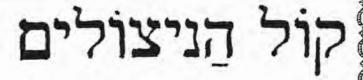


Bishop Anthony M. Pilla met Herman Frank and Jacob Hennenberg, both of Kol Israel, the association of Holocaust survivors, on January 12 during the opening of an exhibit of posters depicting various scenes from the Holocaust. The exhibit, on display in the Justice Center in downtown Cleveland, was developed and distributed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith and presented by the Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The posters will remain on display until January 26. It will move to the Clara Fritzsche Library at Notre Dame College of Ohio in South Euclid starting February 2.

WHAT IS THE MILLENNIUM BUG?

The Year 2000 issue, or millennium bug, is the result of computer programs using two digits instead of four to identify years. Computers have been programmed to recognize "99," for example, as "1999." Without correction, computers may recognize the Year 2000 as "1900" instead. FirstEnergy and its utility operating companies have been working for more than three years to identify and repair or replace any systems or equipment that may be affected by the Year 2000 issue.

VOICE OF THE SURVIVORS





The Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel

Spring Newsletter - March, 1999

Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Ms. Cindy Feuer, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz, Ms. Anne Lukas and Mr. Julian Solonitz

WINTER, 1998 ACTIVITIES:

Cleveland Holocaust Center -

"Aging Holocaust Survivors in the U.S., Israel and Hungary" Congregation Shaarey Tikvah - December 6, 1998

FBI Holocaust Poster Exhibit

Justice Center - January 12, 1999 - 10:30 am

Cleveland Holocaust Center -

Visit to the Detroit Holocaust Museum - March 14, 1999

SPRING, 1999 ACTIVITIES:

Cleveland Holocaust Center & Second Generation K.I.
Taylor Road Synagogue - March 28, 1999 7:00 p.m.

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun - April 12, 1999 7:00 p.m.

Kol Israel Sisterhood -

Spring Luncheon at Beachwood Library - May 3, 1999

Cleveland Holocaust Center - Teachers" Conference -Notre Dame Tolerance Resource Center - May 26-27, 1999

Journey of Conscience to Holocaust sites& the State of Israel Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky - June 20 1999

Kol Israel Foundation, Sisterhood and Second Generation Annual Picnic at Anisfield Park - July 11, 1999

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

Presidents Message - Simon Fixler

Now that the winter months are over and everyone is back from sunny Florida, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Passover and a productive 1999. We will have to continue our work on behalf of our beloved organization, the Kol Israel Foundation.

We have several important tasks ahead of us. We need to diligently make preparations for our 40th Anniversary celebration. The anniversary book, on which Jack Hennenberg is working hard is well in progress. Please send in your contributions as soon as possible.

The Memorial Monument looks beautiful. We still have a few places left for inscribing names of lost loved ones. Please send your inscription requests as soon as possible.

Our Kol Israel Foundation Memorial Fund is established at the Jewish Community Federation. If you would like to make a donation to the fund, please let us know or contact the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation Endowment Fund.

Kol Israel Life Membership

We now have 92 life members, 37 families and 18 individuals. We would love to see you join this important list of Kol Israel Foundation life members.

Harry Abraham Jack Beigelman Mary & Harold Chaitoff Esther & Herman Frank Ann & Mike Frum Sarah & Joe Greenberg Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg Leah & William Kagan Suzanne & Bernard Krakow Paula & Karl Lasman Aranka & Moshe Loeb Sylvia & Izidore Malcmacher Miriam & Henry Miller Helen & Jack Pahmer Leatrice & Irving Rabinsky Darlene Schwartz Paula & Leo Silverman Hans & Gisele Walter Norman Weinstein

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Congratulations to:

Anna & Jack Duszkin on your 59th Anniversary Heen & Philip Green on your 48th Anniversary Ida & Sam Zelwin on your 57th Anniversary Eya & Jack Wieder on the birth of your great s

Eva & Jack Wieder on the birth of your great grandson

Rita York on the Bar Mitzva of your grandson

Ileen & Philip Green on the naming of your granddaughter to the Deans list at Miami U.

Sylvia & Izidor Malcmacher on the naming of your granddaughter to the Deans list at Brandeis U.

Helen & Joseph Matlow on the Bat Mitzva of your granddaughter

Refuah Slema! Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to:

Saul Gottlieb Jacob Hennenberg

Lee Kuper

Paula Silberman

Ethel Silberstein

Deepest Sympathies are extended to families of:

Max Kay and Genia Weiss



1999 Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration Charles Gruenspan

Despite our differences, all Jews have at least one thing in common - our history. If we forget our history, we cease to be Jews. The Jewish festivals of Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, Sukkoth and Chanukah are designed to keep alive the memory of the most important triumphs in Jewish history. For strength, we also must keep alive the memory of our catastrophes, as we do on Tisha B'Av.

In recent history, Jews have been blessed to be able to add a new festival of triumph, Yom Haatzmaot, to celebrate the founding of the modern State of Israel. Tragically, however, we have been compelled to balance this celebration with Yom Hashoa, the day we remember the Holocaust.

The 1999 community-wide Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration of the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising will take place on Monday, April 12, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation.

In the spirit of unity, this year's commemoration will include the second annual Clergy Unity Procession in the opening ceremony. Through their presence and participation, the rabbis and cantors will symbolically represent all Jews, of every background and tradition.

In observance of this solemn day, all Jews should take time out from dwelling on our differences and concentrate on what brings us together. After all, the Nazis made no distinction among Jews based on their differing traditions.

This annual commemoration is co-sponsored by the survivor organizations and a broad spectrum of Jewish congregations, organizations and social agencies and staffed by the Jewish Community Center and supported by the Jewish Community Federation.

The theme of this year's event, "Out of darkness: Into the Light," at once honors our beloved martyrs and celebrates the subsequent revival of the Jewish people. The gathering is free and open to the public.

Let us come together at this year's Yom Hashoa Commemoration as Clal Israel, one people of Israel, where, in the words of the Psalmist, "shevet akhim gam yakhad" we can assemble as one extended family in unity.

M'Dor L'Dor - From Generation to Generation A Journey of Renewal to Washington D.C. - Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky

Junior and senior students at Fuchs Bet Sefer Mizrachi are studying in an intensive program "Confronting the Holocaust." As an important part of their studies, they invited members of the Kol Israel survivor community to join them in a unique Journey of Renewal, "M'Dor L'Dor - From Generation to generation" to Washington D.C. Highlighting the two day educational venture, March 7-9, was a five hour visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. A special feature prior to the tour of the museum was a meeting with Sara Bloomfield, newly appointed Executive Director of the USHMM. A native Clevelander, Bloomfield was delighted to welcome the Cleveland area Holocaust survivors and the students of Fuchs Bet Sefer Mizrachi as well as their teachers and several parents.

Steve Slomovitz presented Bloomfield with an elegant menorah on behalf of the Cleveland Holocaust Center and the Kol Israel survivor community. Slomovitz said: "We congratulate you, Sara Bloomfield, on your well-deserved permanent appointment. You have served in the administration of the museum since its inception. This menorah represents our spirit of renewal. It is a beacon of light for all humanity. May you go from strength to strength."

Mark Schwersenski and Naomi Weiss presented the recently published book, TEACHING TOLERANCE, Grades 9-12, co-edited by their teacher, Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky and her colleague Carol Danks. This was accompanied by a large basket of sweets.

Leon Shear, Bertha Lautman and Arnold Friedman presented personal Holocaust memorabilia to the museum. Students and survivors bonded as a family. "This was an exciting journey" said survivor Rose Ickovitz. "It was a pleasure traveling with such fine students."

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Journey to the Detroit Holocaust Museum - Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky

Organized by the Cleveland Holocaust Center, a large group of Holocaust survivors traveled to the Detroit Holocaust Museum on Sunday, March 14, 1999. After a guided tour through the many graphic and educational exhibits, the group met in seminar with survivor Alex Kuhn of Detroit and with Rabbi Charles Rosenzweig, founder and director of the museum.

Kuhn and the Cleveland survivors shared their experiences of deportations, ghettoization, survival in the concentration camps, of liberation and renewal after the war. Rabbi Rosenzweig spoke of the challenging journey one must embark upon to create an educational and memorial Holocaust Museum. He noted that plans for expansion of the museum, located in West Bloomfield, Michigan, are being implemented to create a facility two and a half times its present size. Encouraging the Cleveland community to continue its efforts to found a Cleveland Holocaust Center, Rabbi Rosenzweig said that hundreds of students visit the Detroit museum each month, touring the exhibits, meeting with survivors and doing research in their extensive library.

Following the museum visit Cleveland participants shared impressions and ideas during dinner at a newly-opened Detroit Kosher restaurant.

Journey of Conscience 1999 - Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky

On June 20, 1999, students, Holocaust survivors, educators and Second Generation members will embark on the eighth Journey of Conscience to sites of the Holocaust in Europe and to Israel, Land of Rebirth.

Organized and created by Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky in 1975, this journey is a unique teaching and commemorating experience. Students have the privilege of joining in a pilgrimage with survivors, tracing their Holocaust experiences from deportation to liberation. Survivors, their adult children and now Third Generation and students join together in services of commemoration en route for loved ones, martyrs and heroes of the Holocaust.

Co-leader for Journey VIII is Mary Chaitoff, a teacher at Cleveland Heights High School. She has accompanied Dr. Rabinsky on four previous journeys. Gita Frankel, survivor from Kalisch, Lodz Ghetto, Auschwitz and Shtuthof concentration camps, is also sharing in the Journey's leadership program.

Rabbi Gary Robuck of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah is serving as Journey Associate Leader. This is the twentieth anniversary of rabbi Robuck's participation as a student in the 1979 Journey of Conscience. "I will always remember how Rabbi Gary sang "Ani Maamin" on the site of the Warsaw Ghetto monument" noted Rabinsky. "He has always said that the Journey of Conscience influenced the course of his life." Prominent educator Charles Caputo and Mrs. Caputo announced that they will come on this Journey as a "special event in their lives."

Itinerary includes: Amsterdam, Holland; Vienna, Austria; Prague, the Czech Republic and environs; one week in Poland throughout the country; and a week of extensive touring in Israel. Limited scholarship funds are available for students. Contact Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky, (216) 321-7030

Cleveland Holocaust Center - Holocaust Education Conference - May 26-27, 1999

The Cleveland Holocaust Center, Notre Dame College of Ohio and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland are pleased to announce an outstanding Holocaust Educators' Conference scheduled for May 26-27, 1999 at Notre Dame College of Ohio, 4545 College Road, South Euclid, Ohio.

In keeping with the goals of the sponsoring organizations, this special conference will aid teachers at the middle school, high school and college levels to enhance classroom presentations on the Holocaust, promote acceptance among diverse cultures in our society and reflect on the effects of prejudice.

On Wednesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Shalmi Barmore, formerly Education Director at Yad Vashem, will speak on the world's changing response to the Holocaust. This event will be followed by a desert reception which is open to the public. Thursday's program will include a distinguished keynote speaker and a panel of survivors who will share testimony.

For further information, call Anne Lukas at (216) 381-1680 extension 229.

Cleveland Holocaust Center

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Dear Friends:

The Board of the Cleveland Holocaust Center continues its work to plan and provide educational and Holocaust awareness programs for the community.

On Sunday, December 6, 1998, 7:30 PM, the Cleveland Holocaust Center presented a program on AGING OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS - IN THE U.S., ISRAEL AND HUNGARY - at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah. The program was presented by Professors Eva Kahana, Boaz Kahana and Zev Harel, who spent many hours studying the aging experiences of Holocaust survivors in these three different environments. About 100 persons attended this very informative event.

On Sunday, March 14, 1999, The Cleveland Holocaust Center is sponsoring a one day bus trip to the Detroit Holocaust Center. The cost is \$30 per person. Please mark your calendars and join us for this trip. For reservations call: (216) 381-7141

On May 26-27, 1999, the Cleveland Holocaust Center is planning a Teachers' Conference, in cooperation with the Tolerance Resource Center of Notre Dame College of Ohio. The opening event is planned for the evening of May 26, 1999. The teachers' conference is scheduled to follow on May 27, 1999.

Plans are underway for a photo exhibit entitled "And I Still See Their Faces," from the Shalom Foundation of Poland, for October, 1999. This program will be co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Cleveland.

We are actively pursuing a site for a permanent home for the Cleveland Holocaust Center. A committee, comprised of Michael Saltzman, Art Rosenfeld, Jack Hennenberg and Simon Fixler was formed to gather the necessary plans and details. More information will be forthcoming in the future.

If you would like to help with the Cleveland Holocaust Center activities, please let us know by calling (216) 381-7141

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My Liberation - Philip Wexberg

At the time of liberation, I was in Nordhausen concentration camp. I had been there for several months after a very hard trip in open coal-like wagons from Gross-Rosen in January 1945. The trip was particularly difficult, for it came just two weeks after a devastating death march from KZ Lager Finfteichen to Gross-Rosen. We left Finfteichen on a frigid January morning. There were over 6,000 men who were supposedly healthy enough to march. I was told that on arrival in Gross-Rosen there were about 4,000 men left, all in exhausted condition. Many more were inclined to give up the march which, in wooden clogs and very infrequent feedings, would have been nearly impossible for a strong healthy person. However, the frequent shots in the rear of our column compelled us to keep on going knowing that the alternative was certain death in a ditch alongside the road. There was much selfless effort to help a friend by letting him lean on you or carrying his blanket, which was our only protection from the terribly cold nights other than huddling close together for warmth in the barn we were herded into. It was a good feeling to have a good, close friend. Out of 90 people taken in my transport from Wadowice in April, 1941, I managed to stay together with Nathan Levenberg through many camps until Nordhausen.

Nordhausen was a very primitive temporary camp on the outskirts of the city. It consisted of large buildings that used to be garages for military vehicles, surrounded by an electrified fence and guard towers. Inside were wooden bunk beds three high and primitive outdoor facilities. Work consisted of going out to clear the streets of rubble from the bombing of the city. Food was given once daily. It consisted of so-called soup made of grasses they called "spinach" with a few pieces of kohlrabi. We got a small loaf of bread divided into six or eight portions which had a lot of sawdust and anything but flour in it. It was heart-wrenching to see emaciated people clutching a piece of bread they longed for but were unable to eat because of its texture. They kept on trying and trying to nibble on it.

One day my friend Nathan decided not to go to work and hid, as he had done a few times before, saying "They give us no food, why should I work?" When I returned from work that day, I became distraught when I found that Nathan was not in camp. I learned later that they were marched through the Hartz mountains and many died on the way. Miraculously, Nathan survived and wound up in Sweden after the War.

On April 3, 1945, at about 3:00 p.m., there were sirens heard; and shortly after bombs were dropping. We could see the civilian population running out of town to the surrounding woods, but we were trapped. One bomb hit the building next to mine, causing considerable damage. The lucky ones were killed immediately. Many were mortally wounded, their bodies torn, begging for help or death. The inmates who administered first aid had only iodine and paper bandages to work with and nothing to relieve the pain. It was a horrible sight. The bombs killed some of the German guards and damaged the electric fence. Next day, the sirens started wailing at 10:00 a.m. We saw the guards running down the tower and hiding in the shelter underneath. Remembering what had happened the day before, I grabbed only a blanket and ran for a break in the fence towards the woods, as did many others. There were no signs of the guards. I barely reached the woods when I heard the planes coming. I jumped into a foxhole and covered myself with my blanket. There was a deafening explosion as a bomb fell less than 100 yards from me, creating a huge crater and dumping dirt in all directions. I would have been covered completely, were it not for a tree shielding me. It took me awhile to realize that I was not hurt - that the wetness I was feeling was from dirt, not my blood. I went deeper into the woods and, eventually, teamed up with three other escapees. We hid in a huge straw stack out in the fields. After three days we heard some shouting and a lot of commotion. Someone yelled "The Americans are here!" which was surprising to me as I did not know that the U.S. was a participant in the War. Yes, for many years I celebrated April 4th as my birthday for that was the day I regained my freedom.

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40th Anniversary Book

The Board of Trustees of the Kol Israel Foundation, at its meeting on December 11, 1995, decided to begin plans for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of our organization. Plans for the special occasion include a gala celebration and the printing of a 40th Anniversary Book.

The book will include, again, history of the Kol Israel Foundation, historical events of interest to the survivor community, the Jewish community and the State of Israel, advertisements, and personal ads and testimonies. Of special interest in the production of the 40th Anniversary Book is the securing of personal testimonies from Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood and Second generation Kol Israel Foundation members.

If you would like to contribute an ad, advertisement, or personal testimony, please contact Mr. Jack Hennenberg (216) 464-5149. Place in the book will be determined by the date of reservation. For assistance with writing of testimony, please contact Dr. Zev Harel (216) 371-2536. Cost: one full page, \$100; half page \$50; and quarter page, \$30.

Contribution to the book in the amount of \$50 or more will assure receiving a copy of the 40th Anniversary Book.

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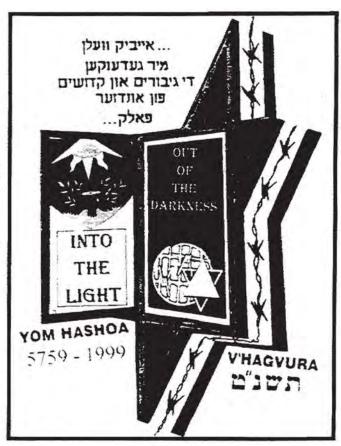
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Simon Fixler - KIF President

YOM **HASHOA V'HAGVURA**

Community Commemoration of the Holocaust & Warsaw **Ghetto Uprising**



Out of the Darkness: Into the Light

Monday, April 12, 1999

7:30 p.m.

B'nai Jeshurun Congregation 27501 Fairmount Boulevard, Pepper Pike

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Admission is free and open to the community

Co-sponsored by area agencies, congregations and organizations. Program coordinated by the Jewish Community Center of Cleveland with support from the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

CHECKMATE

Playing chess against my computer and losing, I am being remainded in my mind of the times in Oswiecim when I played chess with my Father, and losing to my Father. My Father was the chess master in Oswiecim, he mentioned to me that one of our ancestor by the name of Rabbi Jonathan Eibeschuetz son of Nathan Eibeschuetz was also a chess master in his time.

My Father did not like any pictures hanging on the walls, the only picture that I remember hanging in our dining room was that of Rabbi Eibeschuetz. 1690-1764 Rabbi Jonathan was an 18 century Cabbalist. His power of oral teaching, was praised by many writers. His book on Cabbalah "Shem Olam"NAME OF THE WORLD was printed in 1891. In 1724 a manuscript apeared with the title "va-avo ha-yom el ha-ayin"THE DAY OF THE EYE WILL COME".

This manuscript his students ascribed to him, because of its Sabbatean thinking of the manuscript, it prevented his election to the Rabinate of Prague. Scholarly historical research has advanced the idea, that he was never a Sabbatean, and that suspicion was completly unfoundet.

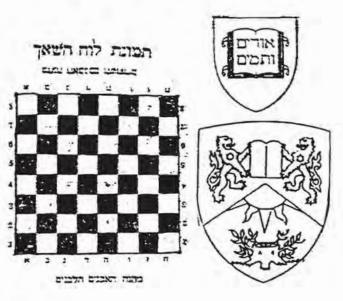
He placed himself at the head of those who publicly condemned Shabbetai Zvi, and its secterians. After these events of controversy in the communities of Poland, Germany, and Austria. The figure of Jonathan Eibeschuetz remained in twilight. He had a glorious career as a teacher in Prague, Metz, and Hamburg-Altona.

When Moses Mendelsohn was in Hamburg in 1761, Eibeschuetz treated him with great respect, Eibeschuetz was aware of Mendelsohn's ideological approach. Eibeschuetz was considered not only one of the greatest Rabbis of his time but also one of the giants of the Talmud. His method of teaching aroused great enthusiasm among his students. His works "Urim ve-Tumim" LIGHT & PERFECTION on "Hoshen Mishpat" (1775-77) CODE OF THE LAW

and "Benei Ahuvah" CHILDREN OF AHUVA on MAIMONIDES, were considered masterpieces. They are unique in that the many disputations they include, are based on clear logical principles that give them their permanent value.

Jacob Hennenberg





I REMEMBER MY COUSIN ELIMELECH

Elio was a religious man, not orthodox and pious, but "religious," because he loved G-d, life, people, and the splendid majesticness of all creations. This deep love and belief for G-d never faltered. Even throughout his infernal experiences in the infamous Auschwitz Concentration Camp, and his terminal illness he continued to have a sense of connection with G-d.

Although Elio did not cling to the Orthodox faith, he followed the ethic and moral code of Judaism in the traditions of his ancestors. Elio was a direct descendant, from his mother's side, of the legendary Rabbi Elimelech of Lezansk. Rabbi Elimelech of Lezansk was the subject of many of Martin Buber's writings. Elio's maternal great-great-grandfather was Rabbi Jechuda Leib Bochner, the chief justice of the rabbinical court in Jerusalem, whom is buried in Mount Olive Cemetery, in Jerusalem.

Elio's life was stranger than fiction. It was a life of deep suffering and then redemption. He was born in the Polish town of Oswiecim, where his maternal grandfather was the head of the Jewish community and vice-mayor of Oswiecim, later known as Auschwitz. In March 1940, at the age of sixteen, Elio was part of the first Jewish forced labor detail rounded up by the Nazis to build the notorious Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Combined, Elio was imprisoned for five years in Eleven Nazi camps, including Auschwitz. U.S. troops liberated him in a Dachau sub-camp on April 27, 1945. The Nazis murdered his parents, sister, brother, and other close relatives in Auschwitz.

Moving on to become a scholar, Elio graduated from the university of Munich, and the university of California, majoring in journalism, political science, and cinematography, without ever even attending high school. He had a distinguished career as a journalist, film editor and screenwriter in Hollywood, film-distributor in New York City, and a producer in Munich. Elio produced and co-produced twelve feature motion-picture films.

Later in life a fatal illness befell Elio. Throughout his illness, he managed to complete the autobiographical book, <u>A Generation of Wrath</u>, which was published in Britain. On October 19, 1985, after a long struggle, Elio passed away. Complying with his dying wish, Elio was buried in Nathanya, Israel, at the *Kefar Vatikim* Cemetery, where my sister Karola is interred.

May his memory be a blessing forever and ever.

Jacob Hennenberg

"ניין". ווער איז דער ייד? טראכט מיר, וואס האט ער זיך אונגעטשעפעט צו מיר? יעדן שאג איידער מ'איז געגאנגען צו דער ארבעט פלעגט ער דא-רוענען, אלעמאל געשעפטשעט סיט די ליפן, געווען אבגעשייט פון יעדן. ווער ביזטדו? פרעג איך אים, דער ייד האט אראבגעלאזט דעם קאפ און אב-געווישט א שרער. דו דערקענסט מיך נישט אן די בארד און פייעס, איך בין דער רעטשיווער רבי, דיין פאטער פלעגט דאווענען די יום-טובים אין מיין בית-המדרש'ל. אוי רבי זיים מוח'ל, האב איך זיך אנששולדיקש, איך וועל אייך העלפן מיט וואס מעגליך, דערווייל זאלט איר דאס שטיקל ברויט אויפ-עסן גזונטערהיים. זיי סיר מוח'ל דאם איך באלעסטיק דיך, האט ער מיך געבעטן, אין דריי טעג ארום האבן מיר פסח... פסח, פסח, יא איך האב שיר נישט פארגעסן פסח, דער יום-טוב פון פרייהייט זמן-חרותנו, רבי! וואם רעד איר!? האב איך זיך אביסל אויפגערעגט, איר זעט נישט ווי דער "רבשע" האט פארגעסן פון אונץ, וואס סיר בעדארפן היינט איז א משה, אם א דא רועם זיין אונזער סוף. חס-וחלילה! האט ער מיר איבערגעריסן, ריידנישט אזוי! מיר האבן ערגערס איבערגעלעבט, מיר וועלן דאס אויך איבערלעבן, איך בעט דיך, דו וועסט דיר קויפן עולם-הבא איך בעט דיך. אוי רבי! איר ווילט נישט פארשטיין, איך האלט בישט פון די זאכן, מיין לעבן איז אין א טכנה, איך בין צו יונג צו שראכשן פון עולם-הבא, איך האב נישט פארזוכט פון עולם-הזה. איר שפילט זיך מיט מיין לעכן, איך האב געוואלד אוועקגיין פון אים ווי ער האט מיר פארשטעלט דעם וועג, ווארט! ער האט ארויפגעלייגט ביידע הענד אוי מיין קאפ, פארמאכט די אויגן, און געשעפטשעט עפיס מיט די ליפן... אין וואגאן איז קאלט געווען, די חברה האבן אנגעפילט דאס אייוועלע סיט נאסע שפענער, ס'געווארן א דערשטיקענעש פון רויעך, מ'דארף דעם רייער אויספוצן זאג איך צו זיי, נו? אדרבה, האבן זיך אלע אלאזגעטון צו סיר דו ביזט דאכ עפים א פרייער, און ברינג אביסל קוילן אויכעט. אויף צומארגענם פארטאג נאכן אויסטיילן די שיך, בין איך מיט דעם רייער אין די העבד, אריין אין וואגאן ווי די פרוידוקטן זיינען געווען, אנשטאט קוילן האב איך אנגעפילט דעם רייער פיט קארטאפל, בוראקים, פייערן, און שער-ירוקות... מיטן רייער אויפן אקסל האב איך זיך געלאזט גיין, ווען איך האב זיך דערנענטערט צו אונזער וואגאן האב איך דערזען דעם קאמאנ-דאנט מיט עטליכע עם-עם וועכטערם ארום לאכנדיק אויפן הויעכן קול. וואס טראגסדו דען שוסטער? אען הארמאט? אלע מיט א געלעכטער; יאא דאאס איזט איין הארמאט, ווידער א געלעכטער, מיר האבן די פיס געציטערט, דער אטעם פארכאפט, דער קאפ האט גערוישט, געדאנקען זיינען געשווינד געלאפן "זלמן" דאם איז דיין סוף... צו דערשיסן איינעם איז געווען א שעגליכע זאך; נישט אויסגעפירט די נארם פופציק שמיץ, ב'גנבה עפים געלייגט אין קעשענע די פראדוקטן פון די צו-שטערטע וואגאנען, דערשאסן צום טויש. יא דאס איז מיין סוף אויב איין קרטאפל וועט ארויספאלן פון רייער. (איך דערמאן זיך ווען איך בין געווען איונגל אין חדר, דער סיגעטער רב לייבש יום-טוב, זכרונו צדיק לברכה איז סוף זמן געקומען אין חדר אונץ געבן אביסל סוסר; נישט פארגעסן צו דאווענען, נישט מחלה-שבת זיין, און געדענקען פון אונזער "הקבה" און האט געענדעקט סיט דעו פראזע; דער גרעסטער אפיקורוס ווען ער איז אין א גרויסע סכנה וועט ער זיך בעיטן גאטעיא העלפ מיר)... איך בין נישט אן אפיקורדס, איך האב מיין לעבן געששעלש אין א סכנה, מיר קומט דערפאר אגרויסע מצוה... בעי, זאאג מיר דאאן, איסט דאאס איין הארמאט? ניין! הער אויבערשטארעמ-פירער! איך האאבע דעם רעער געפוצט, מיט א געלעכטער נעמט ארויס דעם רעוואלווער ווייזעבדיק מיר אן אויסגעריבן לעכל אין האלטער; קאאנסדו דאאס רעפארירען? יא-יאוואל הער אויבערשטארעמפירער! יאוואל! מיין ווייב האט דערהערט מיין פארשלאפענעם קרעכץ, מיך אויפגעוועקט פון מיין שלאף. שוין ווידער זיך פארחלומט. פונעם חורבן? יא מיין טייערע... בעשריבן פון זלמן פייערווערקער פון סיגעש. מיט דעם געלעגנהייט; ווינסס איך אייך א זיסן פסח 1999

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  דאס יאר האב איך נישט געהאט הנאה פון סיאמי מיט איר זון וואס באהייצט
                      ראם לאנד אנאנץ יאר, ס'האט זיך מיר געבענקט אהיים.
   די ביימער וואס האבן געליטן פון די שטארקע פרעסט און ווינטן וואס דער
 רוינטער האט סיט זיך געבראכט שטייען נאקעט און פאריתאם ט, ס'איז נעפל-
   דיק, דער שניי וואס איז געפאלן דורכן ווינטער איז צוגאנגען נישט קיין
                                                            זיכר געבליבן.
           ם הערם זיך ראם אטעמען פון די ערד, בלאזענדיק פון איר א פארע.
  די גרינע בלימעלעך וואס האבן זיך פארגאנוועט צווישן די קוסטעס שפראצן
                        ארוים פון דער ווארעמער ערד, ס'גייט צו פורים...
     די וועוודיקעם האבן זיך באוויזן נישטערן די ווייכע ערד אויפצוגראבן
                            די ווילדע נים וואס האבן באהאלטן פאראיארן...
   די שוואלבן זיינען אויך צוריקגעקומען פון די ווארעמע לענדער, ס'גייט
  צו פורים. אין שטוב איז ווארעם, אי ווינקל אויפן אויוון שלאפט די קאק.
     זיץ איך מיר ביים טיש ביים נאכט לאמפ פארטיפט אין א ספר, שוין דריי
מאל ווי איך האב איבערגעליינט די שורה נישט וויסנדיק וואס די טייטש איז.
     אוי דער קאפ ארבעט מער נישט זוי אמאל, איז דען א ווונדער? פרעג איך
 זיך אליין, איבערגעלעבט אזא חורבן פון אזא גרויסע משפחה געבליבן אליין
      אזרי שראכש איך פיר, נישט ווייל איך בין א העלד, ניין! פשות אזוי,
מסתמא איז דאס באשערט געווען, איך בין זיך מודה קיין צדיק בין איך נישט
געווען, אבער א ייד בין איך געווען, דערצו נאך א שטאלצער...
  איך האב אמאל געליינט אין א ספר; ווי דער היסטאריען שרייבט, וואס מיר
     יידן הבן איבערגעלעבט דורך טויזענטער יארן האט קיין שום פאלק סיטג-
       עמאכט, מחמת מיר האבן בישט געוואלט זיך אונטערגעבן צו די גוים...
   ווי אן אומזיכטבארער מאגנעט האט אונק געצויגן און געקלעבט צו אונזער
                            שראדיציע, אט דערפאר איז יעדער ייד א העלד...
  אזוי האב איך מיך פארטראכט פון דערצייט אין דער מלחמה, און מיינע גע-
             דאנקען האבן מיך פארטראגן העט ווייט אי דער פארגאנגענהייט.
  מיר זיינען געווען א גראפע יידן פון דריי-הונדערט-פופציק ארויסגעפירט
     פון פון בוכענוואלד צו אן אומבאוויסט ארט צו פאריכטן די באן-ליניעס
                             וואס די אסעריקאנער באסבעם האבן אויפגעריםן.
  אנגעקומען אויפן פלאץ האט מען בעדארפט עטליכע פאכלייט, טישלערס שניי-
   דערם, קעכערם, עלעקטריקערם, אם מערסטן האבן זיי בעדארפט איז א שוסטער
   האב איך זיך געמאלדן, סיין סזל האט סיר געשפילט, בין געווארן פאפולער
  די עם-עם האבן בעדארפש צו מיר, זיי זיינען געקומען מיש חניפה איך זאל
  ייי מאכן רוקזעק, דערפאר מיר אונטערגעווארפן א שטיקל ברויט, זיי האבן זיך געגרייט צום אנטלויפן.
    די אמעריקאנער באמבעם זיינען געפאלן יעדן טאג און זיך דערנענטערט צו
    אונק. אין דער זעלבער ציים זיינען מיר אנגעגאן מיט דער שווערער אר-
   בעם, ווי גרויע מתים הבן מיר אויסגעזען, אבער אונזער מאראל איז אויפן
    העכסטן שטאנד געווען, א קלאנק האט זיך געהערט אז די אמעריקאנער האבן פארנומען בערלין, די האפענונג האט אונק געגעבן א גוטע פילינג מיט
       האפענונג מיט א גוטע שטימונג, מיר וועלן זיי איבערלעבן, אזוי האט
                                                         יעדער געטראכט...
     אין א פארטאג ווי חברה זיינען געשטאנען אין די ריי נאך זייערע שיך? דער לעצטער אין די ריי האט אויף זיך געהאט די שיך, וואס ווילסט דו?
     פרעג איך אים, איך וויל פון דיר א גרויסע טובה, איך קוק אויף זיינע
      שיך, ער האט באלד פארשטאנען, ניין! איך וויל נישט קיין שיך, מיט א
      שוואכער שטימע האט ער פארגעזעצט; איך וויל פון דיר זאלסט מיר פאר-
   שאפן אביסל קארשאפל, בוריקעס, מייערן, וואס גאר מעגליך, אין איך וועל
 דיר געבן מיין חלק ברויט. וואס!? קוק איך אויף אים מיט א ביטער שמייכל
     ביזט אפשר אלערגיק געווארן צום ברויש? אוי ניין דו פארשטייסט נישש?
      ער האט זיך אלאז צו מיר, דו ביזט דער איינציגער וואס דו קאבסט מיר
     העלפן, דו האסט פריווילעגיעס צו גיין אין דער קיך, דערפאר וועט דיר
        דער "רבשע" אונק אלע העלפן סיר וועלן אויסגעלייזט ווערן פון דער
                שקלאפעריי אזוי ווי ער האט אונץ אויסגעלייזט פון מיצרים.
    איך האב גרוים בשתון אין אונזער גאט, האט ער ווייטער פארגעזעצט, איך
    בעם דיך, קוקינדיק מים זיינע טיפע אויגן ווי איך שאקל מיטן קאפ אויף
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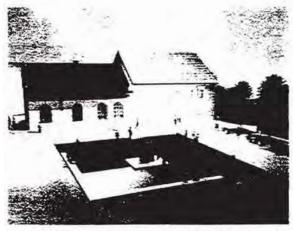






PRESENT

REBUILDING JEWISH CULTURE IN AUSCHWITZ



Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation

SPEAKER: Daniel Eisenstadt

Executive Director of the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation.

The Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation was established in 1995 to support the creation of a Jewish cultural and educational center in Oswiecim, Poland. The center will be a place of understanding, education, memory and prayer.

Taylor Road Synagogue Sunday March 28th 7:00 pm

Free and open to the public

Call Art Rosenfeld @ 381-7141 for details kosher refreshments will be served

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Many of you should have already renewed your 1998-99 membership. If you haven't, please use the membership form on the back of the newsletter. This year I am asking for more than just a check. We really could use help with many different committees.

It is the people of this organization that have allowed us to accomplish so much over the past few years that I have been involved.

Upcoming Events

*March 14th Cleveland Holocaust Center trip to Detroit Holocaust Museum

March 28th... Rebuilding
Jewish Culture in Auschwitz
7:00 Taylor Road Synagogue
Speaker: Daniel EisenstadtExecutive Director of the
Auschwitz Jewish Center
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creation of a Jewish cultural
center in Oswiecim, Poland to
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education, memory and prayer.

- *April 12th....Yom Hashoa at B'nai Jeshurun
- *May 26-27, CHC Holocaust Educators Conference

1998 BOARD MEETINGS

All SGKI board meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 in the morning at the Na'amat office in South Euclid. The office is in the Cedar Hts., Professional Building, 14055 Cedar Road on the third floor. We encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved to please come sit in on our monthly meetings. Elections will be held in May if you are interested in running for office

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We are now accepting applications for the annual Leatrice Rabinsky Scholarships. Please call me for an application or details

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CLEVELAND HOLOCAUST CENTER UPDATE

Some of you may have heard that we are in negotiations to purchase a home for the Cleveland Holocaust Center. If everything goes through, we will NEED YOUR HELP. Anyone who has fundraising or grant writing experience and is willing to get involved in this major project should please contact me.

If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity, there will be plenty of volunteer opportunities available. I will keep everyone posted as to the progress.

PICNIC

Julyl I th will be the annual Kol Israel picnic at Anisfield Camp. I wanted to let everyone know early so you can save the date.

LIBRARY

If you have any Holocaust related books, movies, artifacts or anything else we are trying to expand our collection.

NEXT MEETING

March 21 10:00

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איביק וועלן מיר געדעוקען... די גיבורים און קדושים פון אונדזער פאלק...

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.



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Holocaust museum visit culminates students' study

LEATRICE B. RABINSKY Special to the CJN

s the culmination of their intensive study program, "Confronting the Holocaust," juniors and seniors at Fuchs Bet Sefer Mizrachi invited members of Cleveland's Kol Israel survivor community and the Cleveland Holocaust Center to join with them in a unique journey of renewal to Washington, D.C.

"M-Dor L'Dor - From Generation to Generation" reflected the special nature of this mission: cooperation between students, their second-generation parents and survivors of the Holocaust.

Highlighting the two-day educational venture, March 7-9, was a five-hour visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

A special feature prior to the tour of the museum was a meeting with Sara Bloomfield, newly appointed executive director of the museum.

A native Clevelander, Bloomfield was delighted to welcome the Fuchs Bet Sefer Mizrachi students, their teachers and parents, as well as Cleveland-area Holocaust survivors.

Students Mark Schwersenski and Naomi Weiss presented Bloomfield with a

recently published book,
Teaching Tolerance, Grades-912, co-edited by their
teacher, Leatrice B.
Rabinsky, and her
colleague, Carol
Danks. This was
accompanied by a
large basket of
sweets "to wish
you a sweet
journey as you
progress in your
leadership of the

museum

Steve Slomovitz, survivor of several concentration and labor camps, also presented Bloomfield with an elegant menorah on behalf of the Kol Israel survivor community and the Cleveland Holocaust Center.

Following a moving account of his Holocaust travails, Slomovitz Said, "We congratulate you, Sara Bloomfield.

Maomi Weiss, right,

displays recently





Survivor Steve Slomovitz presents menorah to Sara Bloomfield, newly named executive director of Holocaust Memorial Museum.

on your well-deserved, permanent appointment. You have served in the

administration of the museum since its inception. This menorah represents our spirit of renewal. It is a beacon of light for all humanity. You now bear this light. May you go from strength to strength."

In a visibly
emotional response,
Bloomfield told the group
how privileged we all are to
have survivors of the Holocaust
as witnesses and teachers. "Learn
from them. Take their stories to

bringing their legacy to future generations," she said. Students and survivors bonded as a

heart. We have the challenge of

Cleveland contingent on steps of capitol buil

family. "This was an exciting journey," said Rose Ickowicz. "It was a pleasure traveling with such fine students."

"M'Dor L'Dor" was a magnificent program because it allowed teens to experience the Holocaust museum and other important sites with survivors and parents," wrote Sharo Lewis.

"We have the challenge of bringing their legacy to future generations."

Sara Bloomfield, director
 U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum



Student Mark Schwersenski presents hasket of sweets to Sara Bloomfield, wishing her "a sweet journey" in her leadership role.





WHAT HAPPENED TO THE JEWS OF LODZ?

By JACOB HENNENBERG

Located in central Poland 75 miles southwest of Warsaw, the city of Lodz has been in existence since the 14th century. From a tiny village Lodz gradually increased in size and importance until it became the second largest city in Poland and one of the world's largest textile centers in which the Jews played a prominent part.

In 1793 there were only 11 Jews in Lodz, when it came under Prussian rule as result of the Partition of Poland of 1795 a few more Jews ventured in until there were 98 Jews by 1809. It was when Lodz came under the domination of Russia about 18 years later that it rapidly became an industrial center with a greatly increased population. Jews flocked to the city because there were jobs to be had and also because some of the anti-Jewish restrictions were abolished. By 1910 Jews comprised over 40% of the population. Most of them were employed in textile industries, and a number of Jews rose to wealth and prominence in this field. At the outbreak of World War I Jews owned 150 textile mills as well as almost 19,000 small workshops.

At the beginning of World War II Jews comprised one-third, or 233,000, of the population. Those who could still afford it fled to Warsaw, to other towns, or to the USSR. On September 8, 1939, the German army entered Lodz and began the systematic destruction of the Jewish community. They annexed Lodz to the Reich and renamed it "Litzmannstadt," deported 31 Jewish leaders to a nearby concentration camp, burned the large synagogue, evicted many Jews living along central streets to make room for German settlers, and deported several thousand Jews to the general government.

They marked off a section of less than two square miles for use as a ghetto, and on March 1, 1940 ("bloody Thursday") they drove all the Jews of Lodz into the ghetto without even permitting them to take any property with them. Many were beaten and murdered on the way. When the ghetto was closed off two months later, this small area contained the 164,000 Jews left in Lodz. Chaim Rumkowski assumed leadership and did what he could to organize the ghetto so that vital services such as medical care, schools, and relief could be maintained, but the overcrowding, overwork, bad hygiene, starvation, and epidemics sent the death rate to 7,23 per 1000 every month. For two years the ghetto was allowed relative autonomy, and then came the final "solution." A period of mass murders and deportations to concentration camps reduced the population by half. Then the ghetto was transformed into a labor camp with the Nazi's in control, they eliminated the Jewish institutions and increased the number of factories. The final liquidation occurred between June and August 1944 when the remainder of the population, 76,701, were deported to Auschwitz.

When the Russian Army arrived on January 19, 1945, they found \$70 Jews in the city—the \$00 "Aufraumungs" Jews left behind in the ghetto rlus 70 Jews who had been hiding in the area and who came back to the former ghetto when the Germans departed.





אייביק וועלן מיר געדעוקען ... די גיבורים און קדו<u>שים פון אונדזער פא</u>

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY

PARENTS

ITCHAK AND MINDLE FRANK

A Paulm to David. TITT TIETE & Adonos is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. 2 In lush pustures He makes me lie. beside tranquil waiers. He leads me. ה נפשר שובב . He restores ב נפשר שונה He directs me in paths of righteourners בַּנַעָּנַרְ עָנַקּ tor the sake of His Name. : 100 1907 4 Though I walk 777 Da .7 in the valley of the shadow of death, migry King 5. You prepare a table for me in the full presence of my enemies. you announted my head with oil all the days or my lite. "To "D" "?

יהנה רעי לא אחקר: ב. בנאות דשא ירביער צליםי כנחות ינהלדי: לא־אירָא רָע כּראָמָה עְּמָּהְ שבטך וסשענתר הפה ינחפני: ב מערף לפני ו שלחן מד צרך רְשָׁנַתְּ בָשְׁכָן ראשי כוסי רייה: נ אף שוב הקסד יודפוני and I shall dwell in the House of Adonos THE TOTAL TREET

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Jedrzejow Czestochowa WROCLAW

> Just as an artisan is proud of work well performed, so does the Almighty take pride in the man of worthy conduct.

Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation

Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation, Inc., a New York based not-for-profit foundation was established in 1995 to support the creation of a Jewish cultural and educational center in Oswiecim, Poland. The Fundacja Edukacyjne Centrum Zydowskie w Oswiecimiu, a registered Polish foundation, was established in 1996 to implement the planned creation of the aforementioned center. Both foundations share the same mission: The establishment of a cultural facility in Oswiecim, Poland that will provide all visitors with an opportunity to memorialize Jewish victims of the Holocaust through the study of Jewish life and culture.

Oswiecim is a city with a rich and long history, in which Jewish life and culture played a significant role for more than 500 years. The Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps and the State Museum depict the manner in which the millions of Jewish and non-Jewish victims were murdered by the Nazis. The Jewish Center in Oswiecim will depict and memorialize the life and culture of the Jewish victims of the Holocaust by focusing on the largely unknown history of Jewish life in Oswiecim.

The Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation hopes to enrich the educational opportunities open to visitors of the State Museum at Auschwitz and Birkenau by adding to the facilities which are presently available in Oswiecim. Currently, a Catholic Center and an International House, primarily serving German youth groups, are available to visitors. However, no Jewish institution attends to Jewish and non-Jewish visitors and there is neither a center dedicated to studying Jewish life in Poland nor a synagogue in which Jewish visitors may mourn. The Jewish Center in Oswiecim will complement other cultural institutions and fill the voids articulated above.

The Jewish Center in Oswiecim will be a place of understanding, education, memory, and prayer. It will enable all visitors to learn more about Jewish life and culture through the examination of a restored synagogue and a permanent exhibition of Jewish life in Oswiecim. Moreover, the Jewish Center will include a small theater/lecture hall, seminar/meeting rooms, and a vegetarian cafeteria that will provide snacks at little or no cost.

The Jewish Center will be established in two buildings on Plac Ks. Jana Skarbka that housed a small synagogue and a private Jewish home prior to 1939. These buildings have been acquired by the Fundacja Edukacyjne Centrum Zydowskie w Oswiecimiu in association with the Bielsko Biala Jewish Community.

The Jewish Center in Oswiecim will be open to all people, regardless of race, creed, or religion.

The Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501-C-3 tax-exempt organization, and therefore contributions to it may be tax deductible. All contributions should be sent to:

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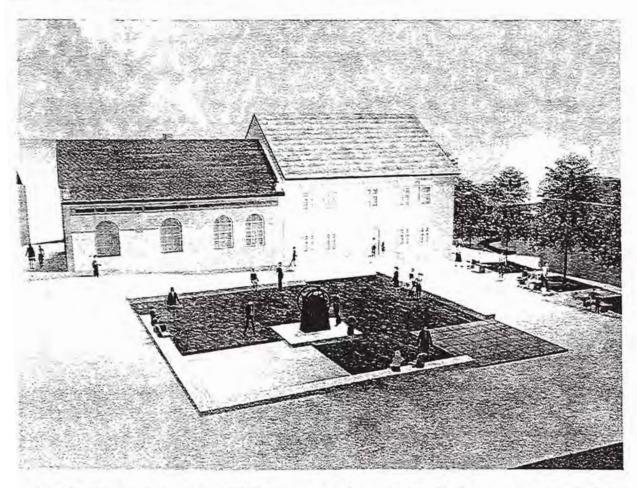
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AUSCHWITZ JEWISH CENTER FOUNDATION

In Memory

Jerusalem is a sanctified place in our Jewish history, and not only among our religion. But how many are familiarized with another Jerusalem of Lithuania ?.. ? Probably not too many.

Well, it had also some historical episod. In 1812 Napoleon Bonaparte with his Army was on the way to Moscow. It was Winter, the road was long and Napoleon had decided to rest for a day or two.

The large city where he stopped offered a feeling of security and friendlines. The Governor's palace offered the needed luxury and there was a special and unusual surprize. A richly attired representation from Jewish City-fathers, headed by famous Rabbis, delivered to the Palace bread and salt on a silver plate, the token of great respect and community's welcome.

The religious group impressed Napoleon and he accepted the invitation to visit

YEAL;

the great two-hundred old Synagogue, where he was given the short and famous his
tory of the great Gaon , the world Jewish - Lithuanian Talmudist and Scholar Elijah.

The city was Vilna, today Vilnius.

The reception and warmth given by the large Jewish Community to Napoleon sincerely inspired Napoleon's appreciation and spontaneously he pronounced: "This city is the Jerusalen of Lithuania..." The Jewish Vilna died in the Holocaust, but the memory of Jerusalem of Lithuania" will live forever...

The city of Vilna (In Yiddish, "Vilne") had the beginning in 1323 as tha capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. The oldest information about Jewish Community dates from 1568, when it was ordered to pay poll (head) tax. In 1633 Vilna Jewry was granted a charter of privileges, permitting Jews to engage in all branches of commerce, but their place of residence was partially restricted.

At that period the Jewish community was enriched by wealthy and scholarly arrivals from Berlin, Prague and Poland. There were 3000 Jews among 15000 lithuanians and Poles. The "Kehillah Rosh Bet Din" was now part of the Council of Lithuania.

The Jewish situation improved and Vilna became a prominent center for rabbinical

THE JERUSALEM OF LITHUANIA... By Julian Solonitz

In Memory

studies by the beginning of the 17th century.

But one of the greatest name in European religious firmament appeared in the second half of the 18th century. It was the "Vilna Gaon", Elijah Solomon Zalman, who created the most profound stimulating influence in the sphere of Halakha and Gabbalah. At the end of the 18th century Vilna became the center of religious study by the Missnayedim and their struggle against the Chasidim.

In 1772 the Kehila disbanded the Chasidic congregation. The 19th Century brought a new prominence to the Jewish life in Vilna. It became the center of Haskala and attracted many Hebrew and Yiddish writers. It was a period when the Russian Government commenced the policy of russification of Vilna Jews. In 1842 modern schools were established and in 1847 a government- sponsored rabbinical Seminary was created.

In 1861 The Jews received permission to settle in any part of Vilna and about that period the first Jewish Socialists became active.

Vilna became the meeting ground for Jewish socialist and soon the Bund labor party had also its convention and Vilna became the center of Bund's activity.

Before the end of 19th Century 63831 Jews were counted in Vilna, some 42% of total population.

The city became congested and many Jews decided to emigrate to South Africa, United \$tates and Eretz Israel. Despite this the Jewish culture, Hebrew and Jewish schools started to flourish.

"Chovever Zion" convention was held in Vilna and when in 1903 Theodor Herzl visited Vilna, he received an enthusiastic popular reception. The Central Bureau of the Russian Zionist Party functioned in Vilna from 1905 to 1911 and the Orthodox circles were organized by the famous Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzenski the birth of the "Aguda." World-War I ended the rule of Russia, but created great danger for the Jewish population. There was a military struggle for the possession of Vilna, and 80 Jews were massacred by Polish troops, when Vilna became a Polish city in 1920.

The interwar period 1920-1939 was a time of manifold cultural and social activities for Vilna inhabitants.

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This period saw the establishment of a network of Elementary and Secondary schools, Jewish schools, where Yiddish, Hebrew er Polish was the language of instruction. The High Schools had the same rights as Government schools.

Vilna became a World-Center for Jewish Study and culture. The World renown YIVO Institute was founded in Vilna in 1924 and succeeded to emigrate to New York in 1940. Rom's Publishing House printed the editions of Talmud, Mishnah and Midrash, and became known in the Jewish World. The same was with the "Vilner Theater Troupe" that became famous in many Jewish communities in the world.

The 80 thousand Jews of Vilna were served with 3 daily Yiddish papers. The city had a very rich organizational and cultural life, providing activities and memberships for political, cultural and religious groups of a variety of shadings.

Despite some periodical antisemitic disruptions many Jewish students attended the old historical "Stephan Batory" university, studying Law and Medicine. The Jewish community offered sports Clubs and activities for thousands of youngsters.

The leadership was represented by a "KAHAL" embracing all shadings from Bund, Socialist, Zionist and Orthodoxy. The city was traditionally religious, the great majority observed the Sabbath and Kashruth. The Jewish community's language was Yiddish, with a sprinkle of Russian or Polish among the higher educated minority.

Business signs representing Jewish stores and offices were printed in two languages, Polish and Yiddish. Yiddishkeit was unashamedly floating over our "Yerushalaim De Lita..."

There were before the Holocaust cities with larger than Vilna's Jewish populations, but nowhere was the Yiddishkeit deeper rooted than in Vilna.

This Shining Star of Judaism perished forever, barbarously extinguished in the Holocaust, it will live only in our history and in the memory of the few thosands who survived from a vibrant community of 80000...

From some 70 members of our Family only 3 survived...To their Memory I dedicate this piece.

אייביק וועלן מיר געדענקען... די גיבורים און קדושים פון אונדזער פאלק...



Jacob Hennenberg shows his granddaughters, Julie, left, and Debby, a haggada he wrote after a visit to a synagogue in Poland.

Inspired by trip to Poland



A number of years ago I went to Poland with a friend of mine, Herman, who is originally from Lodz. We went to an old synagogue there and, in a corner with other prayer books, I found an old and torn-up haggada. When I came home I decided to write a haggada that should be read on all the holidays and not only on Passover. It includes family history and has become a joint venture for the whole family.

JACOB HENNENBERG Beachwood



One people at Yom Hashoah

Despite our differences, all Jews have at least one thing in common – our history. If we forget our history, we cease to be Jews. The Jewish festivals of Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, Succot and Chanukah are designed to keep alive the memory of the most important triumphs in Jewish history. For strength, we must also keep alive the memory of our catastrophes, as we do on Tisha b'Av.

In recent history, Jews have been blessed to be able to add a new festival of triumph, Yom Ha'atzmaut, to celebrate the founding of the modern state of Israel. Tragically, however, we have been compelled to balance this celebration with Yom Hashoah, the day we remember the Holocaust.

The 1999 community-wide Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura Commemoration of the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising will take place on Monday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation.

Let us come fogether at this year's Yom Hashoah commemoration as *klal Yisrael*, one people of Israel, where, in the words of the psalmist, "shevet akhim gam yachad" – we can assemble as one extended family in unity.

LEATRICE RABINSKY and CHARLES GRUENSPAN, Co-Chairs

Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura Commemoration Committee

'Never again' applies to all

Abe and Fanny Zeewy must have been on a popcorn break to have missed the thanks that actor, writer and producer of "Life is Beautiful," Roberto Benigni, made while accepting an Oscar at the Academy Awards. He specifically thanked those who couldn't be there, the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

On the subject of the Holocaust, Jason Rowse writes on the same letters page ("No more troops to Kosovo") that there are over 7,000 peace-keeping troops in Bosnia and he says 4,000 more in Kosovo would cost our taxpayers millions daily. The military has to be somewhere; it costs the same no matter where they are.

The worst disaster since World War II warrants a response. If any people should understand this, a Jew should. The same "European problem" was said about Europe over 50 years ago.

"Never again" should not be for our people only, or what is the point of Holocaust education? It's happening again.

RALPH SOLONITZ South Euclid



"Who is honored, he that honors others."

Avot 4:1

GENERAL MEETING REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES

OF THE KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION SUNDAY APRIL 18,1999 7 PM

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WHAT IS A JEW

BY ANNA FREEDMAN



WHAT IS A JEW THE AGES HAVE ASKED WHAT IS A JEW AND WHAT MAKES HIM LAST? HOW IS HE UNIOUE WHAT SETS HIM APART WHAT ARE THE SPECIAL DREAMS IN HIS HEART? OF WHAT IRON FIBRE IS HIS WILL DERIVED THAT HOMELESS AND BEATEN THE JEW HAS SURVIVED AH, THE JEWS , THE ZIONISTS TELL

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THE JEW IS THE TALL NEW BUILDING THAT LOOMS THE JEW IS THE NEGEV. THE DESERT THAT BLOOMS. THE JEW IS A LAND, A NATION, AGREED BUT IS THERE NOT MORE TO JEWS INDEED? OF COURSE THERE IS MORE. THE PROFESSORS AGREE THE JEWS ARE A PEOPLE OF HISTORY. A PEOPLE WHOSE COURAGE CAUSED PHARAOH TO FLEE THE FIRST TO ABOLISH IDOLATRY A PEOPLE WHOSE MORAL CODE HAS STOOD AS A WORLD -WIDE STANDARD

OF THE DECENT AND GOOD

A PEOPLE WHOSE SPIRIT

THOUGH BROKEN AND SHATTERED HAS LIVED BEYOND AND GATHERED ITS SCATTERED TO RISE AND TO BUILD AND CREATE ONCE MORE AND TO FLAUNT DEFEAT IN A SIX DAY WAR. THAN THESE ARE THR ANSWERS WE SEEK OF YOU NO, NOT THESE ALONE ADDS THE PIOUS JEW. THE JEW IS THE BLESSING AND THE CANDLE THAT BURNS, AS THE WORKADAY WEEK TO THE SABATH TURNS. THE JEW IS THE PRAYER THAT SOARS TO THE SKY WITH THE POIGNANT, URGENT SHOFAR CRY. THE JEW IS THE BRIGHT-EYED THIRTEEN YEAR BOY. WHO READS FROM THE TORAH WITH UNMEASURED JOY. THE JEW IS THE MATZOH THE DREIDLE, THE WINE THE HUMAN STRUGGLE TO REACH THE DIVINE THIS IS THE JEW: THE RABBIS DECLARE BUT SOMETHING WITHIN ME SAYS "DO NOT STOP THERE!" THERE IS MORE TO THE JEW AN ETERNAL LIGHT THAT SHINES IN HIS SOUL. SOMETIMES DIM, OFTEN BRIGHT AND TO ME IT SEEMS WHY THOUGH YOU SCOFF OR YOU NOD THAT WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE AND HE IS OUR GOD



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Need to share responsibility for Yom Hashoah event

The Yom Hashoah commemoration, which honors the memory of six million Jewish martyrs who lost their lives during the Holocaust, has become an important annual event in Cleveland. This year will mark 54 years since the end of World War II, a war during which the Nazi regime perpetrated and carried out the mass destruction of Jewish life and culture in Europe. For us survivors, the memory of those days is deeply etched in our minds and hearts.

The local survivor community, with support from the Jewish community, has evolved two major events honoring the memory and legacy of the Holocaust – the annual Yom Hashoah commemoration and the annual memorial service. The annual memorial service is now jointly sponsored by the Kol Israel Foundation and the Community Relations Council of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation. The

annual Yom Hashoah
commemoration is still primarily the
responsibility of the survivor
community with support from a
small number of dedicated
volunteers, most notably Dr. Leatrice
Rabinsky and Bea Stadtler.

Much has been accomplished over the years in making the annual Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura a very meaningful community-wide commemoration of the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. It is the hope of the survivor community that, as with the annual memorial service, one of the community organizations will join us in sponsoring this important community-wide event to assure that the memory and legacy of the Holocaust will continue to be appropriately honored in Cleveland.

ZEV HAREL, Ph.D. University Heights

Community events to mark Yom Hashoah

Anshe Chesed Fairmount
Temple will present Obie awardwinning actress Rosina Fernhoff's
dramatic presentation of "Shadows"
at a Yom Hashoah memorial service,
set for Friday, April 16, at 8 p.m. It
was written by Fernhoff's playwright
husband Av Inlender.

Father Joseph Hilinkski, director of the Interfaith Commission for the Catholic Diocese, Rev. Nicholson White, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Sarah Crump, society editor for the Plain Dealer, will be featured at The Temple-Tifereth Israel's Yom Hashoah service on Friday, April 16. The event takes place at 8 p.m. at The Temple, Beachwood.

Crump will discuss "What I Saw at Auschwitz." Rev. Hilinski is one of the founders of the Anti-Defamation League's annual Jewish-Catholic Colloquium in Cleveland. Rev. White has served on many interreligious boards, including the American Friends of Jerusalem, Inc. The service included lighting of six memorial candles by congregants

who are Holocaust survivors, and student Holocaust essay winners from the temple's religious school.

The Shaker Heights Human Relations Commission will sponsor a citywide "Days of Remembrance" observance April 11-18 to remember the victims of the Holocaust, and specifically, participants of the illfated voyage of the S.S. St. Louis. On Tuesday, April 13, at 1:30 p.m., there will be an intergenerational dialogue with senior adults from the Shaker community discussing their personal and family memories of the Holocaust. Students from the Shaker Heights Student Group on Race Relations will explain why remembering the Holocaust is important to young people. The free event will be held at the Shaker Community Building, 3450 Lee Road. The Woodbury Handbell Choir will perform. At 2 p.m. on April 13, a community minute of silence will be observed in remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. Sirens and church bells will signal the beginning of the minute. Call 216-491-1430.



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PASSOVER HOLIDAY ! TOO - TOO AT

Passover is the anniversary of Israel's liberation from slavery to King Pharaoh of Egypt. The holiday begins on the Fourteenth day of Nissan and lasts for eight days in diaspora. In Israel it's observed seven days only. Passover is also called Hag Ha'a'viv (The Spring Festival.) It is also called Hag Hamatzot (Holiday of Unlcavened Breed) which was prepared by the Israelites during their hasty flight from Egypt. The name Passover comes from "passing-over" Israel's homes by the Angel of Death on the way to kill every first born (Bchor) Egyptian. On the first two nights the "Seder" is celebrated as the main event (in Israel one Seder). The "Seder" service, as well as chanting the "Haggadah" is the most joyous times in Jewish life. It reminds us how the Children of Israel were liberated from Egyptian bondage. It also evokes hopes, that despite present difficulties, we can hope for a brighter future for our people all over the world to be free, including Russian Jewry.



WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING APRIL, 1943

Since World War I, Warsaw had become a spiritual, economic and political center for Jews of Eastern Europe. Warsaw was the main nerve of Jewish parties; Zionist as well as Bundist, Socialists, etc. Plenty of Yeshivoth and a flourishing Jewish and Hebrew press, nevertheless anti-semitism and economic discrimination against the Jew continued to be a form of life.

At the outbreak of World War II there were a little over 300,000 Jews in Warsaw. In 1940 the Nazis herded the Jewish population into a ghetto surrounded by walls and barbed wire. The Nazis had made life miserable by starving and denying the Jews medical-assistance. The Nazis began systematically eliminating the Jews, sending them to Majdanek, Auschwitz, Treblinka and other gas chamber camps, while being told that they were to be laborers

In April, 1943 leaders of the Jewish resistance decided to take up after a great French philosopher of the 16th century, René Descartes, whose motto was; "I THINK, THEREFORE I AM ". We fight, therefore we are! Under the leadership of Mordehai Anilewitz and others they voted to resist a German order for complete evacuation of the ghetto. The Jewish population in the Warsaw ghetto had one way left; a way, which has changed history and made history. Freedom, or give me death, two great simple words! A people may "think" and yet its sons, with their thoughts or in spite of them, - may be turned into scap, or ashes to fertilize the soil, or their hair to be used for matresses ... Forsaken children, babies shot in front of their mothers, fallen sons, widowed mothers! No, there was not much time to think! No, there was no other way out, but to fight back the murderers -- the only way to salvation! There are times when everything in you cries out: "TAMUT NAFSHI IM PELISHTIM!" (God, kill me with my enemy together)! They fought a gallant battle with light guns and home made grenades against the heaviest tanks (PW TW-34). Young people with Molotov grenades around their belts, throwing themselves underneath tanks to stop them from entering the ghetto. Tanks exploded one after another, -- so were our young GIBORIM singing their last song "LO NAMUTH, KI NICEYE" (our spirit shall live forever) "AM ISRAEL HAI:" (The people of Israel shall live). It lasted five weeks until all (100 sq.blocks) had become ruins, ashes and smoke, -- and so were our young GIBORIM. The story of the Warsaw ghetto fighters how a FEW put up a heroic fight against the MANY should be told to generations to come. Let's bow our heads in respect for the martyrs, who have written history with their own blood.

YE'HI SHMAM KODESH! (Blessed be their names forever!)

The Kol Israel Foundation, in cooperation with the Jewish Cultural Committee of the Jewish Community Center in Cleveland, is sponsoring a Warsaw Ghetto Memorial to be held Sunday, April 17th, 7.30 p.m. at the Temple on the Heights. Everybody is asked to attend.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

On behalf of the Kol Israel Foundation, we want to extend a warm welcome. We are hopeful that you will find our activities interesting and most rewarding. As you know, the success of any such organization depends upon the interest and generosity of each of its members.

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our cause. Once again, we are most happy to have you with us.

MAZELTOV to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kuper upon the birth of a daughter, Kim, on March 10th.
MAZELTOV to Mr. & Mrs. Julian Lobl upon the birth of a son John S. "KEN YIRBU!"

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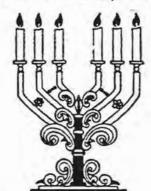
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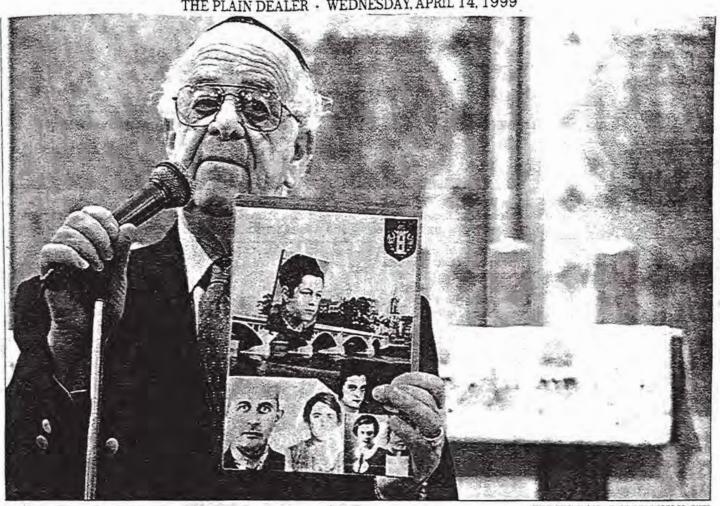
MAY HIS MEMORY LAST FOREVER



SALLY BERGRIN RUTH & HOWARD GORDON MARLENE & ED WOLF AND THE GRANDCHILDREN ERIC, LESLEY, MARK, LORIN BRADLEY, DANIEL, & LISA

House and wealth are inherited from our fathers: but a sensible unfe a gift from the Lord. (Proverbs 19:14

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Holocaust survivor Jacob Hennenberg shows family photos as he relates the story of how three of his sisters were killed in a Nazi concentration camp.

Tales of horror and hope

Holocaust survivors' stories bring home human toll to Olmsted Falls students at remembrance program

By DAVID BRIGGS PLAIN DEALER RELIGION REPORTER

The images of the Holocaust were striking: a sepia-toned photograph of a little girl in a dress standing beside a smaller boy in suspenders in front of a picket fence. A photo of innocence that haunts the imagination in that it contains no indication of the unspeakable horror awaiting them.

The stories were compelling: "Daniel's Story," a short film from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, tells in the narrative voice of a child about life growing up in Nazi Germany and the pain of losing his sister and mother in a concentration camp

Meraris Acosta, left, and Julie McDonald eighth-graders at Olmsted Falls Middle School light a candle in remembrance of Holocaust victims as Rabbi Gary Robuck looks on at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah in Beachwood.

"Our goal is to help contribute to make these kids good citizens who will not stand by when someone else is being threat-ened," said Rabbi Gary Robuck.

The need to pass on personal testimony of the Holocaust has taken on "a sense of urgency" as the living memory is lessening with the aging of survivors, said Sharon Fagin, co-director of the Face to Face program. The synagogue plans to tape the testi-mony of local survivors, but videotape makes far less of an impression than hearing a person tell his or her story.

In Shaarey Tikveh's program, students first tour a mini-museum of Holocaust exhibits, where guides explain the historical record and display photos from the period and written accounts from survivors and those who perished.

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Keeping their memories alive

All facets of community come together to pay tribute to victims and liberators at annual commemoration.

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capacity crowd packed the sanctuary and adjoining room at B'nai Jeshurun on Monday night to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, pay tribute to the liberators, and say kaddish for the 6 million Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

Ranging from babies in arms to great-grandparents, many of whom are among the ever-dwindling population of local survivors, participants in this year's Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura commemoration represented every stream of Judaism.

Titled "Out of the Darkness: Into the Light," the evening began with processionals of Jewish War Veterans, members of the Zionist youth organization visit a Nazi Betar, local rabbis and cantors, and students and youth-group members.

Co-chairperson Charles Gruenspan explained why this year's theme was chosen. Darkness represents the Holocaust, he said, while light symbolizes many things: The state of Israel. The six candles lit at the commemoration to remember the 6 million martyrs. The many youngsters who played a role that evening. Local rabbis and cantors who participated in the Clergy Unity Procession.

The event, said Gruenspan, signaled "an occasion for community togetherness of the tribes of Israel."

Gruenspan's co-chairperson, retired Cleveland Heights High School Holocaust educator Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, underscored the need to keep retelling the story of the horrors of the Holocaust. Survivors, their children and grandchildren are declaring, "We are here. We recognize the truths of our sages: Those who sow and plant in tears should reap in joy," she said, referring to the naches (joy) survivors receive from the younger generation, who one

day will have the responsibility to keep alive the memory of the fallen.

Art Rosenfeld, president of Second Generation Kol Israel, implored the audience not to believe claims that today's youth are bombarded by too much Holocaust education.

"The better educated people are, the better chance of future generations" passing on our heritage, he said. "It's never possible to over-educate our students."

Rosenfeld also told the audience about plans to implement a Cleveland Holo-

> caust Center, which would serve as an educational resource for the community.

Speaking about what will happen to Holocaust memories in the new millennium, B'nai Jeshurun's Rabbi Stanley Schachter predicted that the media will report that "the last known survivor of the

Holocaust has died.'

"Gone, too, will be the last of the accomplices and the perpetrators," the rabbi pointed out. "In a perverse way, the guilty killers still alive help to keep Holocaust memory alive."

Rabbi Schachter further called for a "new kind of travel experience for Jews." At least once in a lifetime all Jews should visit a Nazi concentration or death camp, he said.

Along with family members, survivors Tony Blimbaum, Leon Shear, Helen Ingber, Allan Edelman, Louise Gips and Sam Frankel lighted candles in memory of Holocaust victims.

Poetry readings, a testimonial penned by Bea Stadtler and recited by four students, the singing of songs and the recitation of kaddish rounded out the commemoration.

Before and after the event, participants browsed at the student art exhibit and survivor Jacob Hennenberg's Precious Legacy Collection, which were on exhibit in the synagogue's lobby.



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the resilience of the Jewish experience inspires all of us.

Best wishes, Sincerely Betty Berry

In Honor of our Children and Grandchildren

Rachelle Korland Robyn and Dave Gelwasser and Lee Korland

> Morry and Shirley Snyter David Snyter and Rena Snyter

We are proud of you and all your accomplishments, and we are thankful for the naches you have given us.

> Proud parents and grandparents, Izidor and Sylvia Malcmacher

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



I Remember My Hometown Vilne

BY SYLVIA MALCMACHER

My hometown Vilne (Wilno) was known as the "Jerusalem of Lithuania." It was a vibrant city of 80 thousand Jews. A city full of Jewish life and tradition, but above all, guided by the tradition of Torah. Vilne was inhabited by a mixture of working people raising their families: taimerchants. shoemakers, butchers, teachers, printers, carpenters, doctors, lawyers and many other occupations. The city was famous for its prominent scholars, writers, poets, and artists including Ida Kaminsky and violinist Yasha Heifetz.

Not only was Vilne the cultural center of Eastern European Jewry, it was also the spiritual center. In addition to the numerous yeshivas blessed with internationally respected rabbis, there were 160 synagogues, notably the Vilne Historical Synagogue where world renowned cantors like those from the Kusewitzki family sang. Who has not heard of the Vilne Gaon, the genius of Vilne?

The youth were educated in diversified branches of private and public schools. There were modern secondary and higher schools featuring teachers' seminaries with Yiddish or Hebrew as the main language. Here YTVO, the Institute for Jewish Research, was established. The libraries held the richest collection of Jewish books in the world. Vilne was also the world's largest Jewish printing and publishing center, the source for prayer and Torah books. The city accommodated countless Jewish newspapers, a Jewish hospital and an orphan home; a variety of Jewish political and Zionist organizations, trade unions, sport clubs, musical groups and theaters. It was a wonderful city in which to grow up in and participate in the many synagogue sponsored youth activities such as theater, sport, and organized summer camps. Sorrowfully, this great and missed Jewish community, its synagogues and other Jewish historical institutions was exterminated by the Nazis along with the remainder of

In 1939, before Poland was occupied by Germany, Vilne was under the control of the Russian government. It later changed hands to the Lithuanian government, and then again to the Russians. On June 22, 1941 the Germans marched into Vilne and its composition changed forever. Hundreds of Jews were rounded up from their homes and taken to Ponary, a place on the out-

skirts of town and shot before being thrown into the ditches they had been forced to dig. No one came back from there. That was the beginning of the end for the Jews of Vilne and the surrounding smaller towns and villages.

A small group of young people escaped into the woods and hid with rifles in hand ready to fight the enemy. The Hymn of the Partisans, "Zog nit keyn mol az du geyst dem



Monument erected June 20, 1991, in memory of thousands of Jews murdered at Ponary

letztn veg," and the hope that in the end "mir zeynen do" is sung all over the world to commemorate their struggle against the Nazis. Hershel Glick, the young man from Vilne who wrote the hymn of the Jewish resistance, was shot after escaping from a Nazi camp in Estonia. Most of the Partisans did not survive the Holocaust.

Sylvia Malcmacher (nee Zlata Distel) lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

In October, 1941 the Vilne ghetto was established. The ghetto could not hold all the Jews, some were sent to forced labor camps and others were taken to Ponary to be executed. On September 23, 1943 just before the holidays, the Vilne ghetto was liquidated. Many of the Jews who had survived the difficult life there were brought to Ponary and murdered while others were sent to concentration camps.

The majority of the Jews form Vilne and the surrounding towns and villages were sent to Kaiserwald concentration camp near Riga, Latvia. Later, many were sent to other camps. Stutthof, a camp near Gdansk in Poland took in the most. Stuthof was a death camp. Very few inhabitants survived. Jews from Vilne and other areas were either gassed or died from starvation or typhus. I am disappointed every year that the Stutthof death camp where hundreds of thousands of young and old lost their lives is rarely mentioned at Holocaust commemoration ceremonies.

On July 13, 1944 the Russians liberated Vilne, but by then it was a city without Jews. It was too late for the "Jerusalem of Lithuania" and too late for my family. My 11 year old younger sister was taken along with the other children from Kailis and executed at Ponary. My mother and older sister perished in Stutthof from typhus. My father left Stutthof on a boat. However, all of the passengers were intentionally drowned at sea. I was transferred out of Stutthof to a different camp, Muldorf, near Dachau. I am the only member of my family who survived.

It has been 55 years since the Vilne ghetto was liquidated.



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In Alemoriam

JENNY KURICKI

With great sorrow, we mourn the loss of our friend and loyal member, Jenny Kuricki. Jenny was a devoted member of our organization since the establishment of the Kol Israel Sisterhood. She was a hard-working committee member, and the chairperson of the telephone committee. She did her job willingly and with pleasure. With her committee, she coordinated all the calls necessary for meetings, special events or any news of importance to the membership. During the last years of her life, she went through a lot of suffering, due to her ill health. In her last years, she resided at Stone Gardens. No matter how sick she was, she never complained. She liked people and appreciated when they visited her. Her motto was: "Tomorrow will be better"

We will miss her. May she rest in peace- The Kol Israel Sisterhood

BY SYLVIA MALCMACHER

EVA WIEDER, PRESIDENT

Book was worthwhile project

On the upcoming 40th anniversary of Kol Israel, I wish to thank the foundation for all its work on behalf of Jews around the world. The "Holocaust Memory Book" commemorates the anniversary of Kol Israel in honor of the Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis. Many thanks to Jacob Hennenberg for compiling and editing the memory book. Mr. Hennenberg, a Kol Israel Foundation historian, conceived the idea for a living memorial written by survivors. Their testimonials reflect their Holocaust experiences and honor the victims of Nazi atrocities. Mr. Hennenberg spent many hours and many years continuing to contact survivors, gathering testimonials and photographs for this unique "living history." It was a large and long project, but a very worthwhile undertaking. This very handsome, moving testament to the resilience of the Jewish experience inspires all of us.

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BETTY BERRY Mayfield Heights

CJN coverage outstanding

On behalf of the committee of Yom Hashoa V'HaGvura, we commend the Cleveland Jewish News for outstanding coverage of this meaningful commemorative day. For many years, the CJN has been instrumental in featuring the stories of Holocaust survivors. Publishing the creative poetry and artwork of students helps transmit the legacy of Holocaust awareness. We are proud of the efforts of our award-winning Cleveland Jewish News.

BEA STADTLER and MARCIA WEXBERG Yom Hashoa V'HaGvura Committee



"Miracles sometimes occur, but one has to work terribly hard for them." - Chaim Weizman



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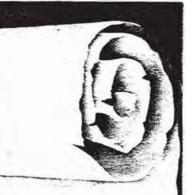
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Loss world: Girls gather water in front of a synagogue in Oswiecim(Auschwitz), circa 1930.

A Synagogue Is Reborn

This Yom HaShoah, one man's effort to memorialize the Holocaust's martyrs should serve as an example for us all.

RABBI DAVID E. HERMAN Special to the Jewish Times

invite you to join a most unusual synagogue. In this synagogue there are no rabbis, cantors or presidents. There are no Kol Nidre appeals, board of directors or building fund campaigns. There is simply no politics. The membership is comprised of more than 1.5 million reshamats, Jewish souls, who perished less than two miles are at the control of the

On Sept. 1, 1939, the Nazi war machine swept into Poland, forever changing the landscape of Jewish religious and cultural life and plunging European Jewry into the dark abyss of World War II. The little Polish town of Oswiecim containing 11,000 people, 7,000 of whom were Jewish, was not spared from the onslaught. The Luftwaffe bombed the town on the first day of the war, and it was occupied by the German army two days later. The

Rabbi David E. Herman is speriaual leader of Shaare: Tfiloh Congregozion, et 2001 Liberty Fleegon fine. For information about the congregation: Yom FlaSboah service, call 410-358-3184. town itself had major significance for the Germans for it was the site of an important rail junction and military barracks.

Unable to pronounce the Polish word Oswiecim with ease, the Germans changed the name of the town to an easier Teutonic pronunciation — Auschwitz. The town's main synagogue was torched and the remaining smaller shuts and shrieblach were closed, confiscated or used for secular purposes. The Jews of Oswiecim/Auschwitz were forced into work bartedions. Their assignment was to expand the nearby military garrison into a larger camp — the concentration camp that the world now knows as Auschwitz.

For more than half a century, no functioning synagogue has existed in the town of Oswiecim/Auschwitz — until today. Several years ago, Fred Schwartz, a Jewish American businessman, made the pilgrimage to this killing ground.

He had an idea right then and there. Mr. Schwartz wanted to say Kaddish and pray with a minyan, something he could easily do back home in New York Ciry. More importantly, he wanted a place to show the world that Jews lived in Poland, and especially in Oswiecim/Auschwitz, for close to 1,000 years. He wanted people to understand that Jews did not simply die in Auschwitz but lived meaningful lives there as well.

So Fred Schwartz would do something different. He would embark upon the acquisition and restoration of one of the remaining syragogues in the nearby town of Oswiecimi Auschwitz. His goal was to create a functioning syragogue, museum and learning facility. It would be a piace of prayer and reflection and a center to teach visitors about the Holocaust and the vibrant Jewish community that once flourished in Poland.

With much determination, Mr. Schwartz collected letters of support from around the world. Finally, last year the Polish government agreed to return ownership of the Lomdei Mishnayot/Chevra Mishayos Synagogue in

Oswieczm/Auschwitz to Jewish hands. This would mark the first time that property was returned to the Jewish community by the Polish government since World War II.

But why bother restoring a structure when there are so very few Jews left in Poland? Why spend so much money?

Fred Schwartz's answer is truly amazing. Approximately 500,000 people visit Auschwitz annually. Somewhere between 50,000-100,000 of the visitors are Jewish.

Mr. Schwartz feels if Jewish tourists are coming to the death camp to see how Jews died, then let these same tourists come to his museum to see how they lived. Let the Kaddish be recited for the 6 million martyrs in the shul. Let young Jewish students have an opportunity to learn about Jewish life, and eat in a kosher cafeteria to be built next to the museum. Let the weary Jewish traveler spend the night in an adjacent dormitory facility and contemplate what we have lost and how much more we have to do as people.

For the past seven years, Mr. Schwartz has devoted his life to bringing the project to fruition. About two years ago, he was diagnosed with a serious illness. Although presently he is in remission, thank God, Mr. Schwartz needed help with the project.

Enter Daniel Eisenstadt, a young dynamic Wall Street arrotney who gave up a promising career to help Mr. Schwartz with his dream. I recently asked Mr. Eisenstadt, "Why spend so much time and effort and resources on this project when our own Jewish schools, the lifeblood of our people, could be better served?"

Daniel makes the following compelling argument. "If an assimilated Jewish student comes to Austhwitz, and visits the Jewish center and connects with his or her Jewish roots and begins to understand how Jews lived and what Judaism is all about, then the project is certainly worthwhile." So here we are in 1999. Fred Schwar impossible dream of establishing a shul, museum and Jewish center near Auschwitz is on its way to becoming a nality.

In closing, I am reminded of the well known story concerning the Polish city of Lublin, home of the farmous Yesthiva Hachmer Lublin. When the Nazi beasts burned the hoty books of the yeshina, the ordered the Jews of the city to assemble and watch the descration. Of course, the brazen act was not enough to satisfy the sadistic murderers. To add insult to injust they ordered the Jews to sing a Chasidic ditry, or dse they would be shot.

The brokenhearted Jews remained silent. How could one sing a happy song to these murderers? Suddenly, a ione Jew ish voice began to sing in Yiddish. "Lorn zich iberbeiten, iberbeiten avinu shebathamagim" — "Let us be reconciled. Heavenly Father."

After a few moments, another Jewish voice took up the refrain, only this time new words were added to the tune. "Mir velen zey iberleben, iberleben avinu shebathanayim" — "We shall outlive them,

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outlive them our Heavenly Father." This time, the song energized the crowd. The Jews began to dance and sing to the dismay of the Germans. No matter what would happen to those Jews individually, the people of Israel would certainly live on!

Please join with us this Sunday, April 18, at the historic Shaarei Tfiloh Congregation near Druid Hill Park at 1 p.m., along with members of the Jewish War Veterans, as we pay tribute to the 6 million martyrs, and meet Fred Schwartz and Daniel Eisenstadt and hear them tell us about their noble efforts to show the world that the Jewish people certainly live on.

"Mir velen zey iberleben." Remember, we shall outlive them, with God's help!

For the Dead <u>and</u> the Living, We Must Bear Witness

I Have Talked To G-d

Well my time was up and I died. It was a beautiful funeral. All my family cried; there were also a quite a few of my friends presents. Some of their tears were there. The Rabi gave a beautiful eulogy. Kaddish was said and my casket was carried onto the Hearst.

I was taken to a cemetery where there was a freshly dug grave. There were more cries, and after the Kaddish, they lowered my casket and covered it with dirt. I left this beautiful earth after ninety years. I was not too sad to leave this world. Sure, went through hell, yes, bu a lot of happiness also.

Before I died, I wondered, what happens to me and my soul. Well, I did not have to wait too long to find out. My soul reached the highest heavens; where G-d's domain was. Oh what a beautiful place. Pure white buildings; the most gorgeous flowers. Pure sparkling streams and rivers. So man beautiful cities with millions of people; they looked so vibrant. I was escorted by a young man; he greeted me with a smile. I was sure impressed with the landscape as I looked around. Beautiful sky, beautiful trees, beautiful grass; it sure looked like paradise. I was bewildered by this beauty. This young man took me to this beautiful pure white house.

Here he told me this would be my residence until the rest of my family would come. The entire family will live here also. And he told me of one of the greatest surprises will await me. He said in a couple of a days a messenger will bring a letter to me with instructions. Oh, I was so curious. In a couple of days the messenger arrived and handed me this large envelope.

I opened this large envelope and there were some directions. I should come to this beautiful large building made of solid gold, diamonds, emeralds and rubies. Oh what a beautiful building! As I walked in this big large room people were sitting around this large table. They wore white robes; they looked like angels. Well, they were angels which I found out later. They called my name. Arnsaul, would you please come closer and sit down. They took out a large book and turned some pages and then stopped. They started to talk to me and said that all the records of myself are on these few pages; how I was born and how lived and suffered and what my happiness was. They said my record was a fair one. They told me there are two places to go in this environment. Heaven. Hell.

Heaven is the place where the righteous come. The fiery Hell is where the people who kill children, women, grandmothers and grandfathers go. And that would be their punishment forever.

I was told by the Angels I should be back tomorrow for my judgement. For I would be judged by the highest in the world. I wonder what my judgement would be. Well, in a couple of days when I arrived in this beautiful building they told me to sit down. Then all of a sudden a large voice announced: G-d just entered this room. And I stood up. I started to shiver and tremble. I was scared. There was this beautiful figure; an image of man. He looked human. The angel told me not to be afraid because G-d is a very compassionate one. The angel told me to come closer to the table and listen to the judgement of G-d. In a beautiful and assuring voice he said to me: Your record is a fair one. You deserve to enter Heaven. G-d, I said to him, before I enter to Heaven I must talk to you. There is a few questions I must ask of you. Oh, you are very brave to ask to talk to me G-d replied. You see those Angels speak for me.

But dear G-d, I pray to you. I adore you. I worship you. I believe in you. I beg of you, let me talk to you before I get into Heaven. If I can't talk to you, you might as well put me to Hell. G-d said to the Angels: I will talk to this brave man.

G-d said to me go ahead and ask me the questions you want to ask. Question 1. Oh G-d how could you let all those people in the world suffer so much sickness, diseases, and so much misery? Question 2. Why did you allow this inquisition to happen? Question 3. Why did you let Pograms to happen in Russia? Question 4. Dear G-d, why did you let so much hatred happen to happen all over the land? Question 5. Why did you let mothers, fathers, children, and relatives be killed during the Holocaust? Question 6. What happened to all the people and the others fates have suffered? Questions 7. Will I see my family again in this beautiful place that is called Heaven? Question 8. Why did you allow those Nazi's to commit those atrocities? Question 9. And what did you do with Hitler and his henchmen; what punishment did you impose on them? Question 10. And dear G-d, why do you allow wars in Israel, in the Middle East, and all over the world?

Well my brave man, you ask me some of the questions but you forgot the most important one. But when I took my people out of bondage from Egypt and when I gave the Ten Commandments and the Ten plagues to the Egyptians, yes the Ten Commandments which is so important to me that people all over the world should obey. So let me answer your questions. Answer 1. This is only temporary. The pain goes away. The person dies and will come to this beautiful place to be judged. If everybody found out how good and beautiful this place is everyone on Earth would want to come here. Answer 2. Don't you know Spain was at one time a great power. Their power completely declined. Answer 3. You remember the infighting between the Russian Czar and the communists and now Russia is no more a world power. Answer 4. Well, just wait when they come and take you to show you what happens to them. Answer 5. Why I let this happen, just wait and you'll see; they live here forever. Answer 7. Yes, you'll be surprised, you will find your mother, father, sisters brothers and all of your relatives. They will be alive and your family will live most happily throughout eternity. Answer 8. I wanted to see what humans could do to another when there is hate. Answer 9. What punishment I impose on them you will see. But you will turn away because you could not look at their misery. Answer 10. Yes, I see Israel and throughout the whole Arab world, murder, killing, and so much suffering. Not only in the Middle East throughout the whole world I will bring peace forever.

Well thank you G-d for answering my questions. And G-d disappeared through the door. Then the Angels spoke to me and asked me if G-d had answered my questions. I said sure he answered my questions with his best ability. The Angels showed me around what Heaven and Hell is. When I came close to Hell, I cried out Oh G-d I can not look at this horrible suffering. Those people are being burned. They scream out in pain. The flames consume them but their voices are heard of these murderers being punished in this fiery hell. I have seen the Nazi's being burned; they are screaming wasser, assen. They are on fire. I left this horrible place: I could not look. G-d sure gave them what they deserved.

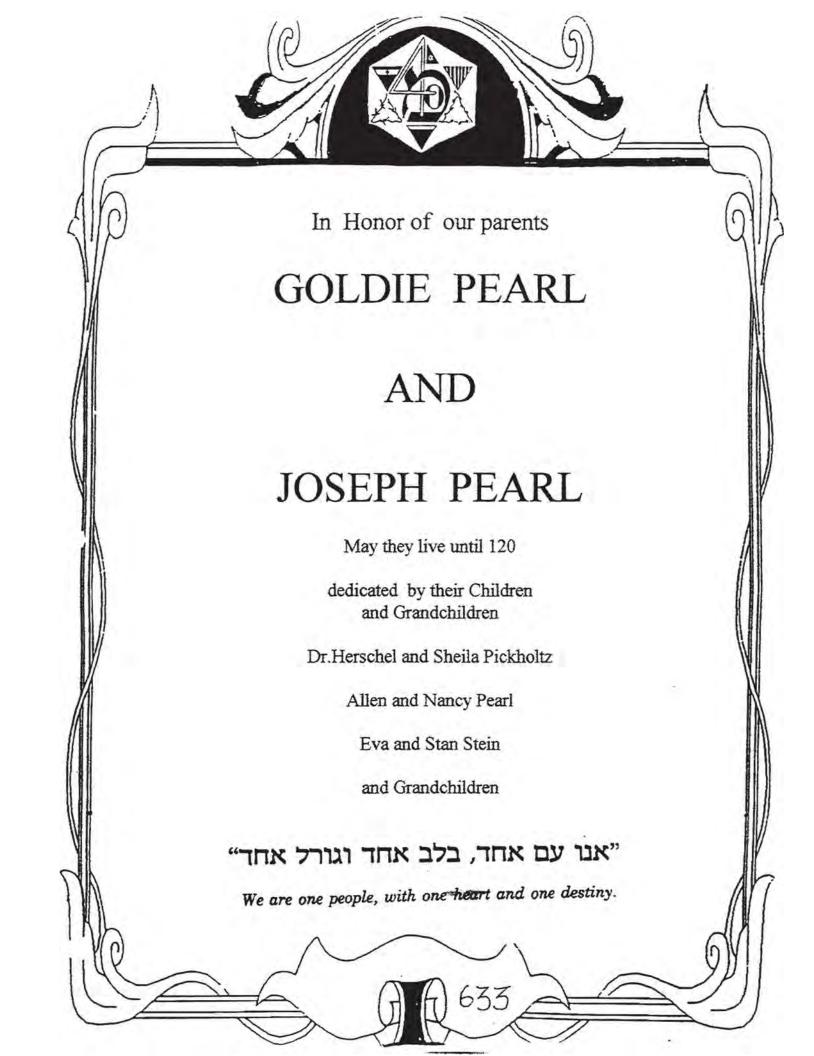
I asked the angel to take me to see my family. We went through beautiful cities as we went by I have seen thousands of people waiving toward us. Then finally we arrive in this beautiful city and I was escorted to this beautiful house. The doors opened. My mother, father, sisters and brother, and other unknown relatives came toward me and put their arms around me and welcomed me. I could see that they were crying; but their tears were from happiness. Oh, how glad they were to see me; as I them. They told me of this life and how happy everyone is in this beautiful place called Heaven. No more killing, no more hate. Only love and happiness. No more wars and no more sorrow.

Then I woke up from my dream. I was bewildered. Could everything that I dream be true? Or is this just a myth?

by Arnold Friedman, a Holocaust Survivor

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זכרונו לברכה DAVID MARMOR

REMEMBERED BY KOL ISRAEL LIFE MEMBER

WIFE, ROSE MARMOR

DAUGHTER FRANCIS AND HUSBAND SAM WEINER

SON WOLF MARMOR AND WIFE RUTH

AND GRANDCHILDREN

Meaningful commemoration

The Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, commemoration program on April 12 was very meaningful and very moving.

Having served on the commemoration organizing committee in the past, I know from experience how much time, effort, creativity, as well as commitment and dedication it takes to produce such a wonderful program fitting the solemnity of the occasion.

To all participants, as well as to the members of the Holocaust commemoration organizing committee and chairpersons Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky and Charles Grinspan, grateful appreciation for a beautifully meaningful job.

MAX EDELMAN Lyndhurst

Kids disrupt commemoration

We attended the Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura ceremony at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation on April 12 commemorating the victims of the Holocaust. We felt great disappointment about the lack of solemnity at this year's ceremony and attribute this to the large gathering of young children at the synagogue.

The participation of a children's choir seemed to transform the commemoration, for many families, into a "performance." A great number of families, including some with very young children, came to the synagogue to see the choirs perform and most left immediately afterward, disrupting the commemoration, which was still in progress. Some of the children who did not leave at that time kept going in and out of the synagogue, disrupting the solemnity.

We believe that this event is not appropriate for young children, who probably learn more about the *Shoah* from their homes and teachers than from this ceremony.

ANAT and SAUL NURKO Beachwood by e-mail

remember that we may be OLDER today than we've ever been before, but we are YOUNGER than we'll ever be again!



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REGINA AND ISAAK GREENWALD

FATHER AND MOTHER THAT NURTURED
THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH NAZI OCCUPATION
AND SIBERIA, THROUGH STARVATION
AND SICKNESS, AND MANAGED TO RAISE
THEM TO BE "GOOD JEWS" AND DECENT
CITIZENS OF HUMANITY

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



Anniversary

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HONORING MY FAMILY AND ME, AND GIVEN THE OPORTUNITY TO LIGHT A CANDLE IN MEMORY OF ALL MY FAMILY LOST IN THE HOLOCAUST.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK SO WE WILL "NEVERFORGET" LOUISE GIPS & FAMILY

FOR THE DEAD AND THE LIVING,
WE MUST BEAR WITNESS



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IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND

MORRIS POLSTER

FATHER AND GRANDFATHER

FROM HIS WIFE MATILDA

CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND

NATE WERNER

FROM HIS WIFE JANA
CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN

OUR GREATEST GLORY CONSISTS NOT IN NEVER FALLING, BUT IN RISING EVERY TIME WE FALL.



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IN MEMORY OF MY FAMILY

THAT PERISHED

IN THE HOLOCAUST

REMEMBERED BY

MAX & SYLVIA SOLOMON



FIRST ROSH HASHANA SERVICE AFTER THE LIBERATION SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

Israel in Its of Kol Story

By JACOB HENNENBERG

month, The celebration of this "Chai" anniversary will A unique organization in Cleveland, Kol Israel Fountake the form of a dinner on Sunday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Taylor Road Synagogue.

Kol Israel represents the uniting together of men and women who all had undergone the horrors of the dark days of the Nazi Holocaust in World War II.

the concentration camps in 1945, it was difficult for them to grasp the unspeakable brutalities, the in-human treatment that had been perpetrated behind of Europe, only 500,000 Jews were found alive out of the barbed wire fences. In all of the concentration camps WHEN THE VICTORIOUS Allied armies entered millions who had lived there before the war.

They remnants of a once flourishing Jewish community made their way to Israel, the U.S., Canada and

About 92,000 came to the U.S. Here they had to find a their families. In seeking to readjust their shattered lives, many of the survivors married and started new new life for themselves and make enormous adjustments. Many were now the sole surviving members of other countries.

sought to find a way to recover their integrity as All had to learn to live with the painful memories of the horrors which had been inflicted upon them. All families.

human beings.

The extraordinary thing is that so many of them succeeded

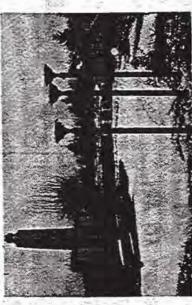
HUNDREDS OF SURVIVORS arrived in Cleveland in the early post-war years. They were helped by friends, relatives and the organized Jewish communty through such agencies as the Jewish Family Service Association. Later, the earlier emigres helped the newcomers,

language, entered into every occupational field available to them, adapted themselves to the American Jewish way of life, and achieved financial indepen-In a relatively short time they learned

On Sunday, Feb. 15, 1959, a small group of the Cleveland survivors met at the home of Mike Frum for was given the name of "Kol Israel"—meaning "All of Israel." A temporary committee was formed first, and the purpose of forming an organization to represent the Holocaust survivors in this area. The organization dence.

THE FIRST PRESIDENT was William Miller, with Simon Fixler, vice president; Horta Kuricki, secretary; Morry Malcmacher, treasurer, and Max retary; Morry Ma Kuricki, chairman.

then permanent officers were elected.



A view of the Memorial to the Six Million erected by Kol Israel Foundation.

Led by Miller and Fixler, the group sought a charter from the State of Ohio. In 1961, Kol Israel Foundation received its charter. The purposes of the organization, as listed in the charter, read as follows:

tional training, economic and social adjustment of people from foreign lands settling in Greater Cleve-"To secure special education, guidance and voca-

"To help the State of Israel through various charktable organizations of Greater Cleveland."

But the purposes of the Kol Israel Foundation were anguage 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 had a similar past and more comprehensive than those stated in the formal

selves. The foundation provided the warmth and sym-pathy and understanding of a close-knit family to its who now faced similar problems.

They knew that their experiences had made them comfortable and at ease only with people like themunique and that for a long time they could feel founders and members.



Year of 'Chai

Kol Israel also extended a helping hand to new-comers who arrived after the organization was esin need and helped find housing and jobs to those who tablished. It quietly gave financial assistance to those had no relatives, friends, or agency to assist them.

And to both-the 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 much-needed emotional and psychoevents provided social opportunities without which logical support they lacked. The meetings and special many would have felt isolated and lonely.

be appropriate to build a monument in memory of the IN JUNE, 1960, acting on the suggestion of Morry Malemacher, the leaders of Kol Israel decided it would slx million victims of the Holocaust,

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

Every year, services of commemoration are held at he monument during the High Holldays.

and Magen David Adom. A forest in Israel was purchased through the JNF, and several fully-equipped embulances have been donated through the Magen David Adom, Kol Israel has also been a strong supporprovided funds for Israel, through contributions to the OVER THE YEARS, Kol Israel Foundation has Israel Emergency Fund, the Jewish National Fund er of Israel Bonds



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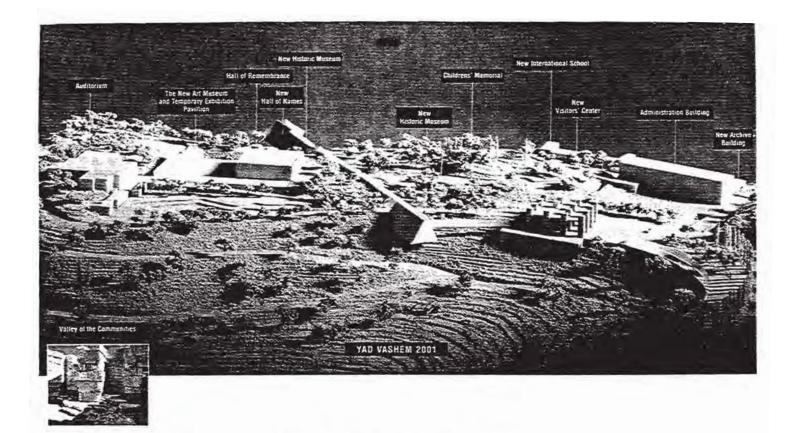
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Great minds have purposes; others have wishes.





Yad Vashem 2001

Established in 1953 by the government of Israel, Yad Vashem, the Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority, situated on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem, is the most important institution for the commemoration, education, documentation and research of the tragic events of the Shoah. Yad Vashem is the Jewish nation's institution that transcends all other Holocaust memorials in scope and size. It is the soul of the Jewish nation.

To date Yad Vashem has carried out its mandate with vigor. But much more is needed as we approach the 21st Century. To prepare an effective response to the changing needs of a new century, YAD VASHEM 2001 encompasses:

Computerizing the largest collection in the world of Holocaust documents:

Preparing premier educational materials linked with the most current pedagogical methodology expressing Yad Vashem's unique philosophy to train educators:

Creating state of the art videos and CD ROMS for international conferences, seminars and museum programs to ensure the torch of memory is passed on to new generations;

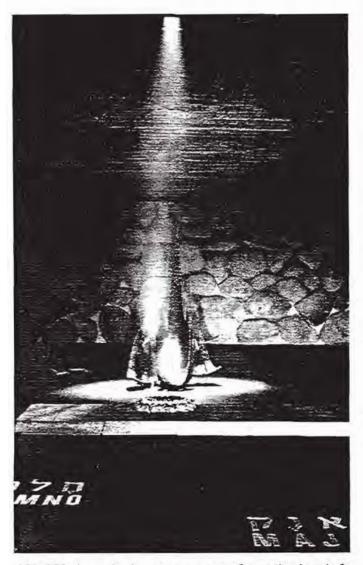
Specializing in creating exhibitions and programs in the New Museum Complex and the House of Communities Exhibition Hall to display the work by not only artists, photographers and musicians but all those who were caught up in the most traumatic moment of their life, Emphasis is also being placed on the contemporary artists' response to the Holocaust.

Our Future - Yad Vashem 2001

• A NEW HISTORICAL MUSEUM is under construction and being expanded to five times its current size to accommodate the increasing number of visitors – more than 1.5 million each year. The new museum will be able to exhibit the wealth of information uncovered by researchers in recent years. Exhibitions will be presented in 7 galleties chronologically arranged. A Learning Center will be an integral part of the New Museum Complex. A NEW ARCHIVAL BUILDING is being built to house the world's largest collection of Holocaust archives – more than 50 million pages of original records, 100,000 photographs and the library with over 10,000 titles. This significant information reservoir on the Shoah is stored in various buildings throughout Jerusalem. With the construction of the New Archive Building, archives will be centralized and computerized to ensure easy access to researchers, scholars

and visitors from all corners of the world coming to Yad Vashem. The building will be climate controlled and designed for the safety and preservation of all the materials.

- THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR HOLO-CAUST STUDIES is under construction to house all educational facilities. Activities and programs include educating annually more than 40,000 Israeli high school students, 20,000 Israeli soldiers and thousands of teachers in training seminars. Plans are underway to increase programs in the U.S. and overseas to train teachers to skillfully teach the Holocaust in schools around the world.
- A NEW HALL OF NAMES is being built as the memorial to all Jews who perished in the Holocaust. There



"Yad Vashem is the monument of a nation's grief. It gives moving testimony to the unparalleled violence which afflicted the Jewish people at the hands of Nazi Germany, leaving a vast legacy of death and suffering in its wake. Yad Vashem is therefore one of the most significant landmarks in the moral history of mankind."

- Abba Eban

are now close to 3 million names of Holocaust victims murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators that are being entered into a special database. Recently, a worldwide effort has been launched for all survivors and others to submit names of victims. Personal memory fades and collective memory is notoriously short. We must gather the names of the victims still unlisted before it is too late. Visitors who come to the Hall of Names will be able to identify victims through computer technology in an ambience of privacy and dignity.

 THE NEW VISITORS PLAZA is under construction to meet the ever-increasing demand to have visitors greeted by guides at a reception center with all the appropriate facilities for a comfortable tour.

Yad Vashem 2001 A Partnership

This monumental campaign for the new century will cost S66 million. The cost is to be shared equally by the government of Israel, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and the friends of the American and International Societies for Yad Vashem.

We need your support. You will make it possible to carry forward the legacy of the Shoah into the 21st Century. Be part of Yad Vashem 2001. Be a partner in this historic undertaking. For your sake, for your children's sake and for their children's sake...

"רנתתי להם בביתי ובחומתי יד ושם אשר לא יכרת" (שעיה נייו

"And to them will I give in my house and within my walls a memorial a "Yad Vashem"... that shall not be cut off." (Isaiah, 56:5)



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Storybook couple honored for dedication to books

I hen Rina and Samuel Frankel are honored by the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies for their efforts on behalf of the Aaron Garber Library on May 19, it will add another special chapter to two storybook lives.

Rina first got involved with the college as a student. She earned a master's degree in Judaic studies and has been attending courses at the college for 33 years. "It became clear that the library was a very important and integral part of A large part of that story involves the college. he college and needed a lot of support," she says.

Her husband, Sam, signed on to her ambitious project of expanding the physical space of the ibrary. Besides helping philanthropically, Sam did all the electrical work. "He supports everyhing I do," says Rina.

always wanted to bring more people into the library and for those who could not come, to take "The Aaron Garber Library is the best-kept secret in town," she adds. "It is a wonderful ibrary and the largest resource of Judalca and academic books on Judaica in the region. I it to them."

Club and an outreach program where volunteers from the library take books on a monthly basis to the Jewish Community Center, R.H. Myers With that goal in mind, she initiated the Book Apartments and Musicians Towers.

Looking around the Frankels' gracious home in Shaker Heights, it is obvious that this couple loves books. Sam has the most incredible collection of haggadot (over 200, many of museum quality). Rina has an impressive collection of dreidels and art books.



Seel: { YAM! SWAN HEIMER ON TENEND &

But life for the couple was not always as enriching or beautiful as it is now. Even after all these years, Sam's eyes still cloud up and his voice stiffens when he talks of the past. One of a industrial machinery. Of the three large factories family of six children, he was born in Lodz, Poland. His father owned a Putzenvolen factory the factories were confiscated by the Germans at that manufactured cleaning materials for in Lodz, two were Jewish-owned, recalls Sam. All

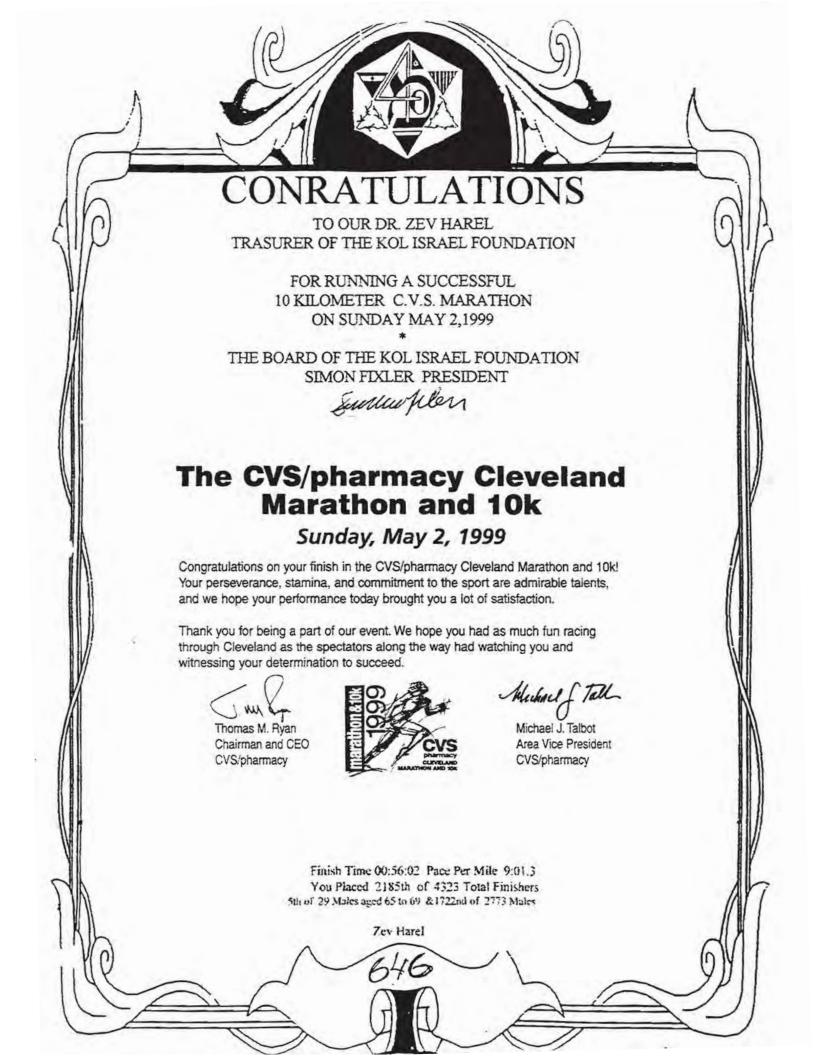
Sam and his family were consigned to the Lodz Some time after the Nazi takeover of Poland,

of over 200 haggadot. from their collection admire selections

Sam and Rina Frankel

in Treblinka. When the ghetto was liquidated, the Ghetto. His family thought they would save one of his sisters and her children by sending her to the he eventually lost his sisters and a brother, who country. Sam later found out they had been killed remaining family were all sent to Auschwitz. Sam's parents were murdered the next day and was killed one day before the camp was liberated.

Distribution Committee, he applied to immigrate to America. He arrived in 1949 and, "like Sam eventually found his way to Munich and, with the help of the "Joint," the American Joint everybody else, worked a job."







Appreciated program

As I do every year, I attended the April 12 Yom Hashoah V'Hagvura ceremony commemorating the victims of the Holocaust at B'nai Jeshurun.

I want to express my admiration to every single person who was involved in creating and bringing this excellent program to us.

Standing out and impressing me the most was "Resistance and Remembrance," written by Bea Stadtler and recited compellingly by Danny Shoag, Anna Hutt, Julie Hennenberg and Aaron Simkoff.

I was tremendously moved by this presentation.

RUTH KRAUS University Heights

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Throughout history, the Jewish people have been discriminated against, persecuted and killed simply for "being a Jew." During the Spanish Inquisition it was "convert or die." In Eastern Europe, Jews were segregated into ghettos and terrorized by pogroms. And in Nazi Germany, the most blatant example of all, Jews were branded by having to wear a yellow Star of David, crowded into ghettos, shipped like cattle to concentration camps and killed.

While these atrocities were being committed, the perpetrators never inquired what kind of Jews we were: Orthodox, Reform, Hasidic, Ashkenazi, religious, non-religious. Being a Jew was enough.

Because we were Jews, we still survive. After the dictators and persecution, we as a people and a religion exist. We established the state of Israel, where we as a nation have a homeland for all, "just because we are Jews."

BETTY BERRY Mayfield Heights

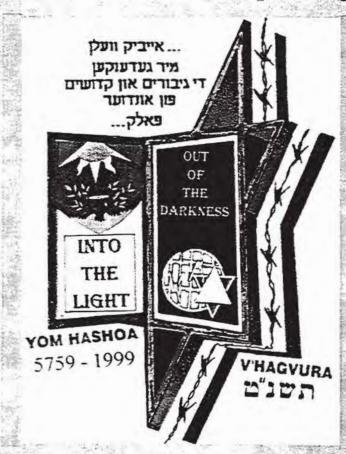
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MONEY IS A GOOD SERVANT, BUT A DANGEROUS MASTER -"

YOM HASHOA V'HAGVURA

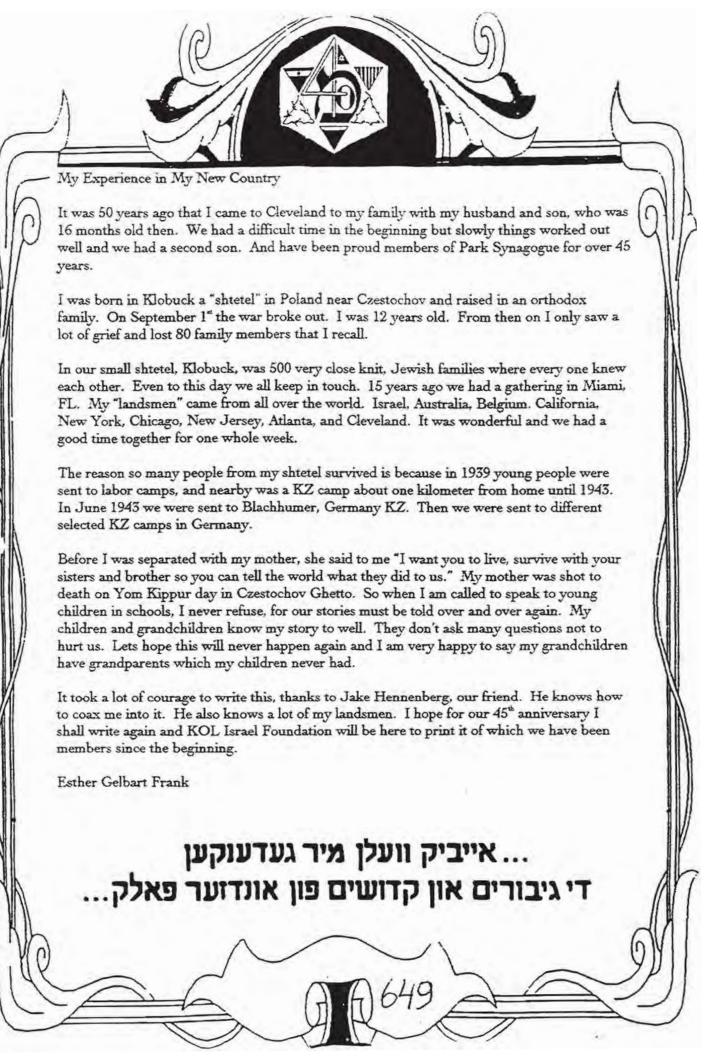
Community Commemoration of the Holocaust & Warsaw Ghetto Uprising



Survivors, Legacy, and Testimony

Holocaust Remembrance & Tribute to the Liberators & Fallen Heroes

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In Memory of Leah and Jacob Gottlieb and Zvi Gottlieb

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SAUL AND BERNICE GOTTLIEB

AND FAMILY

"We will accomplish a mission that the victims have assigned to us: to collect memories and tears, fragments of fire and sorrow, tales of despair and defiance and names – above all names."

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Laureate





Statements dismay

It is with dismay that I read Miriam Katz's statements that Holocaust survivors were looking out for themselves. My sisters sacrificed their lives for their children, and so did thousands of others. How dare such statements be made!

Didn't we suffer enough? Why, after 60 years, do we have to be insulted again by a Jewish Family Service Association employee. JFSA receives funds from the Holocaust Claims Conference, supposedly to help survivors.

JACOB HENNENBERG Beachwood by e-mail

Apology called for

I was surprised and dismayed by Miriam Katz's statements. She is involved with Holocaust survivors and counsels them. Her statements that survivors are looking out for themselves is insulting and not true because thousands of mothers sacrificed themselves for their children, including my mother. Saying that we have a lack of trust in our own families is absolutely absurd.

As president of the Kol Israel Foundation, survivors of the Holocaust, I must protest that kind

Fixlers celebrate 55th anniversary

Simon and Alice Fixler of Lyndhurst celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on May 9. They are the parents of Jim Fixler, Dennis and Gayle Fixler and Mark and Sherry Fixler; and the grandparents of Jordan, Michael and Hayley. of bad publicity and insist upon an apology to those who survived and those who did not.

SIMON FIXLER Lyndhurst

Adding insult to injury

The Cleveland Jewish News has been instrumental in recent years in honoring the memory and legacies of the Holocaust. The recent article about the Feig brothers does not fit that pattern. The allegations of one brother taking advantage of another will have its day in court and, in my view, does not deserve front-page coverage in the CJN.

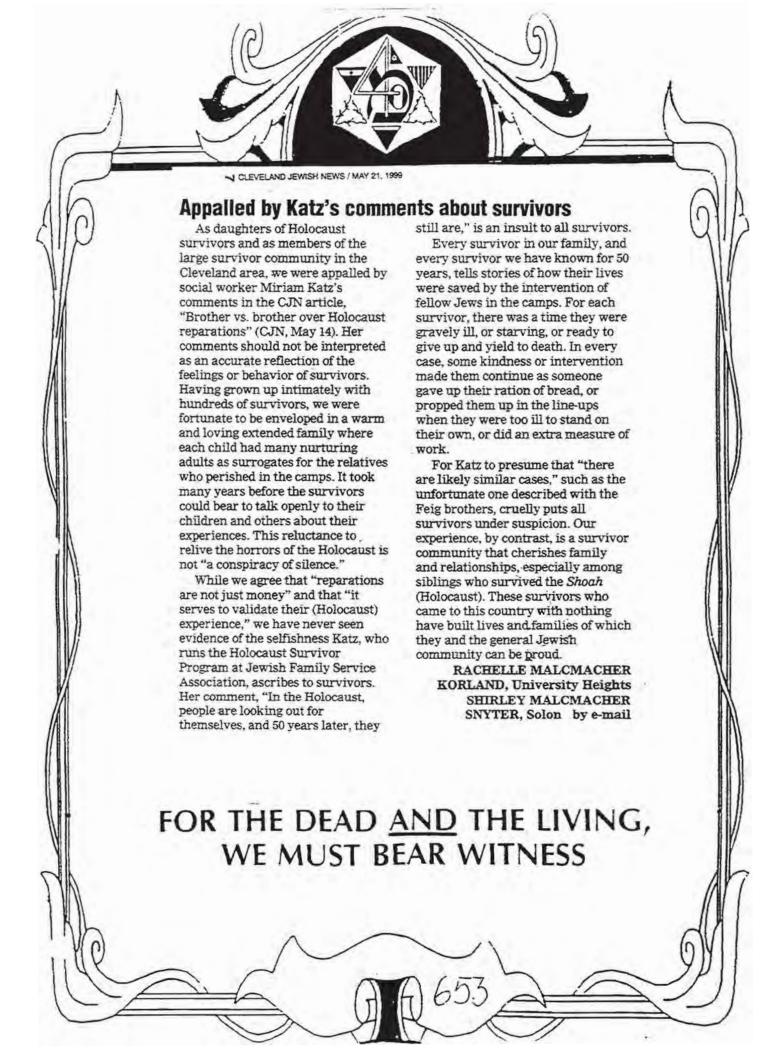
More unfortunate are the unsubstantiated allegations by Miriam Katz quoted in that article concerning the behavior of "many survivors" during the Holocaust and in its aftermath. Her statement was inaccurate and insulting to the truth about "many survivors."

Second, as a professional serving vulnerable persons, Katz needs to demonstrate publicly appropriate attitudes, values and understanding about the best interests of Holocaust survivors. As a professional paid from a special reparations fund, she has to be an advocate and not an accuser of persons she serves.

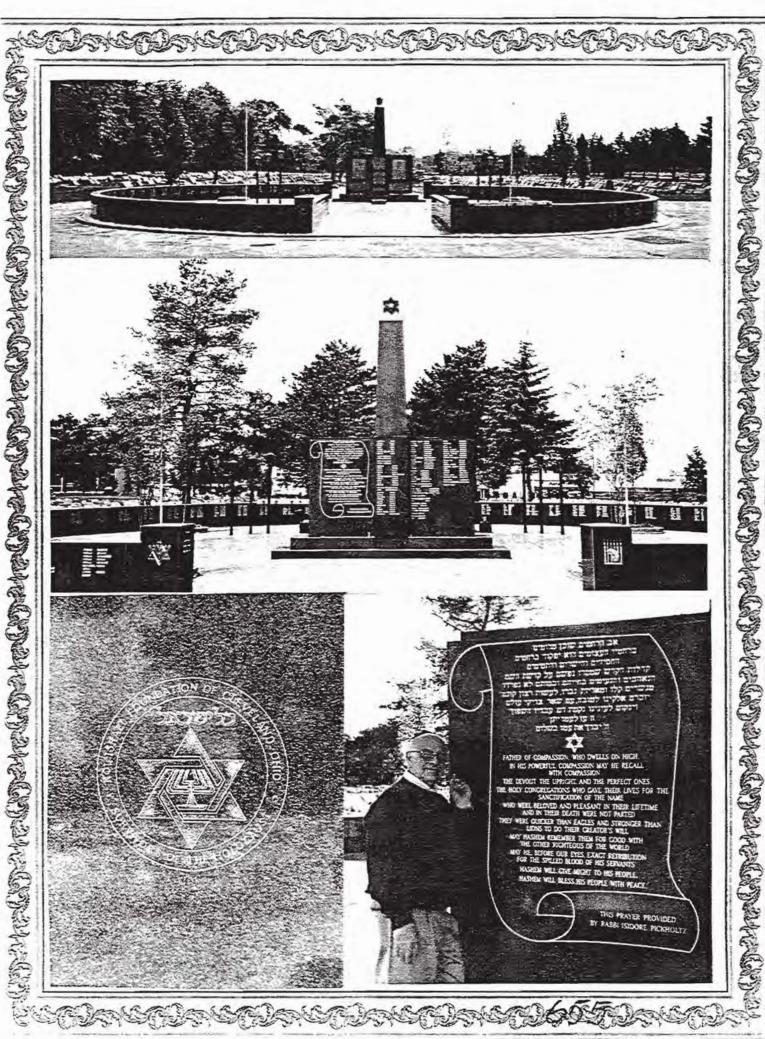
ZEV HAREL, Ph.D. Cleveland



Alice and Simon Fixler







MY MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE SINCE MY LIBERATION BY

JACK BAIGELMAN

THIRTY SIX YEARS SINCE MY LIBERATION SIX THOUSAND SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST GATHERED IN ISRAEL IN JUNE 1981 WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND GREATCHILDREN FROM FOUR CONTINENTS TO CELEBRATE LIFE AND TELL THE WORLD THAT WE ARE LIVING WITTNESSES UNITED IN FREEDOM AS WE WERE IN SLAVERY BY AN INDIVISIBLE BOND FORGED IN THE DEATH CAMPS OF NAZI GERMANY.

THIS IDEA OF GATHERING WAS ALREADY CONCEIVED IN GHETTOS AND K.Z. CAMPS. WHILE ENCANCERATED WE DREAMED OF FREEDOM AND HOPED IF WE SURVIVE WE SHALL SOMEDAY MEET IN PALESTINE WHICH IS NOW OUR BELOVED STATE OF ISRAEL.

THIS GATHERING WAS A VINDICATION OF OUR SUFFERINGSCAUSED BY NAZISM'S ASSULT ON EUROPEAN JEWERY IN MODERN TIMES.

MY WIFE RITA ALSO A SURVIVOR AND OUR DAUGHTER ILLANA ALONG WITH MANY EDUCATORS AND SÜRVIVORS FROM CLEVELAND ATTENDED THIS REUNION IN ISRAEL.

WE WERE THERE TO TELL THE WORLD THAT WE HAVE SURVIVED AND REMIND THEM THAT THE JEWISH HOLOCAUST MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN NOR REPEATED.

I HAD A SPECIAL PERSONAL REASON TO ATTEND THIS UNIQUE GATHERING. I
WAS VERY YOUNG WHEN THE WAR BROKE OUT THIS RESULTED IN MY LOOSING MY
FREEDOM, EDUCATION, MY NORMAL FAMILY LIFE AND ALSO THE JEWISH CUSTOM
OF BECOMING BAR-MITZVAH AT THE AGE OF THIRTEEN.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE TRIP TO ISRAEL I THOUGHT OF THE IDEA THAT AT THIS TIME WHICH I BELIEVED WAS MY SECOND LIBERATION, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO FULFILL MY DREAM OF BECOMING A BAR-MITZVAH. I CHOSE THE HOLLIEST OF JEWISH SHRINES, THE KOTEL, THE WAILING WALL IN JERUSALEM.

AND SO IT WAS, I MADE ALL NECESSARY ARRENGEMENTS INCLUDING A LITTLE PARTY WITH A RABBI I FOUND AT THE WALL IN JERUSALEM.

MY BAR-MITZVAH WAS WITTNESSED BY MY WIFE RITA AND MY DAUGHTER ILLANA AND MANY FRIENDS FROM CLEVELAND INCLUDING SENDER WEISMAN, LEATRICE RABINSKY, CHAIM RINGEL, ROSE KAPLOVITZ, ABBIE AKST, JACK HENNENBERG AND OTHER CLEVELANDERS.

MY BAR-MITZVAH WAS FORTY YEARS LATE, BUT NEVER TO LATE FOR ME. MY LIFELONG DREAM HAS BEEN FULLFILLED



RITA GUTTMAN BAIGELMAN

RITA WAS BORN IN BERLIN GERMANY ON FEB 18,1932. HER FATHER NATHAN, MOTHER MALKA AND SISTER SUZANNE LED A COMFORTABLE EXISTANCE IN GERMANY. ON NOV. 9th 1938, AFTER CRISTALLNACHT THE FAMILY DECIDED TO FLEE TO ANTWERP, BEGIUM. THERE ANOTHER SISTER, SYLVIAWAS BORN.

IN MAY 1940 THE NAZIS DROVE THE FAMILY AGAIN, THIS TIME TO PARIS FRANCE, SHORTLY AFTERWARDS THE NAZIS INVADED PARIS AND THE FAMILY HAD TO FLEE AGAIN, THIS TIME TO THE PYRNEES, IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE, A SMALL TOWN OF PAU AND LATER TO NYE. THE FAMILY WAS THERE TOGETHER TILL AUGUST 1942 WHEN MOTHER MALCHA AND THE THEE GIRLS WERE ARRESTED BY THE NAZIS. FATHER NATHAN WAS IN A SANITORIUM RECUPERATING FROM A RESPIRATORY AILMENT.

MALCHA, RITA, SUZI AND 3 YEAR OLD SYLVIA WERE SENT TO GURS INTERNMENT CAMP, AND THEN MOVED TO RIVERSALTES, ANOTHER CAMP IN FRANCE. ON SEPT. 13th 1932 MALCHA WAS TAKEN FROM HER THREE DAUGHTERS AND WAS SENT TO AUSCHWITZ, DEATH CAMP.

RITA REMEMBERED THAT HER MOTHER WAS ASKED IF SHE WANTS TO TAKE THE CHIDREN WITH HER, BUT SHE MOST PROBABLY KNEW WHERE SHE WAS GOING AND REFUSED TO TAKE THE CHILDREN WITH HER.

RITA, ONLY TEN YEARTS OLD AT THE TIME TOOK CARE OF HER SISTERS FOR OVER TWO WEEKS BY HERSELF IN THE BARRACS, IN SEPT. 1942 THE GIRLS WERE TAKEN TO SEE THEIR FATHER AT THE SANITORIUM. THIS WAS THE LAST TIME THEY THEY SAW HIM. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS HE WAS ALSO TAKEN TO AUSCHWITZ DEATH CAMP.

RITA AND HER SISTERS WERE TAKEN TO A CATHOLIC CONVENT AND ORPHANAGE BY A FRENCH MADEMOISELLE WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH RESISTANCE. THERE RITA TOLD THE NUNS THAT SHE HAD FAMILY IN SWITZERLAND.

AFTER A NAZI RAID ON THE MONASTERY, NEARLY BEING DISCOVERED, THE GIRLS WERE TAKEN BY THE FRENCH RESISTANCE TO THE SWISS BORDER WHERE A SWISS GUARD LET RITA CARY THREE YEAR OLD SYLVIA, AND ALSO HOLDING HER SISTER SUZI BY THE HAND SAFELY ACROSS THE BORDER INTO SWITZERLAND.

THAT IS WHERE THEY SPENT THE REST OF THE WAR. RITA AND HER SISTERS IMMIGRATED TO THE U.S. IN 1946, THEY HAD UNCLES AND AUNTS IN N.Y. CITY.

RITA MET JACK BAIGELMAN IN AUGUST 1951. THEY WERE MARRIED BY RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER IN FEBRUARY 1952. RITA AND JACK HAVE THREE CHILDREN SAMUEL, MARK, AND ILLANA. ALSO HAVE FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. MOLLY, JORDAN, NINA AND REED.

RITA PASSED AWAY IN 1993 AFTER BEING ILL TEN YEARS . SHE HAD AN INCURABLE NEUROLOGICAL DESEASE.



JACK BAIGELMAN, RABBI ABBA HILLEL SIVER, AND RITA GUTTMAN BAIGELMAN



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In Memoriam

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF ABRAHAM GRUENSPAN



אייביק וועלן מיר געדעוקען

BY HIS WIFE TONI
DAUGHTER LINDA
SON CHARLIE AND WIFE LINDA
DAUGHTER RUTHY AND HUSBAND
WARREN WOLFSON, AND
GRANDCHILDREN:

BECCA, KATY, AND LEILA GRUENSPAN KIMBERLY, AND MANDY WOLFSON

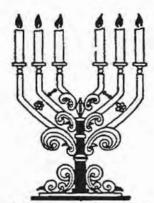
HE WHO DOES CHARITY AND JUSTICE ACTS AS IF HE ALONE FILLS THE WHOLE WORLD WITH KINDNESS. (Succah 49)



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BEA WOLFSON

WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER.

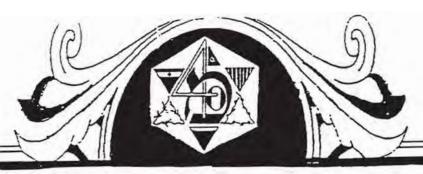


! have called to You, Adonoy :הוה: הוה

let Your ears be attentive חהדינה אוניך קשבות

ב אדני שפעה בקולי : My Master, hear my voice

BY: HUSBAND MILTON SON CHARLES SON WARREN AND WIFE RUTHI GRANDCHILDREN KIMBERLY & MANDY



Apology is called for

I was surprised and dismayed by Miriam Katz's statements. She is involved with Holocaust survivors and counsels them. Her statements that survivors are looking out for themselves is insulting and not true because thousands of mothers sacrificed themselves for their children, including my mother. Saying that we have a lack of trust in our own families is absolutely absurd.

As president of the Kol Israel Foundation, survivors of the Holocaust, I must protest that kind of bad publicity and insist upon an apology to those who survived and those who did not.

> SIMON FIXLER Lyndhurst

Often risking their lives

Social Worker Miriam Katz was out of line ("Brother vs. brother over Holocaust reparations," CJN, May 14) presuming that Holocaust survivors look out for themselves and are selfish. It could not be farther from the truth. Very many Holocaust survivors risked their lives in order to save others. I am one of them.

My sister, Helen Potash, also risked her life by stealing potatoes from the kitchen in the concentration camp where she worked and shared those potatoes with others.

That is how it was more than 50 years ago and that's how it is now.

MARCIA KRAUSE

on CLEVELAND JEWISH NEWS / MAY 28, 1999 Beachwood

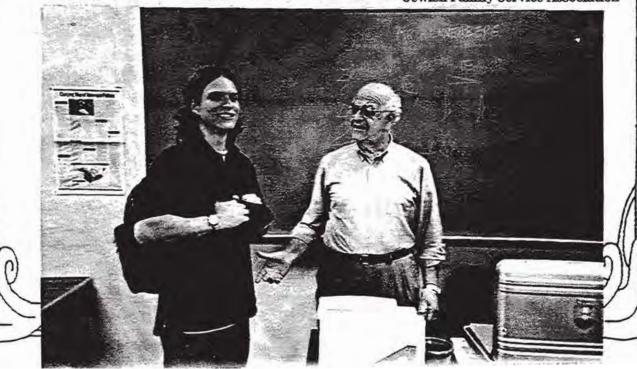
JFSA apologizes to survivors

Jewish Family Service Association (JFSA) concurs with the position that the vast majority of Holocaust victims were heroic in their ability to survive the indecencies imposed upon them and their families. The agency has the utmost compassion and respect for the brave individuals that survived these atrocities and are left to grieve for the murdered victims.

The comments made by Miriam Katz. coordinator of the Holocaust Survivor Program. in "Brother vs. brother over Holocaust reparations (CJN, May 14) were derived from hermany years of work with Holocaust survivors. It has been her experience that, in some cases, the need for privacy and secrecy results from the horrendous victimization that took place during the Holocaust. They were once stripped of their dignity and humanity; naturally, they would struggle to keep this from happening again. The Feig case, however, portrays a horrible consequence of the Holocaust. Mrs. Katz has noted that there may be some survivors who would react in the same manner, but, obviously, only in isolated incidents.

The reaction to Katz's contribution to the article warrants an apology on the part of the agency. We humbly apologize to not only those who were offended by her comments, but to the entire community and to all Holocaust victims and their families around the world.

KAYE CHAVINSON Executive Director Jewish Family Service Association



The Cleveland Holocaust Center & the Tolerance Resource Center at Notre Dame College

HOLOCAUST EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1999

Performing Arts Center Displays (PAC)

Holocaust Artifacts & Memorabilia- Jacob Hennenberg, Holocaust Survivor Resource Materials- Books, Curricula, Journals, Videos- Esther Hexter, Educational Resource Center, Akron Jewish Community Federation

9:00–9:15 a.m. Welcome & Introduction: Performing Arts Center (PAC)
President Anne L. Deming, Ph.D., Notre Dame College of Ohio
Neal Shapero, Esq., Conference Co-Chairperson

9:15–10:30 a.m. "Culpability of the Nazis", Saul Friedman, Ph.D., Author-Educator, Youngstown State University Performing Arts Center (PAC)

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

Lobby of Performing Arts Center

10:45-11:30 a.m. Three Concurrent Topics

A) "Heroes and Heroines of the Holocaust", Leatrice Rabinsky, Ph. D., Room 216

B) "Children of the Holocaust", Sol Factor, M.A.T., Room 217

C) "Education for Tolerance", Ellen Fettner, Human Relations Specialist Room 223

11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Three Concurrent Topics

D) "Teaching in the Middle School", Bea Stadtler, M.S.R.E., M.J.S. Room 216

E) "Nazi Medical Practice: Louis Flanchaum, M.D. Room 217

F) "The Righteous of the Nations: The Rescuers", Carol Danks, M.A. Room 223

12:15-1:30 p.m. Luncheon & Discussion Great Room, Third Floor (East)
Poetry Reading "A Cry for Justice": Gert Ickovic

Luncheon Address: Mr. Shalmi Barmore, Founder/Director of ECHO
"Memory & Awareness; Changing Responses to the Holocaust"
Introduction by Leatrice Rabinsky, Ph.D.,

1:30-2:15 p.m. Discussions with Holocaust Survivors - Great Room, Third Floor (East)

2:15-3:15 p.m. "The Jewish Response During the Holocaust: Moral Dilemmas & Practical Realities", David Weinberg, Ph.D., Wayne State Univ.,

Performing Arts Center (PAC)

3:15-3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

Performing Arts Center (PAC)

To obtain a Certificate of Participation please check in at the registration table.



OF OUR CHILDREN

ERIC & MICHAEL MARC AND DEBBIE

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AND GRANDCHILDREN

JACOB, BENJAMIN ELISE AND CORY

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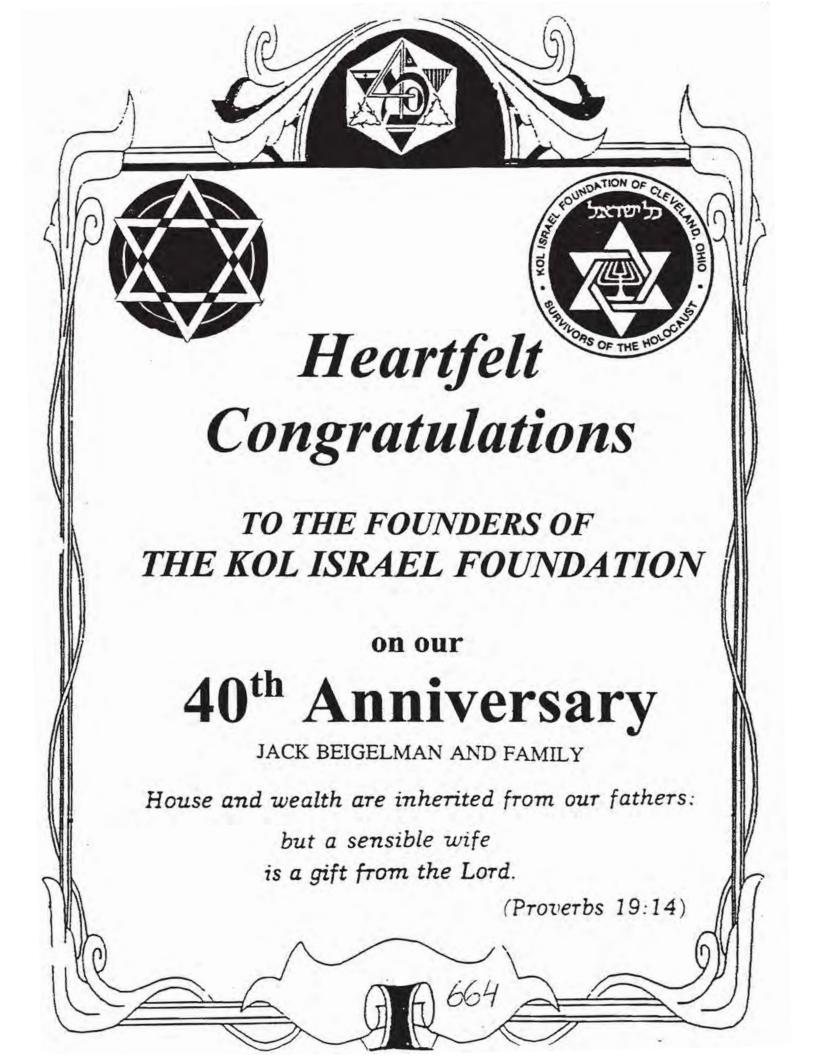
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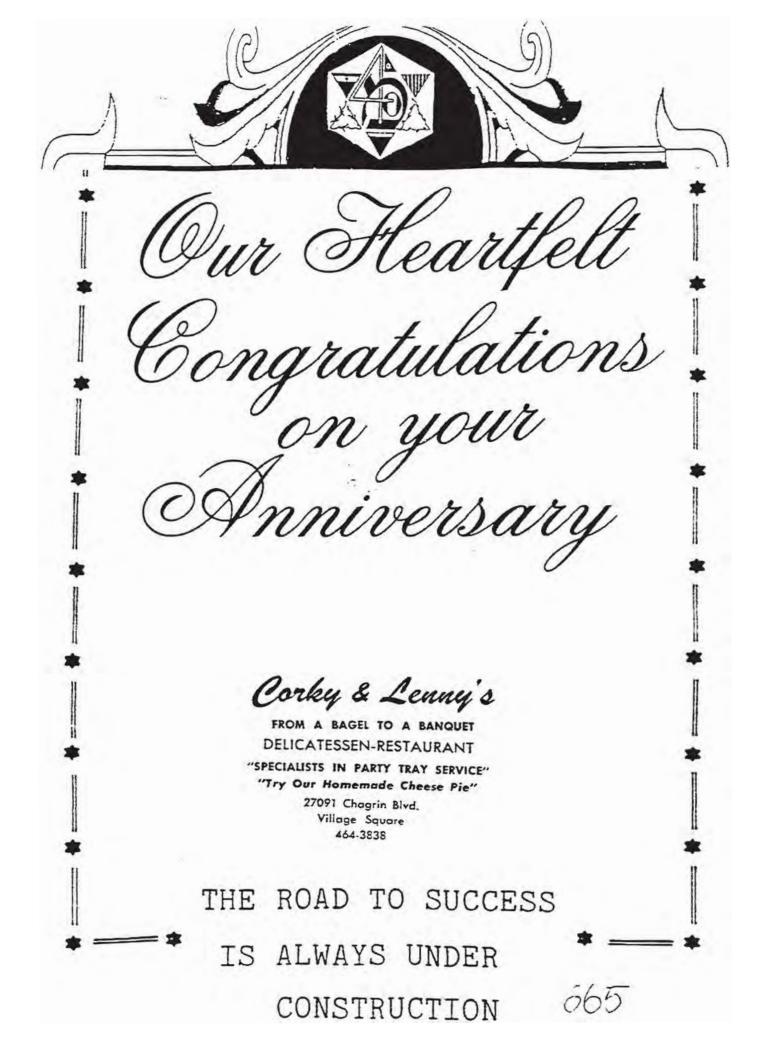
to our fellow survivors and dear friends

Ann and Mike Frum

from Bernice and Zev Harel Cleveland, Ohio June 6, 1999

I've reached the age that I'm old enough to see how "little" I have done in so much time, and how "much" I have to do in so little time.







A THANK YOU

TO:
HARRY S. TRUMAN
AMERICAN JUDGE, SENATOR AND
THIRTY THIRD PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA





Heartfelt atulations

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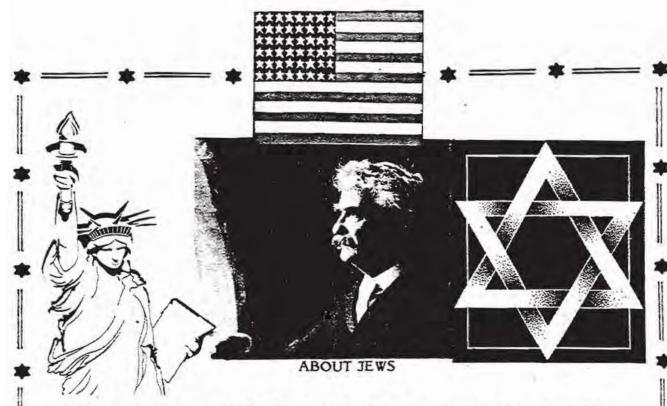
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THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

IS ALWAYS UNDER CONSTRUCTION 667





If the statistics are right, the jews constitute but one quarter of one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of stardust lost in the blaze of the milky way. Properly the jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk.

His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine and abstruse learning are very out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world in all ages; and he has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it. The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendour; then faded to dream-stuff and passed away. The Greeks and the Romans followed and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished.

The Jew saw them all, survived them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?

Mark Twain in Harper's Magazine September 1897



אייביק וועלן מיר געדענקען... די גיבורים און קדושים פון אונדזער פאלק...



ABBA KOVNER

Abba Kovner passed away after a long and painful illness on September 23, 1987.

He was a leader of the Hashomer Hatzair Zionist movement. In Wilno, Poland he became the leader of the Jewish Fighting Resistance Organization (F.P.O.) and the Commander of the United Partisan Organization.

After the war he was one of the leading organizers of the Bricha Movement, that brought the survivors from the Ghettos and Forests, partisan units and hiding places to Eretz Israel.

He settled with his wife Vitka in Kibutz Ein Hachoresh.

Kovner was a famous poet in Israel. His great achievement was the Beth Hatfutsoth, a museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv.

We, the survivors, mourn his passing.

At Number 6 Strashun Street

There, on the spot where our last barricade stood, in the yard of a ruin, among heaps of filth and scraps of paper, amid the rubble left behind by the life of the past—I actually found the manifesto.

After I had extracted the torn piece of paper from the pile and taken in the first faded, gray letters, I started trembling all over:

"Jews! Rise up in arms!

"The German and Lithuanian butchers have reached the gates of the Ghetto. They are going to murder us. Very soon they will lead us out through the gates in groups. So hundreds were led out on Yom Kippur. So they led people out in the days of the white, yellow, and pink Scheine. So they led out our brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, our children. So tens of thousands were led out to death.

"But we will not go!

"We will not be led like sheep to the slaughter!

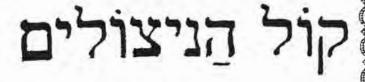
"Jews! Rise up in arms!

The righteous man is like a palm tree — as the shade of a palm is cast far, so the reward of the righteous will be

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distant, in the world to come. (Numbers Rabba)

VOICE OF THE SURVIVORS





The Kol Israel Foundation and Second Generation Kol Israel

Summer Newsletter - June, 1999

Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Ms. Cindy Feuer, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, Mrs. Rose Kaplovitz, Ms. Anne Lukas and Mr. Julian Solonitz

SPRING, 1999 ACTIVITIES:

Cleveland Holocaust Center & Second Generation K.I.

"Rebuilding Jewish Culture In Auschwitz"

Taylor Road Synagogue - March 28, 1999 7:00 p.m.

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration

Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun - April 12, 1999 7:00 p.m.

Kol Israel Sisterhood -

Spring Luncheon at Beachwood Library - May 3, 1999

Cleveland Holocaust Center - Teachers' Conference -

Notre Dame Tolerance Resource Center - May 26-27, 1999

Journey of Conscience to Holocaust Sites& the State of Israel Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky - June 20, 1999

SUMMER & FALL 1999 ACTIVITIES:

Kol Israel Foundation, Sisterhood and Second Generation Annual Picnic at Anisfield Park - July 11, 1999

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Paid-up Membership Luncheon South Euclid Com. Center - August 17, 1999

Annual Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park - September 5, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.

Kol Israel Foundation 40th Anniversary Celebration Green Road Synagogue October 24, 1999

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

Presidents Message - Simon Fixler

Now that the we have good weather, again, it is time again to start working on the Summer and Fall activities of our beloved organization, the Kol Israel Foundation.

We have several important tasks ahead of us. First, we need to prepare for our Annual Picnic. We are looking forward to a successful picnic on July 11, 1999. We count on your being there and on your buying up the raffle tickets, which is a major income source for our organization. Second, we need to diligently make preparations for our 40th Anniversary celebration on October 24, 1999. The anniversary book, on which Jack Hennenberg is working hard, is well in progress. Please send in your contributions as soon as possible.

The Memorial Monument, the site for the Annual Memorial Service, looks beautiful. We still have a few places left for inscribing names of lost loved ones. Please send your inscription requests as soon as possible. A Kol Israel Memorial Fund has been established at the Jewish Community Federation. If you would like to make a donation to the fund which will assure the upkeep of the monument, please let us know.

Kol Israel Life Membership

Our life membership continues to grow. We would love to see you join this special list of Kol Israel Foundation life members.

Harry Abraham Jack Beigelman Mary & Harold Chaitoff Shirley Garn Judith & Herbert Frankel Erika Gold Sarah & Joe Greenberg Hilda & Jacob Hennenberg Leah & William Kagan Suzanne & Bernard Krakow Paula & Karl Lasman Aranka & Moshe Loeb Sylvia & Izidore Malcmacher Miriam & Henry Miller Helen & Jack Pahmer Leatrice & Irving Rabinsky Ruth & Henry Rosenfeld Ruth Schwartz Hans & Gisele Walter Evelyn & Steve Slomovitz

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Congratulations to:

Eva & Jack Wieder

Bertha & Julian Solonitz on your 60th Anniversary

Shirley Garn on making Aliva to Israel

Betty and Nathan Berliner on your grandson's Bar-Mitzva

Esther & Herman Frank on your granddaughter's Bat-Mitzva

Rose Kaplovitz on your granddaughter,s Bat-Mitzva

Sophie Steinbuch on your granddaughter's Bat-Mitzva

Refuah Shlema! Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to:

Eva Dorfsman Dr. Boaz Kahana

Terry Friedman Paula Lasman

Aranka Loeb

Celia Milchiker

Max Slivka

Helen Matlow Chaya Zryl

Deepest Sympathies are extended to families of:

Moses Loeb

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We count on you, we need you, Please be there:

on July 11, 1999 - at Anisfield Park

KOL ISRAEL ANNUAL PICNIC

(Purchase raffle tickets,

Help sell raffle tickets,

Come and help at the picnic,

Come with your family and enjoy)

on September 5, 1999 - at 2:00 P.M.

at Zion Memorial Park

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Be there with your family to honor the memory of lost loved ones

and the six million Jewish martyrs)

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on October 24, 1999 at Green Road Synagogue

KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

(Be there to celebrate, invitations will follow,

Send in your add or testimony,

An add of \$50 assures you a copy of this beautiful book, To place an add, call Jacob Hennenberg - 464 5149)

Past Presidents: Jack Baigelman, Leo Bergrin*, Robert Birnbaum*, Art Gelbart, Dr. Zev Harel, Jack Herskovitz, Morry Malcmacher*, William Miller, Jack Wieder, Jack York* *Deceased

An array of keynote speakers, outstanding academics in the field of Holocaust education, featured Professor Shalmi Barmore of Israel, Director of ECHO, international organization to recapture 1,000 years of vibrant Jewish history and culture; Dr. Saul Friedman, historian of Youngstown State University, who has made studies of the Holocaust his life work; and Dr. David Weinberg of Wayne State University, Director of the Cohn-Hadow Center for Judaic Studies and Professor of History.

A series of six workshops, three in each morning session, attracted full attendance from the conference participants. Topics of interest, geared to classroom teachers, included "Heroes and Heroines of the Holocaust" by Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky, "Children of the Holocaust" by Sol Factor, "Education for Tolerance" by Ellen Fettner, "Teaching in the Middle School" by Bea Stadtler, "Nazi medical Practice: A Question of Morality and Ethics by Dr. Louis Flanchaum and the Righteous of the Nations" by Carol Danks.

An engaging exhibit, The Precious Legacy, was prepared by Kol Israel historian Jacob Hennenberg. Ester Hexter, Director of Akron JCC Educational Resource Center, presented resource materials for teachers throughout the day.

On Wednesday night, prior to the conference, 200 community members attended the program and reception in the Performing Arts Center of Notre dame College. Professor Shalmi Barmore spoke on "The Holocaust: Emerging Responses in Contemporary History."

Dr. Anne L. Deming, President of Notre Dame College, opened the conference and welcomed the assembly. Eleanor Kocevar, mother of the late Maggie Kocevar, Holocaust educator for whom the Tolerance center is named, served on the organizing committee. Anne Lukas and Neal Shapero, board members of the Cleveland Holocaust Center and members of Second Generation Kol Israel, served as co-chairpersons for the conference. "We are pleased that the conference participants responded so positively about their day of learning," noted Lukas. Shapero remarked about the enthusiasm of the teachers during the workshop sessions. "The groups were discussing and asking questions. It was a very rewarding conference." Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky served as conference consultant.

Janus Korczak Humanitarian Award - Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

Veteran Holocaust educators, Bea Stadtler and Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky, were honored by Youngstown State University with the Janus Korczak Humanitarian Award. The award presentation highlighted a luncheon gathering for 300 educators and students at the Conference on Jewish Studies, Tuesday, May 25 1999, organized by Dr. Saul Friedman Professor of History at Youngstown State University.

Honored for her nationally-acclaimed book for middle school students, The Holocaust: A History of Courage and Resistance, Stadtler was also lauded for years of articles, study guides, books, and biographies on Jewish themes. A book of interviews with Holocaust survivors is soon to be published. Stadtler's articles appear in national Jewish publications.

Rabinsky was recognized for her pioneer work efforts in teaching the Holocaust for more than thirty years. Her Journeys of Conscience with survivors and students begun in 1975 were praised. Her efforts as co-editor of The Holocaust: Prejudice Unleashed, the Ohio Curriculum, now distributed nationally, as well as numerous articles on Holocaust education and awareness, were recognized. Rabinsky is also co-editor of the recently published National Council of Teachers of English book, Teaching for a World of Tolerance, Grades 9-12.

Dr. Irene Shur of Westchester University, Pennsylvania, President of the National Association of Holocaust Educators, presented the awards which were developed to honor "those individuals who had made significant contributions to the field of education and human understanding." Previous recipients include Simon Wiesenthal, Elie Wiesel, Beate Klarsfeld, Elizabeth Holtzman, Vidal Sasson and Robert Cleary.

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration

The 1999, community-wide Yom Hashoa V'Hagvura Commemoration of the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was held on Monday, April 12, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation. This year's commemoration included the second annual Clergy Unity Procession along with the traditional program elements, including the March of Generations and the lighting of candles in memory of the six million Jewish Holocaust martyrs.

Program Co-Chairs, Charles Gruenspan and Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, together with committee members, deserve much credit for their hard work. As it does every year, the Precious Legacy by Jack Hennenberg and student artwork drew much attention. Next year's Co-Chairs Dr. Sylvia Abrams and Roman Frayman are already working on the 2000 Yom Hashoa Commemoration.

Cleveland Holocaust Center Progress Notes - Avi Goldman

The Board of the Cleveland Holocaust Center continues its work to plan and provide educational and Holocaust awareness programs for the community.

On May 26-27, 1999, the Cleveland Holocaust Center, in cooperation with the Tolerance Resource Center of Notre Dame College of Ohio, presented a Holocaust Educators' Conference. The opening event, on the evening of May 26, 1999, and the Holocaust Educators' Conference, on May 27, 1999, were well attended and appreciated by participants. Anne Lukas and Neal Shapero's dedication, commitment and hard work are greatly appreciated.

We are actively pursuing an option to purchase Taylor Road Synagogue as a permanent home for the Cleveland Holocaust Center. More conclusive information will be forthcoming soon. We may be reached at P.O. Box 22043 Cleveland, OH 44122, or by phone: (216) 381 7141.

Journey of Conscience 1999 - Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky

An exciting group of students, survivors of the Holocaust, Second Generation members and educators will depart soon on a remarkable experience, the Journey of Conscience to sites of the Holocaust in Europe and to Israel, Land of Rebirth.

The group will take the pilgrimage of remembrance with survivors Rose Kaplovitz of Sosnowiec, Shredula Ghetto and Oberstadt concentration camp; Jack Baigelman, of the Lodz Ghetto, Auschwitz Birkenau concentration camp, Gleiwitz labor camp, the death march from Gleiwitz to Blechammer; and Roman Frayman, child survivor of Sosnowiec and Shredula Ghetto, who was also a hidden child during the Holocaust. Ceremonies of commemoration will also be conducted for David, Yosef Leib and Aaron Engel, father and brothers of survivor Gita Frankel, participant in four previous Journeys of Conscience.

Among the highlights of this year's Journey will be a special meeting in Amsterdam with Jacqueline Maarsen, a childhood friend of Anne Frank, who will be the group's guide at the Anne Frank House. The Journey pilgrimage will visit Vienna and Matthausen, Prague, Terezin and Lidice and places of Holocaust history throughout the length and breadth of Poland and then an odyssey of renewal from north to south and east to west in Israel.

Journey organizer and leader is Leatrice B. Rabinsky. Co-leader is Mary Chaitoff, who has been on five previous journeys. Associate leader is Rabbi Gary Robuck who is joining the group on the twentieth anniversary of his participation in the second Journey of Conscience, 1979. The Kol Israel Foundation, The Cleveland Holocaust Center and Cleveland Heights High are the organizations behind the Journey of Conscience.

Holocaust Education Conference - Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky

More than 50 area teachers participated in the Holocaust Educators' Conference sponsored by the Cleveland Holocaust Center and the Tolerance Resources Center of Notre Dame College of Ohio. Survivors of the Holocaust from the Kol Israel organizations, Second Generation Kol Israel and community volunteers enhanced the conference proceedings. Close to 80 people joined in the luncheon following morning workshops.

PRAGUE AN EXPERIENCE

In 1989 I was privileged to travel to Europe, under the leadership of Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky with a group called "JOURNEY OF CONSCIENCE". On June 30,1989 we arrived in Prague, today it is the Chech Republic. We stayed in the Intercontinental Hotel, which is located only a few steps from the old Jewish Center of Prague, the famous "ALTNEI SCHUL", the old Cemetary and the place where the famous Rabbi Yehuda Loew lived (The Maharal). He was born in Posen, Poland, in the year 1525, and died in Prague, in the year 1609. It is no wonder that the Maharal is a direct descendant of King David; for just as David was a warrior, so was the Maharal. As a strong leader of his community, assisted by the Golem, a robot that he created and brought to life. The Maharal is the focus on many legends in which he is the protector of the Jews of Prague against their enemies.

It was Saturday and our group went for a walk, and we came to the Charles Bridge across the Vltava River, in the middle of the bridge stands a huge Crucifix, on the top of the Crucifix in a half circle with writing on it, you can clearly see Hebrew letters in gold spelling "KADOSH KADOSH KADOSH ADONOY TZEVAOT. What does this quote do on the top of the Crucifix ?. In the middle ages, King Charles and his friends took a trip in a boat on the Vltava River, when they arrived under the Bridge a stone got loose and fell down from the bridge.

The Jews of Prague were accused of throwing down the stone, as punishment they were ordered to put this holy sentence on the Crucifix, and when they crossed the Bridge, they had to kneel in front of it.

During our walk we came across the magical 15th-century clock on the Old Town Hall, even on the Clock is a figure of a Jew shaking his bag of Gold.

We visited the Jewish Museum, with a large amount of Jewish Artifacts, as incredible as it may sound, these artifacts were collected by the Nazis, in order to show after the war in a special designed museum, of a People that once existed.

On Saturday we went to pray in the age old "ALTNEI SCHUL" after the services I went to speak with their Rabbi, I said Rabbi I have two questions, one how come the name is "ALTNEU"? it is either old or new? The other question when you stood and prayed, you stood in an indentation in the flor, where I come from the Hazan stands on a podium which is elevated.

The Rabbi said the answer to the first question is as follows the name is not "ALTNEU", it is "ALTNEI" in Hebrew it means temporary, it is temporary until the "BETH HAMIKDASH" will be build. The answer to your second question, our Hazan stands in the indentation, because the Psalmist said "MIN HAMAKIM KURUSEICHU YOH" from the depth we pray to you o Lord. The trip to PRAGUE was a real experience.

Jacob Hennenberg





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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The coming year promises to be a very exciting one for Second Generation. We are in the final rounds of negotiations for a home for The Cleveland Holocaust Center. We will need many of you to become more involved in order to make this project work

This year I am asking for more than just a check. We really could use help with many different committees.

It is the people of this organization that have allowed us to accomplish so much over the past few years that I have been involved.

1999 BOARD MEETINGS

All SGKI board meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 in the morning at the Na amat office in South Euclid. The office is in the Cedar Hts., Professional Building, 14055 Cedar Road on the third floor. We encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved to please come sit in on our monthly meetings.

NEXT MEETING June 20th 10:00 CLEVELAND HOLOCAUST CENTER UPDATE

Over the next 12 months we are going to need a lot of help. If you have expertise in any of the following areas and are willing to volunteer, please contact me ASAP.

(Finance, Publicity, Fundraising, Membership, Graphics, Construction, Other)

If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity, there will be plenty of volunteer opportunities available. I will keep everyone posted as to the progress.

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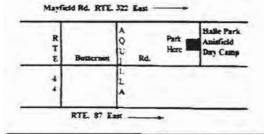
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PICNIC SUNDAY JULY 11TH



TICKETS

Call Cindy Feuer if you are interested in helping us sell raffle tickets for the picnic. 216-691-0123. Admission is \$2 per person with children under 12 FREE.

VOLUNTEERS

We need people to help sell food, organize activities, and work at the gate. Please call Nancy Kalski-Neese if you would like to help at 330-656-2876

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Henoch Hennenberg



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MARY SPERLING



SPECIAL FRIENDSTHAT'S HOW WE'VE BEEN,
AND SPECIAL FRIENDS WE'LL STAYWE SHARED SO MUCH AND CARED SO MUCH,
IT'S ALWAY'S BEEN THAT WAY,
AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME GOES BY,
NO MATTER WHAT LIFE SENDS,
I'M GLAD THAT YOU WERE SUCH A SPECIAL FRIEND
TO THE END.
MAY YOU REST IN PEACE

LOUISE GIPS





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Educators receive humanitarian award

Veteran Holocaust educators Bea Stadtler and Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky were honored by Youngstown State University with the Janusz Korczak Humanitarian Award. The presentation highlighted a luncheon gathering of 300 educators and students at the Conference on Jewish Studies held on May 25. It was organized by Dr. Saul Friedman, professor of history at the university.

Honored for her nationally acclaimed book for middle-school students, The Holocaust: A History of Courage and Resistance, Stadtler was also lauded for years of articles, study guides, books and bibliographies on Jewish themes. A book of interviews with Holocaust survivors is soon to be published.

Rabinsky was recognized for her pioneer efforts in teaching about the Holocaust for more than 30 years and for her Journeys of Conscience with survivors and students, which began in 1975. She is co-editor of



Stadtler



Rabinsky

"The Holocaust: Prejudice
Unleashed," the Ohio curriculum
now distributed nationally, and has
written numerous articles on
Holocaust education and awareness.
Rabinsky is also co-editor of the
recently published National Council
of Teachers of English book,
"Teaching For A World of Tolerance,
Grades 9-12."

Previous award recipients include Simon Wiesenthal, Elie Wiesel, Beatte Klarsfeld, Elizabeth Holtzman, Vidal Sasson and Robert Clary.

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Steve and Evelyn Slomovitz

Slomovitzes celebrate 50th anniversary

Evelyn and Steve Slomovitz of Beachwood celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 5. They are the parents of Rick and Denise Slomovitz, Harvey and Michelle Slomovitz, Gene and Lori Slomovitz and Marci and Jack Slomovicz; the grandparents of Bryan and Dawna, Alyson, Justin and Jonathon Slomovitz, David and Dawn, Michael, Laura, Eva and Monika Slomovitz, Aaron and Jordan Slomovitz, Jessica and Rick Loconti and Tera and Erika Palmieri; and the great-grandparents of six.





Bertha and Julian Solonitz

Solonitzes celebrate 60th anniversary

Julian and Bertha Solonitz of Cleveland Heights are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary today (Fri.). The couple were married in Vilna and are the parents of Ralph and Linda Solonitz and Sophia and Bob Stern; and the grandparents of David and Rebecca Stern.

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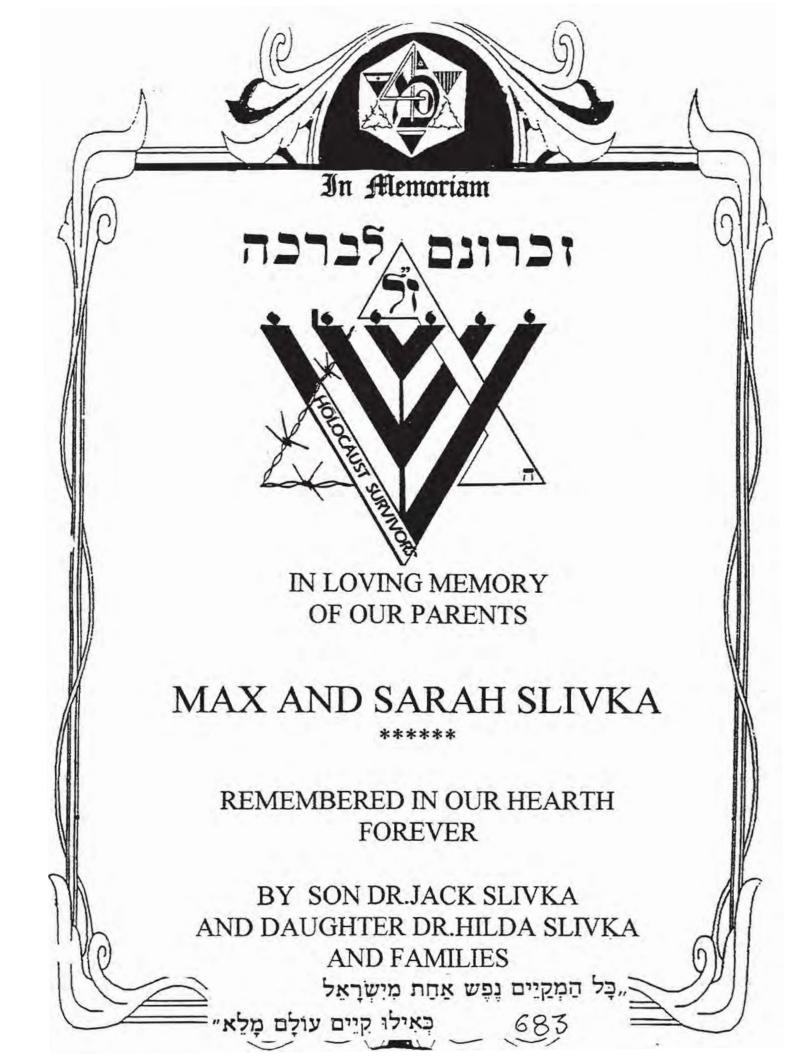
We are one people, with one heart and one destiny.



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IN OUR HEARTS
AND BE REMEMBERED FOR EVER
BY HER BROTHER AND SISTERINLAW

SARAH & LOUIS RADZELI

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In Memoriam

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SARAH AND MAX SLIVKA

הדל יצאת על קברה ובוכה זר מסיבה יסבו בנים לנכועם:



SARAH AND MAX SLIVKA IN 1939,CZESTOCHOWA,POLAND

IN MEMORYOF OUR BELOVED BROTHER MAX SLIVKA AND SISTERINLAW SARAH SLIVKA

REMEMBERED BY
PEREC AND SYLVIA SLIVKA
AND CHILDREN

אייביק וועלן מיר געדעוקען ...

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IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED BROTHER MOSHE AND SISTER-IN- LAW BELA SLIVKA



PEREC AND SYLVIA SLIVKA and Children

יָתְנַדֵּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְּׁמֵה רַבָּא. בְעָלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כִּרְעוֹתָה. וְיַמְלִּיךְ מַלְכוֹתָה. בְחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמִיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְּכֶל בַּית יִשְּׁרָאֵל. בַעַנָּלָא וּבוְמַן קָרִיב. וְאִמְרוּ אָמַן: יָהֵא שְׁמַה רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:

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יָהַא שָׁלָכָא רַבָּא מְרְשָׁמָיָא וְחַיִּים עָלַינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־ יָשֶׂרָאָל. וַאָּמִרוּ אֲכַּוְ:

עשה שָּלום בִּכְרוֹמָיו הוא יַצֵשָה שָלום עַלִינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־ שַׂרָאַל. וָאִכְרוּ אָכַן:

He who strives to do good and kind deeds attains life, success, and honor. Proverbs 21:21



Shirley Frum

Lilian Yeger

Ann Malamacher

WHAT KOL ISRAEL MEANS TO ME:

K inder (Children) everywhere.

O rganizing meetings, meetings, meetings.

Latkes 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 tun 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)

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The courage of a 16-year-old Polish maid helped save the life of Ida Muszynski during World War II. She is shown with her son, Stuart, at her apartment in Beachwood.

Beachwood family honors ex-maid who defied Nazis

Special award pays tribute to brave Polish woman who risked her life in 1941 to save a Jewish family

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?"

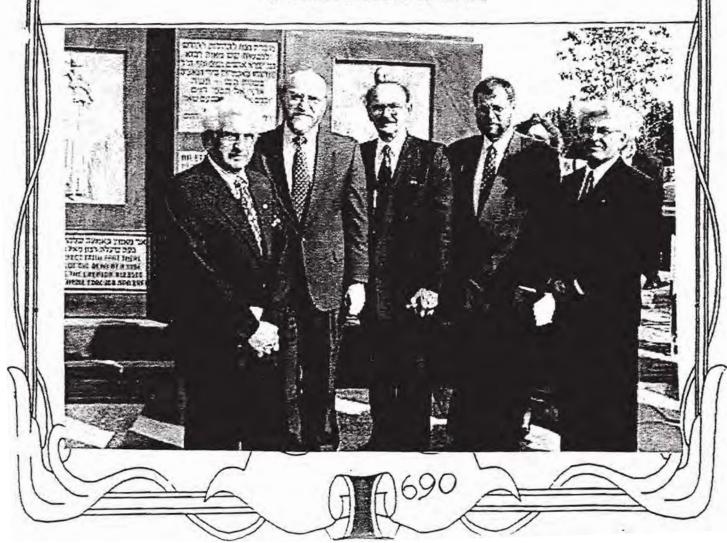
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IN LOVING MEMORY
OF PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

SAMUEL GOLDMAN & WIERA SZOAG GOLDMAN

BY ANITA & HOWARD COHEN JACLYN COHEN SHARON&BRAD HERBST



THE BEACHWOOD BUZZ

Yom Hashoah Essay 2nd Place Winner by Steve Kyman

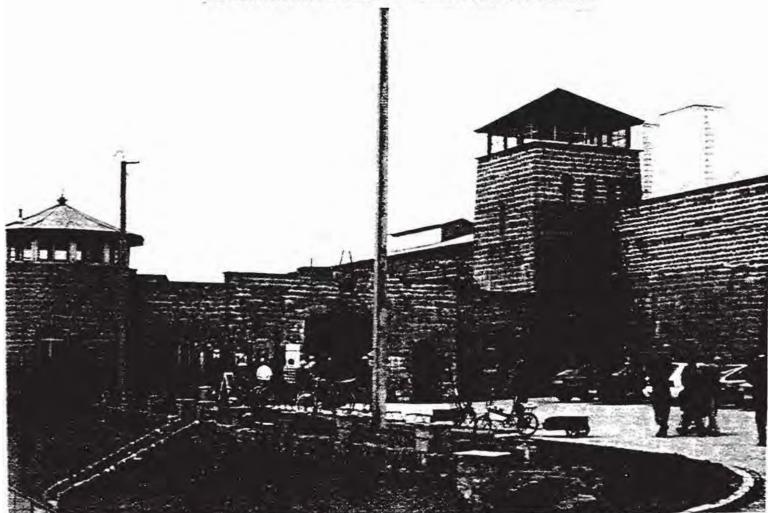
I am almost 12 years old and I live in a very nice, middle class neighborhood. Up until this year I was very happy here but now I get sad sometimes. I have Cerebral Palsy and I am a quadriplegic except for some use of my left hand. This year, because of my disability, I feel very isolated and alone. I can't play sports with the other guys my age, I can't go to friends houses because I'm too big to carry in and out and none of the houses are accessible and I am feeling very left out because I can't participate in a lot of party activities. I've been feeling this way a lot lately. Then I began this project.

When I first began studying about the Holocaust this year, I really didn't know much about it. I knew that it was a very bad thing and I knew where it had happened but I had never met anyone who had lived through it. It just wasn't something that I thought much about. I hadn't really read much about it either. Then we began our Jewish Studies work and, recently. I began this project. Now I know what the Holocaust was truly like. I understand the terrible things that were done to the Jewish people: to humiliate them, to torture them and to kill them. I have learned a lot about cruelty, bigotry, fear and courage. But mostly, because of this project, I have learned a lot about myself.

Now when I think about how sad I feel because I can't do some of the things that other children my age can. I also think about the good things in my life. I think about my

mom and dad and their hugs. I think about my home and having dinner with my family. I think about laughing out loud and not being afraid of hardly anything. I think about friends that come to play. I think about all of this because I have learned about the children of the Holocaust who never had the chance to be happy or sad. They were taken away from their parents, from their family, from their friends. These Jewish children never got the chance to play or laugh or love because they were killed. When I think about them, I realize that my life is a gift, even with a disability. Learning about the Jewish children who never left the darkness of the holocaust because of Hitler and his followers has shown me how much I have to be grateful for. Because of this project. I am the one who had come from the darkness into the light.

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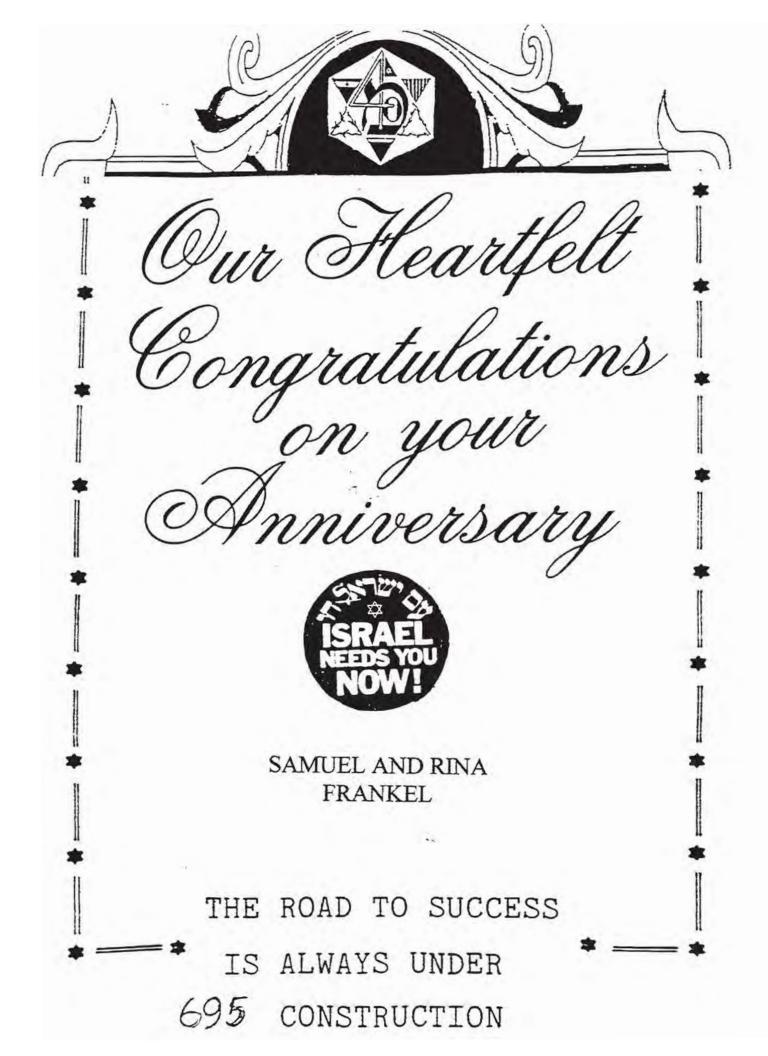
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I HAD A DREAM

I had a dream I had an interview with G-d.

"Come in," G-d said to me. "So, you would like to interview Me?"

"If you have the time," I said.

G-d smiled and said: "My time is called eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?

"None that are new to you. What's the one thing that surprises you most about mankind?"

G-d answered: "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.

That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future.

That they live as if they will never die, and they die forgiven by others, but that they forgive as if they had never lived..."

G-d's hands took mine and we were silent.

After a long period, I said, "May I ask you another question? As a Parent, what would you ask your children to do?"

G-d replied with a smile:

"To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.

To learn that it takes years to build trust, and a few seconds to destroy it.

To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

To learn that they should control their attitudes, otherwise their attitudes will control them.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.

To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to show their feelings. To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.

To learn that while at times they may be entitled to be upset, but that does not give them the right to upset those around them.

To learn that great dreams do not require great wings, but landing gear to achieve.

To learn that true friends are scarce, and he/she who has found one has found a true treasure. To learn that it is not always enough that they be

themselves.

To learn that they are masters of what they keep to themselves and slaves of what they say.

To learn that they shall reap what they plant; if they plant gossip they will harvest intrigues, if they plant love they will harvest happiness.

To learn that true happiness is not to achieve their goals but to learn to be satisfied with what they already achieved.

To learn that happiness is a decision. They decide to be happy with that they are and have, or die from envy and jealousy of what they lack.

To learn that two people can look at the same thing land see something totally different.

To learn that those who are honest with themselves





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Fun der wettens zeit men flatern einike zlojwaise feiner un die oifszrift mit groise sojsies: "BARUCH HABAIM."

Der kroue iz gegrindet geworn in Nowember 1945. Troe ale Szwerikajten wus zaj hobn gehat eu bakemin, hobn zaj mit zajer sztarken wilen ales ojsgehaltn, un kiken hajnt mit zurindenhajt ouf zajer szajner wirtszaft un blijende felder. Ale arbitn fim ojs alein di 100 chalucim un chalucot fin kibuc.

Jedn Szabes kimt for an "Ojneg Szabat". In weichen nemen unteil osch gest fin di scheinesdike lagern in kibucim. In der kurder eksistende, hobn dem kibuc bazucht wichtige gest. Do iz gewen die Englisz-Amerikanisze E.J.-komisje, der Amerikaniszer ambasador in Dajczland, weicher hot bisdedrikt zajn anerkenung für der musterhafter ordnung in reinkajt fin kibuc.

Der kibuc hot baszlosen ou grinden in EREC JISROEL a naje kwuca und macht szoin forbreitungen oum "HITJASZWUT"

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CHAIM
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SHLOIMEL LOUIS
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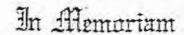
ב בנאות נשא ביביבר עליםי פנחות ינוקי: ב נפשי ישובב ינחני בסענלי צדק יקען שמו: ה בם בריאקד בביא צוקות לאראירא רע פראמה עסד שבטף ימשענתף המה ישכב: ה. מַצַרְדְּ לְפָנֵיוֹ שֶׁלְחָוֹ ش دند רשנה נשכן ראשי כוסי רְיַיָה: י. אָדְּיוֹ מוֹב הַמָּסְדְיִיְדְּפַוּנִי בל־יבי חד ושבתי בבית יהוה לאנד נסים:

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MARTIN H. LAX

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House and wealth are inherited from our fathers; but a sensible wife is a gift from the Lord. (Proverbs 19:14)



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May 20, 1999

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Kol Israel Foundation c/o Mr. Simon Fixler P. O. Box 21146 Cleveland, OH 44121-0146

Dear Simon:

Thank you for Kol Israel's generous commitment of \$ 500 to the 1999 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal, which helped us achieve our 1999 campaign goal. This vital act of tzedakah saves and improves Jewish lives in our own community and throughout the world. Whether teaching Jewish values in local pre-schools, helping families recover from domestic violence, or providing food and shelter for elderly Jews in Cleveland and in the former Soviet Union, we should be very proud of the work we accomplish together.

With the support of Kol Israel, we will improve our ability to meet the needs of our people.

Thanks again for your outstanding dedication to Jewish life.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy F. Wuliger General Chair



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April 7, 1998

Mr. Simon Fixler, President Kol Israel Foundation 1828 Edenhall Dr. Lyndhurst, OH 44124

Dear Mr. Fixler:

On behalf of The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland (the "Federation"), I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the Kol Israel Foundation, Cleveland, OH to establish The Kol Israel Foundation Special Purpose Memorial Fund, a component fund of the Federation (the "Kol Israel Fund").

In general, the purpose of the Kol Israel Fund will provide for the preservation of the Holocaust Memorial Monument located at Zion Memorial Park, 5461 Northfield Road, Bedford, Ohio, and an annual memorial service in honor of those who perished in the Holocaust. So long as it is reasonably feasible, all distributions shall be made after consultation with the President of The Kol Israel Foundation, the President of Second Generation Kol Israel (Cleveland, OH) and the Co-Chairs of the Memorial Service Committee. However, the Federation shall retain ultimate authority over the use of principal and income of the Kol Israel Fund. In general, annual distributions shall be limited to 5.5% of the market value of the Kol Israel Fund, based on an average market value for the prior 12-calendar quarters. Such limitation may be exceeded when repairs and/or renovations to the Holocaust Memorial Monument are necessary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Federation does not assume any financial responsibility for the services described herein beyond the assets available now or in the future in the Kol Israel Fund.

In the event that the general purposes of the Kol Israel Fund as described herein no longer require funding or monies remain unexpended under the distribution guidelines, then such excess may be used for Holocaust education after consultation with the President of The Kol Israel Foundation and the President of Second Generation Kol Israel. As a Federation component Fund, the Kol Israel Fund shall be subject to said Federation's rules, from time to time, governing the operation of endowment funds (including rules regarding changes of purpose).

The operating terms of the Kol Israel Fund as stated herein may be amended, from time to time, by written agreement entered into between the Federation and The Kol Israel Foundation (or successor organization). It is recognized that the Federation has not provided any goods or services to you or to any other person in consideration, in whole or in part, for any gift acknowledged herein.

. Simon Fixler April 7, 1998 Page 2

Please acknowledge your agreement to the foregoing terms by signing, dating and returning to me the enclosed copy of this letter.

Acknowledged and Agreed to:

The Kol Israel Foundation

President

Date: 4.7-98

With all good wishes.

Sincerely

Alan D. Gross

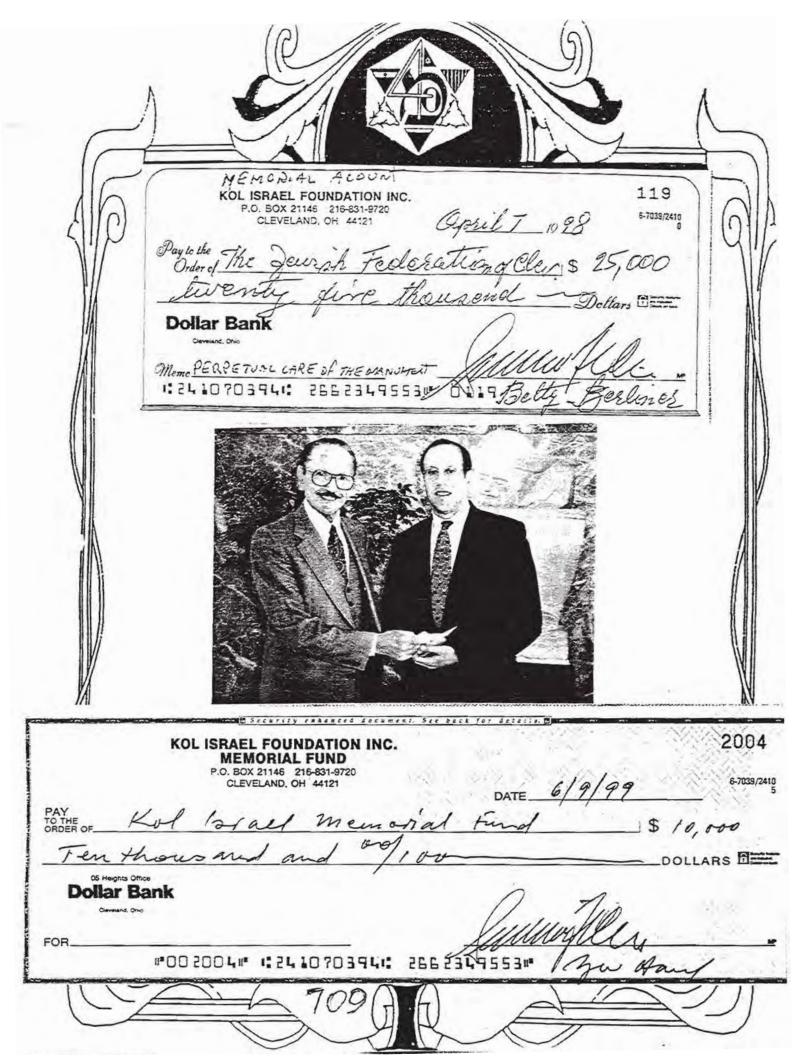
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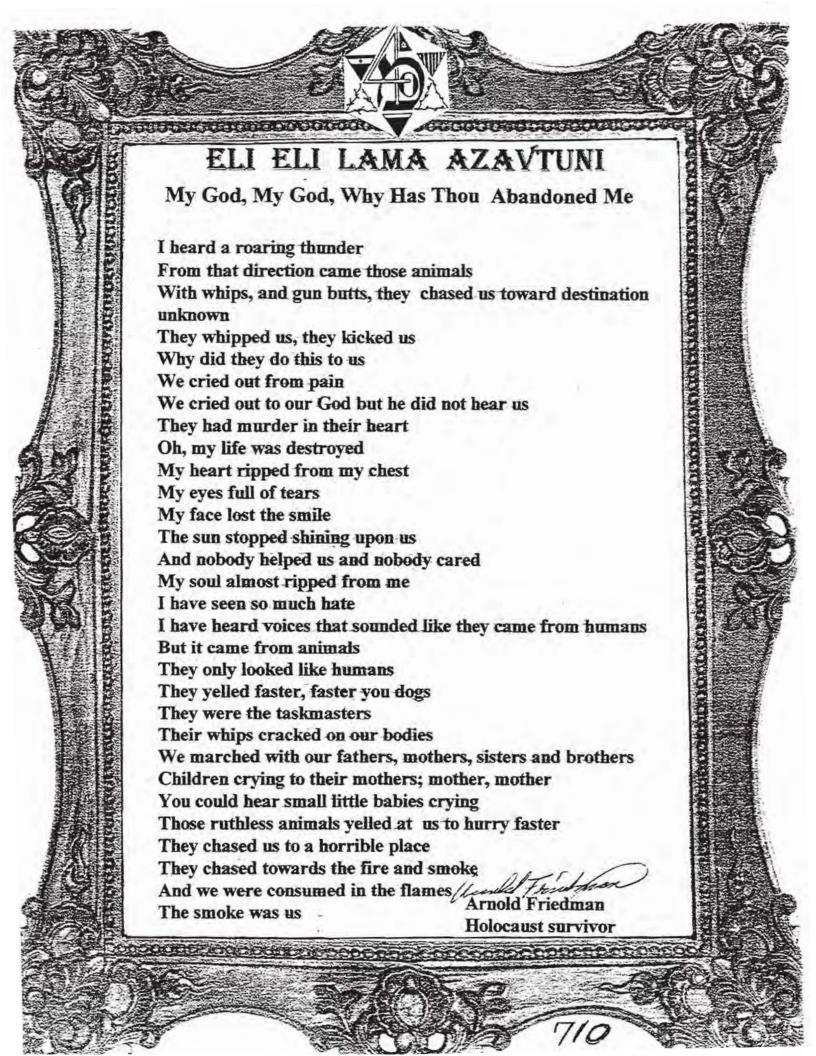
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Kosovo reminds us hate breeds hate

ARNOLD FRIEDMAN Special to the CJN

am a survivor of Auschwitz, Birkenau, Dornhau, Sauferwasser and Flossenburg. I saw my mother and my two beautiful young sisters, many of my relatives and many Jewish people walk toward the gas chamber. They were gassed with Zyclone-B and burned in the fiery ovens. Their beloved ashes were scattered in the wind as well as dumped in rivers.

Our only crime was that we were Jews.

Who were the killers joining the SS and the Wehrmacht?

They were ordinary people – college graduates, doctors, lawyers, judges, young women and housewives. Many of them did the killing. Many were guards in concentration camps. These brutal individuals managed to shoot my foot prior to my liberation in 1945.

World War II ended for me in May 1945. I was liberated by the American Third Army in Cham, Bavaria. My American liberators transported my emaciated, unconscious body to the hospital. I remained unconscious for quite some time. A couple of weeks later, I left the hospital and journeyed toward my hometown of Mukachevo. My house and the other houses in my neighbor-

hood were completely destroyed. The backyards were dug up. I found out that the Russians were taking the Jews to Siberia.

I continued on to the village of Rosvegovo. Other survivors were there and we decided to crawl into a boxcar during the night. The train departed and we were carried to Bucharest, Romania. Next, I went to Budapest, Hungary, where I reunited with my eldest and youngest

Kosovo reminds me how my family and many other Jews were uprooted.

brother. My younger brother was very sick. He told me that our father had died on the death march. Dr. Mengele, the "doctor of death," sent my mother and two sisters to the gas chambers and ovens. He sent me to the right to misery. But by some miracle, G-d interceded and I survived.

What about the revisionists and the Holocaust deniers? Some are college professors. What do they teach? Lies. To me, they are the scum of this earth. Oh, I would like to have a discussion with them about this subject. Shame on all of them!

I also found a cousin by the name of Lillian Stern. We were the sole survivors of our family. My grandparents and three aunts resided in the United States. Luckily, they arrived prior to World War II. I arrived in America in 1948. Prior to that, I was in a displaced persons camp run by the British. I joined my relatives in Cleveland. In 1949, I met my lovely wife, Betty Pearlman, and we were married later that year. We are blessed with four children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary recently. As I reflect back on my 50 years in America, I recall vividly the Nuremberg trials.

I watched some of the Nazi murderers get sentenced to death while others got off easy. What ever happened to the thousands of Nazi murderers and their collaborators? Most ran, I know. Some hid in Germany. Some hid in Argentina, Bolivia and South Africa. Many came to the U.S. with falsified passports. They married and had children and lived a good life. They had great jobs.

I wonder if they ever had any remorse about the atrocities they committed. I am certain they

never revealed their true identity to their families as the killers of innocent mothers, fathers and small babies.

So many Nazi killers caused me and millions more such horrible beatings and grief. Those were the killers that killed my beautiful family, whom I miss terribly. I still have dreams about them.

A man from my hometown, Mel Mermelstein, challenged the revisionists when they offered \$50,000 to prove that the Holocaust was true. In a Los Angeles court he proved to them that yes, the Holocaust was real. He was awarded the money.

We watch the news every night on television. We see the Albanians uprooted from their homes in Kosovo. It brings tears to my eyes to see their agony. This tragic event reminds me how my family and many other Jews were uprooted from their homes and herded toward complete destruction in the gas chambers because they were Jews. Nobody cared about us and nobody helped

us. Most of the world are helping the Albanians. Yet the world stood still while we were being starved and slaughtered.

I still dream about the tragic horrors and I hope these horrors never happen again. It just

goes to show you what hate does. Hate breeds hate.

Arnold Friedman, a resident of Willoughby Hills, is a member of Sinai Synagogue, Kol Israel and the Cleveland Holocaust Center.



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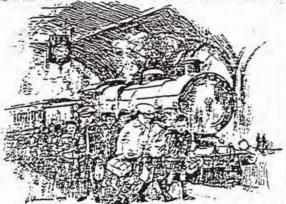
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RABBI ZVI YEHUDA

"TO LOVE THE GER" - the proselyte who joined Judaism - is a special mitzvah (Deuteronomy 10:19): "Show love toward the stranger, for you were once strangers yourselves in Egypt." The "stranger" in this verse includes one who has embraced the Jewish people and thus is no longer a stranger. Says Rabbi Ben Lakish (Tanhuma on Genesis 14:1): "More beloved is the proselyte than those hosts of Israelites who stood at Mount Sinai, for they accepted the Torah only after they saw the lightning and heard the thunder, but the proselyte accepted it from his inner conviction." Although the general precept of loving one's fellow as oneself (Leviticus 19:18) applies to the proselyte as well, yet "because he adopted the Jewish faith. Torah prescribes more love for him. and adds a special precept in his behalf" (Maimonides in Sefer Hamitzvot A/107). loving the ger, Jew by choice, the Jew by birth shows his positive feelings about his own Jewish identity.

A difference of opinion

The very dynamic and dramatic lecturer Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis, a survivor of the Holocaust, spoke eloquently at Landerhaven June 21 to a standing-room-only audience.

But when the rebbetzin frequently thanked God for everything and said anything that occurred during the war years was for the best. my heart started to race. I asked myself where God was during the Holocaust? How one can thank God for injustice is beyond me.

The rebbetzin was in Bergen-Belsen camp. I was there, too, but I did not feel about the Lord the way Mrs. Jungries did. On the contrary, I was and still am angry. In fact, I lost faith. I told the rebbetzin that; she shrugged her shoulder and gave me a pat on the cheek.

MARCIA KRAUSE
Beachwood

CLEVELAND JEWISH NEWS / JULY 30, 1999

Which memory is stronger?

Three letters in the Cleveland Jewish News of July 23 criticize the Workmen's Circle for scheduling its Yiddish concert in Cain Park during the week of Tisha b'Av.

I'm trying to sense the religious righteous disappointment of these letter writers. Tisha b'Av, reminder of the Temple's destruction thousands of years ago, is a mournful period of our history.

I am a Holocaust survivor who, together with my dear wife, lost 68 members of our respective families, all of them Orthodox, observant Jews.

Is memory of the destruction of the Temple stronger than memory of the Holocaust's annihilation of our six million martyrs?

The three religious women who complain of ignorance of the Tisha b'Av mourning are forgetting that our local Orthodox rabbinate avoids Holocaust memorials at Zion Cemetery or Yom Hashoah commemorations held in synagogues.

> JULIAN SOLONITZ Cleveland Heights

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REMARKS

By Stuart E. Eizenstat
U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business
And Agricultural Affairs

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and Austria Annual Meeting

New York; July 14, 1999

Let me start by thanking all of you and, in particular, your President. Israel Miller, my dear friend and a valued colleague in working to resolve Holocaust restitution issues. In Gideon Taylor, the Claims Conference has chosen an immensely able successor to Saul Kagan. I am deeply honored to be among you knowing how hard the Claims Conference has worked for the past half century on behalf of Holocaust survivors worldwide in its negotiations with Germany and Austria as well as in its recent activities in the areas of insurance and slave labor. You in the Claims Conference have been responsible for so much that is vital to so many - from the creation of the Central and Eastern European Fund, which will bring aid to thousands of the most persecuted survivors for the first time, to the allocation of millions of dollars from property sale proceeds, used to better the daily lives of survivors around the world. Your continued contribution on issues of importance to Holocaust survivors is crucial. You have my assurance that I intend to carry on cooperation with the Claims Conference on the unfinished business of the Holocaust era.

<u>Today</u> - perhaps more than at any other recent time - ours is a serious task: less than six months away from the new century and a new millennium, it is important to prepare for the future by reflecting on the past.

This century has been one of incredible contrasts — a duality of good and evil that has particularly defined the plight of the Jewish people during the 20th century. The past hundred years have been witness to the greatest of tragedies — as well as the greatest of triumphs — for the Jewish people. At the end of World War II, one third of our world population and two-thirds of European Jewry had perished at the hands of the Nazis. Sixty years later, we have yet to recover our numbers. The loss was, and remains, incalculable. Priceless Jewish scholarship, Jewish artistry, Jewish traditions, and Jewish teaching were lost forever. The Jewish people faced the very real risk of being marginalized to the trash heap of history.

But, in the 50 years since, the Jewish people have experienced a miraculous rebirth. Far from dropping off the pages of history, as one could have imagined, Jews today have become the authors of their own destiny. Four great events have occurred since the end of World War II — all unprecedented, all unpredictable, and all unexpected — that have helped create this dramatic revival.

Rebirth of the Jewish state

The most important development is unquestionably the creation of a modern Jewish state after a two-millennia-long exile. This is an event unparalleled in the annals of history. Never has a state passed out of existence and recreated itself 2000 years later. It is a tribute to the indomitable Jewish spirit and love of Zionism that was maintained despite dispersion around the globe. In the interest of time and because I know so many here have a deep understanding of and an abiding commitment to

Israel, I will comment only that Israel has become the spiritual, cultural, and religious core of World Jewry. The recent assumption of power by a new government is another manifestation of the remarkable progress Israel has made in 50 years as a stable, prosperous, militarily secure, democratic state in the Middle East. A world leader in technology from agriculture to computer-chips and software to medicine — Israel is now unquestionably the center of Jewish life worldwide and the focal point of Diaspora Jewry from the Americas to Europe.

Revival of Jewry in Europe

The second astounding and inspirational event of the post-World War II era has been the cataclysmic change in Jewish life brought about by the fall of communism and the breakup of the Soviet Union. The Jews of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union have lived through the twin tragedies of the 20th century — Nazism and communism — six years of systematic extermination followed by 40 years of repression. But, over the past several years, my wife Fran and I have been witness to the rebirth of Jewish life in Eastern Europe. As the State Department's Special Envoy on Property Restitution, I have traveled frequently to urge the leaders of newly free governments in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union to return communal property — synagogues, cemeteries, day schools, and community centers — confiscated by the Nazis and nationalized by the communists. The goal is to ensure that these reemerging Jewish communities will have the infrastructure needed to sustain them.

Although slow and still inadequate, Jewish communal properties confiscated by the Nazis and nationalized by the communists are being returned across central Europe. Synagogues, day schools, yeshivots, cemeteries, and community centers are being returned to Jewish community

hands. Like needy flowers in spring, Jewish life in Europe is being reborn, albeit in tragically smaller numbers.

Passage of Jews from the Margins to the Center

Third is the remarkable passage of Jews from the margins to the center of American life. With just less than 3% of the population, the level of Jewish participation in the arts, sciences, business, finance, politics, and government in the United States is, in a word, amazing. If the people of Israel have the first real power Jews have enjoyed since the destruction of the Second Temple, Jews in America have influence unlike that in any other Diaspora country in world history.

International Effort for Justice

The fourth and most recent extraordinary event is the focus on justice long denied. I am speaking of the remarkable effort by countries and institutions to come to terms with their roles in World War II in dealing with Nazi Germany and German-looted assets and their responsibility to do justice to Holocaust survivors and their families. The firm actions of the United States and NATO in Kosovo are motivated, in part, by the unwillingness to repeat the world's indifference during the Holocaust to the plight of Jews and other civilians. We cannot finish this century by allowing ethnic cleansing to succeed yet again. As we have seen in Kosovo, the reawaking to the horrors of the Holocaust provides contemporary lessons for our actions today and into the next millennium. None of this could have been anticipated, even a few years ago. These issues, and the Holocaust itself, could have been consigned to the dry pages of history books or, with respect to looted assets, remained explored. Yet, now, these are front-page stories - from Nazi gold and dormant bank accounts to looted art, insurance policies, and Aryanized property. There has been a notable effort to right

the wrongs of the most ghastly events of the 20th century so that we can enter the 21st century in a wiser and more just manner.

Early on, my own involvement with the international community's Holocaust-related efforts focused on the examination of dormant Swiss bank accounts, which the World Jewish Congress under Israel Singer's leadership had begun. In 1996, I attended a meeting in Switzerland with the Swiss Bank Association to urge the creation of what became the Volcker Commission. Back in Washington, I was privileged to lead the elevenagency study of May 1997 on the identification and disposition of Nazilooted gold. We provided an index to 15 million pages of documents and declassified 1 million pages of documents, the largest declassification in history. We revealed that the Nazis plundered gold on a vast scale - the equivalent of \$4 billion in today's currency - from European central banks and from individual Jews. The gold from individual Jews was resmelted and disguised as central bank gold. The now indistinguishable gold bars were transferred to Switzerland and converted into Swiss francs, which the Germans then used for funding their war machine. We discovered that some of this "victim gold" was inadvertently swept up by the Allied armies after the war and mistakenly returned to European central banks.

Our study has galvanized an effort by numerous countries to face their past, as former neutral and allied countries alike are reexamining their roles during the war. Now 17 countries — from Latin America to Europe, including the Baltic states — have established historical commissions.

A culmination of the international efforts on the Nazi-gold issues occurred at the 1997 London Conference, which brought together 42 countries and sought to uncover the full implications of the Nazi plundering of gold during World War II. It succeeded, in my view, in putting the final

nail in the coffin of Holocaust revisionists. In London, we created a Nazi
Persecutee Relief Fund, to which a dozen countries have contributed some
\$60 million, including nine of ten claimant countries that donated the last six
tons of gold to which they would have been entitled. The U.S. contribution
is \$25 million over three years.

Our efforts in London were followed up by the release in June of 1998 of our supplemental report on Nazi gold, which examined the economic relationships between Nazi Germany and neutral and nonbelligerent states—including Argentina, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, and the Vatican—that helped sustain the German war effort.

The momentum built up at the London Conference led to last
December's Washington Conference on Holocaust-Era Assets, held at the
State Department, in partnership with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial
Museum, with the participation of 44 countries and 13 NGOs. There we
made historic progress in helping complete one of the most important pieces
of unfinished business in this century — uncovering the long-hidden and
under-investigated issue of a range of Nazi-looted assets from the Holocaust
era. On a number of issues, from communal property and Nazi-confiscated
insurance claims to archival openness and Holocaust education, significant
progress was made.

But, on one issue we achieved a particularly significant and historic breakthrough — on the complex and sensitive issue of Nazi-looted art. The Washington Conference created a remarkable international consensus and a new climate for action on this issue. The sale, purchase, and exchange of art from that era have been dramatically and irrevocably altered. As Phillipe de Montebello, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, pointed out, "The genie is at last out of the bottle on Nazi-confiscated art." At the Washington

Conference, an abiding consensus was forged on eleven principles that provide an effective road-map for our continuing efforts to return much of this art and achieve justice and restitution. While not legally binding, these principles represent a moral commitment that all nations must now take into greater account. These principles encourage efforts to locate missing art and research its provenance; they call for the establishment of a central digital registry, which will link all databases concerning Nazi-looted art; and they encourage the resolution of claims through mediation and arbitration instead of through lengthy lawsuits that most Holocaust survivors can ill afford. It is our hope that each nation will commit itself to the implementation of these principles. Now, major museums in the United States (including the National Gallery), Switzerland, the Netherlands, England, Austria, and France are examining their inventories for suspect art. In France, a Monet looted by the Nazis was identified and returned to its rightful Jewish owner. At the same time, a Matisse discovered in the Seattle Art Museum and several masterworks from Austria have also been returned, and other artworks confiscated by the Nazis are being returned to their Jewish owners.

At the Washington Conference, an important step was made on the long, difficult road to restituting property that was wrongfully seized by fascist and communist regimes in central and eastern Europe. I am pleased to say this multilateral attention to the process of property restitution in Europe was not a one-shot event. The Polish Government is planning to hold an international conference on communal property restitution later in 1999. It was however the Washington Conference that represented the U.S. Government's first attempt to take a multilateral approach to the subject of property restitution. I believe it was also the first international conference among governments, with non-governmental organizations participating, on

real property restitution. With our leadership and the cooperation of this varied group of players, we generated an important exchange of ideas that should promote the restitution process.

I outlined a series of principles and "best practices" appropriate for restitution of communal property seized originally by the Nazis or their fascist allies, generally from Jewish communities, or later expropriated by communist regimes without compensation. While not all of these practices have been adopted in all countries, they give us a broadly applicable set of concepts which countries should consider. Taken together, they clearly illustrate that property restitution is an integral part of the economic and political reform now underway in central and eastern Europe. It reflects, and contributes to, the development of democratic and pluralistic institutions. By establishing new legal protections for private and other non-state ownership, property restitution helps establish a sound basis for a market economy.

Of course, for years now, Jewish organizations — such as the

American Joint Distribution Committee, the Claims Conference, the Lauder

Foundation — have been supporting the survival of Jewish communities in

Eastern and Central Europe through many services, especially for the elderly

victims of both fascism and communism. For example, Claims Conference

funds from heirless Jewish property in eastern Germany have been used in

poorer countries to the East.

The process — under way in almost all formerly communist countries — remains incomplete. Progress in most places is tediously slow; more could be done. ...

Another very important assets issue concerns what happened to moveable assets seized by Nazis, some of which came under U.S. control.

This past spring in Washington, we held the initial meeting of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States, initiated by President Clinton and chaired by Edgar Bronfman. It has two tasks: to conduct original research on the collection and disposition of Holocaust era assets that came under the control of the U.S. Government after 1933, and to review research being conducted more broadly in the public and private sectors.

Perhaps the culminating triumph of the Washington Conference was to place an important spotlight on the issue of Holocaust education. In many ways, this new attention on educating future generations may be the greatest legacy of our efforts. And, at a time of growing controversy over class-action lawsuits and the degree to which survivors will actually benefit from their settlement, international efforts on widening Holocaust education could not be timelier. It would be a great shame if the last word of this century on the Holocaust were focused exclusively on issues dealing with money. That is why the promotion of Holocaust education worldwide to future generations of citizens through a new inter-governmental task force, which grew to eight countries at the Conference, is so encouraging. The rededication among all participating nations to the idea that the victims' individual worth and personal dignity will never be forgotten is helping ensure that their memory will provide enduring lessons for all humanity as we enter a new millennium.

While the Washington Conference was an epoch-making event, we have not been sitting upon our laurels. A little over a month ago in London, former Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger — in his role as Chairman of the Washington-Conference-endorsed International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims — announced a

breakthrough agreement on key issues of value for policies issued before and during World War II and of shared responsibility for policies nationalized after the war. The International Commission, which includes the Claims Conference, has already given evidence of its capacity to produce tangible results by beginning a "fast-track" for payments on claims already submitted to the State Insurance Commissioners and to the European insurers on the Commission.

Most recently we have given much serious attention to issues concerning compensation for Nazi-era slave and forced laborers. When the new German Chancellor, Gerhard Schroeder, took office in October of 1998, he pledged his support for the creation of a national foundation that would attempt to compensate these victims of Nazi injustices. Then, in February, a dozen German companies together with the German Government issued a statement calling for the creation of a private sector foundation to make payments to victims of forced labor and other groups who suffered at the hands of the Nazis. I had already been in contact with German government and company representatives when the announcement was made, urging the German government to broaden the discussion of the foundation initiative to include more interested parties, particularly the governments of Central and Eastern Europe.

The upshot has been two plenary meetings on forced and slave labor, the first on May 12 and the second on June 22, as well as other meetings in smaller groups. The participants in these meetings were the German and U.S. Governments, the Israeli Government, the governments of Russia, Poland, the Czech Republic, Belarus, and Ukraine, as well as the reconciliation foundations in these same Central and Eastern European countries that have been established by the German Government. In

addition, there were representatives of German companies that support the foundation initiative and your own Claims Conference. I should note that the CJMC is the only NGO involved in this process because of its legal status in administering German compensation programs.

All participants have agreed to a target date for launching the industry foundation of September 1, 1999, the 60th anniversary of Germany's invasion of Poland. They are also in agreement that a German industry foundation under German law — directed by a board of trustees with a multinational character — would be the appropriate core institution to make payments to former laborers and other victims of Nazi injustices. There is tentative agreement on the concept that the German industry foundation should cover those slave and forced laborers who worked for any private German enterprise during the Nazi period or for a public sector entity that has since been privatized.

There is also agreement on the need for a complementary federal foundation to compensate those laborers that may not be covered by the industry foundation. The importance to this entire process of a federal foundation is capital since German companies believe that the proposed industry foundation should cover only those former forced and slave laborers who had worked for private sector German companies. The German Government indeed recognizes that public sector and agricultural laborers received harsh treatment requiring compensation and is, therefore, committed to establishing a federal foundation that would make payments to them. In supporting this German Government commitment, I of course understand that the German Bundestag will have the final say.

We have a consensus that there should be no discrimination in compensation on the basis of nationality or religion. Of course, that does not respected — and the international community more willing to act to protect those rights — than was the case during World War II. Forever mindful of the Holocaust's lessons and working together in close association, the Claims Conference and the U.S. Department of State will, I know, continue to be a leading partnership in the efforts to assure justice for the victims of the Holocaust throughout the world. Thank you.



Dr. Nahum Goldmann (left) and Saul Kagan at an early meeting of the Claims Conference.

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Dr. Harry Sherman, built early heart defibrillator

By RICHARD M. PEERY PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS - Dr. Harry Sherman, who combined his handyman skills with his medical practice to make an early version of a defibrillator, died yesterday at his home in Cleveland Heights. He was 88.

Dr. Sherman, a family doctor. liked working with his hands. He made cabinets, refinished his baby grand piano and one of his hobbies was electronics. When he heard a lecture by a member of the Johns Hopkins University team that perfected a machine to replace open-heart massage with closed-heart resuscitation, Dr. Sherman set about making one himself.

He read and drew diagrams for the project, then enlisted two patients to help him. One, who had undergone open-heart surgery, ning and Saturday hours. He also

made a pair of copper electrodes with plastic handles. Another built a wire panel to Dr. Sherman's specifications. It was connected to a transformer and experts from the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. checked it for safety. After the machine was completed in 1961, Dr. Sherman donated it to Suburban Community Hospital.

He also had been affiliated with St. Luke's Hospital.

Dr. Sherman was born in Rus-sia and moved to the United States when he was a child. He was a naturalized U.S. citizen, and he grew up in the Kinsman area. He earned bachelor's and medical degrees at Western Reserve University.

He maintained a general practice for many years in an office over a drugstore at E. 131st St. and Miles Ave. He worked eve-

made house calls, sometimes during family outings. Family members would wait in the car while he treated patients.

He also traveled across northern Ohio about once a week to examine patients for the Ohio Industrial Commission. He later moved to Van Aken Blvd. and Warrensville Center Rd. in Shaker Heights.

Dr. Sherman lived in Cleveland Heights, where he enjoyed gardening and wine-making.

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SUMMER, 1999 ACTIVITIES:

Cleveland Holocaust Center - Teachers' Conference -Notre Dame Tolerance Resource Center - May 26-27, 1999

Journey of Conscience to Holocaust Sites& the State of Israel Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky - June 20 to July 11, 1999

Kol Israel Foundation, Sisterhood and Second Generation Annual Picnic at Anisfield Park - July 11, 1999

FALL 1999 ACTIVITIES:

Kol Israel Sisterhood - Paid-up Membership Luncheon South Euclid Com. Center - August 17, 1999

Annual Memorial Service Zion Memorial Park - September 5, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.

Kol Israel Foundation 40th Anniversary Celebration Green Road Synagogue October 24, 1999

Cleveland Public Theater & the Survivor organizations Victor Ullman's "The Emperor of Atlantis" Special Performance, November 3, 1995

For the Dead and the Living - We Must Remember

Presidents Message - Simon Fixler

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. May this coming year be a very good year for all members of our survivor organizations, the Jewish community and the State of Israel. I also want to thank everyone who worked hard to make the 1999 Annual Picnic such a success. It was beautiful to see our members, children and grandchildren enjoying themselves, the good food and the good weather.

We have several important tasks ahead of us. The Annual Memorial Service, co-sponsored with the Community Relations Council of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation, will take place at the Memorial Monument on September 5, 1999. We are looking forward, as usual, to a memorable and meaningful memorial service. We still have a few places left for inscribing names of lost loved ones. Please send your inscription requests as soon as possible.

We also need to diligently make preparations for our 40th Anniversary celebration on October 24, 1999. The anniversary book, on which Jack Hennenberg has been working hard, is well in progress. Please send in your contributions as soon as possible. Before Rosh Hashana, you will be getting the invitations to our 40th Anniversary celebration. Please join us at this important event in the life of our beloved organization.

A Kol Israel Memorial Fund has been established at the Jewish Community Federation. Our organization has made a significant donation to the fund which we expect the community to match. If you would like to make a donation to the fund which will assure the upkeep of the monument, please let us know.

Kol Israel Life Membership

Our life membership continues to grow. We would love to see you join this special list of Kol Israel Foundation life members.

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Deepest Sympathies are extended to family of Max Slivka

Cleveland Holocaust Center Progress Notes - Avi Goldman

The Board of the Cleveland Holocaust Center continues its work to plan and provide educational and Holocaust awareness programs for the community. We are actively pursuing and moving ahead with plans for an option to purchase Taylor Road Synagogue for the Cleveland Holocaust Center. More conclusive information will be forthcoming soon.

A library of about 500 books on Holocaust related topics was donated to us by Professor Mathis Szykowski of Oberlin College. The books will be available soon for use by the Cleveland community.

We need more interested and willing members to join our ranks and work on plans for the establishment of the Cleveland Holocaust Center. We can be reached at P.O. Box 22043 Cleveland, OH 44122, or by phone: (216) 381 7141.

Journey of Conscience - A Memorable Pilgrimage Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

A myriad of emotional experiences, five countries, ten planes and many bus rides, three weeks of bonding and now we are home. Twenty-five members - Holocaust survivors, students (several third generation) and educators participated in this memorable Journey of Conscience. First launched in 1975, this was the eighth such journey which I was privileged to lead to the sites of the Holocaust in Europe and to Israel, Laud of Rebirth. I am grateful to the scores of individuals and corporations, including the Kol Israel Foundation, Second Generation, Sisterhood, Cleveland Holocaust Center and Heights High, who have provided financial assistance and scholarships to our many students over the years. The journeys have proven to be life-impacting experiences to the participants.

A particular source of "nachat" is Gary J. Robuck of Shaarey Tikvah Synagogue. As a senior student in my Heights High Literature of the Holocaust class, Gary joined the Second Journey of Conscience in 1979. He returned now, twenty years later, as the sparkplug associate leader for the journey. Rabbi Gary has often said that the Journey of Conscience influenced the course of his life. Serving as co-leader was Mary Chaitoff, teacher at Heights High. Highlights of our travels follow.

<u>Amsterdam</u> - We were privileged to meet with Jacqueline Maarsens, childhood best friend of Anne Frank, mentioned numerous times as "Jopie" in Anne's diary. She never knew that the Franks had gone into hiding, thinking they had left for Switzerland.

<u>Vienna</u> - Beautiful Vienna with its beautiful palaces and gardens. It is difficult to imagine that this was the place where Adolf Eichmann first served as minister of Transportation to deport Jews during the 1930s. We stood solemnly at the sculpture of the aged Jewish man scrubbing the sidewalk, commemorating the humiliation of the Jews of Vienna. An hour away was Mauthausen concentration camp with its quarries and the infamous 137 steps of Death. How could the prisoners, emaciated and exhausted, climb up and down, bearing rocks? We have come face to face with the brutality of the perpetrators.

<u>Prague</u> - Sylvie Wittman, the indefatigable Jewish guide of Prague, was with us again. She took us for the first time to a secret synagogue, formerly a small shed storing vegetables. Prisoners had painted Hebrew phrases on the walls and had used this windowless structure for clandestine prayer meetings. We visited the Pinchas Synagogue with its 77,000 names of deportees from Bohemia and Moravia inscribed on the walls. We were overwhelmed by the pilgrimage to Terezin, the "model camp."

What joy it was at Friday night services, in the ante-room of the once crowded glorious Jubilee Synagogue, to hear Rabbi Gary chant the "Kabbalot Shabbat" davening. On Shabbat morning, Roman Frayman was called for an "Aliyat Torah" in the 700 year old Alt-Neue Synagogue. It was a riveting experience. We held Havdalah services in the lobby of the beautiful Palace Hotel.

Poland - <u>Cracow.</u> Visiting the Medieval Wawel Castle was a poignant reminder that Hans Frank, Governorgeneral of Nazi-occupied Poland had usurped much of the premises for his residence and his office. The beautiful Remaw Synagogue of the famous Rabbi Moses Isserles of blessed memory, codifier of the Shulchan Aruch (Jewish Laws), was inspiring. Many of us lit candles at the grave of the holy Remaw.

Auschwitz-Birkenau - Jack Baigelman found the Birkenau barracks and the ledge where he and his father were imprisoned. It was an experience fraught with emotion as granddaughter, Jenna Gelin hugged him. At the Jewish memorial of four block marble "matzevot" monuments, we held our ceremonies of commemoration for the families of Rose Kaplovitz, Jack Baigelman, Roman Frayman and David and Morris Mandel who had perished there.

Osweicim - Traveling a few kilometers from the concentration camp, we visited the site of the once famous Chevra Lomdai Mishnayos Synagogue, desecrated by the Nazis. It has now been reclaimed and is being restored as an education center for reflection and study by visiting tour groups.

Sosnowiec - Gathering at the city hall in this crowded city proved to be a heartfelt and worthwhile experience for Roman Frayman and Rose Kaplovitz. Our members were elated when Roman found the birth certificate of his baby brother, lost during the Holocaust. Rose found meticulously hand-written descriptions about the wedding of her parents and other documents. We held a somber memorial service at the Jewish Cemetery for Rose's 16 year old brother and grandfather, killed on the first day of the war.

Lodz - Pushing our way through waist high brambles and reeds and guided by the Christian Lodz

cemetery caretaker who spoke Yiddish, we found the broken "matzevot" of Jack Baigelman's grandfather and uncle who died just before the war.

<u>Treblinka</u> - Our pilgrimage to Treblinka and Majdanek concentration camps brought to reality the vastness of the Nazi machinery of death. At Treblinka, we held a memorial service at the monument to Bodzanow, the "Shtetl" of Abbie and Molly Akst, Cleveland survivors of Bodzanow.

Warsaw - A joyous memory of our Shabbat in Warsaw is of the service in the refurbished Nozik Synagogue, the only surviving "shul" in Warsaw. Rabbi Gary read the parsha of Pinchas, one of the longest weekly portions in the Torah. We were privileged to participate with Stuart Muszynski and family in the Yad Vashem ceremony honoring Jaja Jodzwik, a righteous gentile who had been instrumental in saving Stuart's parents and grandparents. Attended by the Israeli ambassador, a representative of the U.S. Government and Polish officials, as well as all members of our journey, the ceremony was very meaningful. Israel - A joyous arrival in Israel, as exhausted as we were from our two week sojourn in Europe, revived our spirits. Our first full day in Israel began with an intensive visit through Yad Vashem, guided expertly by Dana Porath, former Clevelander and Yad Vashem administrator. In the afternoon, planting trees in the Jewish National Fund Forest near Hadassah Hospital gave us a sense of renewal and life.

Throughout the week in Israel, we enjoyed treks through history and visions of the future. Climbing the "tel" in Beit Shean, visiting the ancient fortress at Masada, reveling in the beauty of the Banyas and Ein Gedi natural waterfalls, staying at Kibbutz Ayelet Hashachar, touring Mishkanot Shaananim in Jerusalem, enjoying the services at the Great Synagogue, were among our many experiences.

And so it is with our Journey of Conscience group. We are one family, accepting the challenge of transmitting the lessons of the Holocaust which we have learned and working together for "tikun olam," building a better community and world peace.

My Most memorable "Journey of Conscience" - Rose Kaplovitz

On June 20th, 1999, we began the "Journey of Conscience" under the leadership of Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky. Since I have been on this journey before, I had to do much soul searching whether I wanted to go through this painful experience one more time. We had only one week to make the difficult decision. Since my husband Jack had never gone back and felt that he needed to make the return, I decided to go with him. While speaking to my grandchildren, Jenna Gelin and Josh Kaplovitz, I mentioned the upcoming trip and asked whether they would be interested. They both became very excited and said that this would be the most memorable trip in their lives. After their interest, there was no way that I could back out. There were twenty-five people on the journey, thirteen of them teenagers. Because of my grandchildren, this was a very special trip for me.

The Journey began in Amsterdam where we visited the Anne Frank hiding place. They all had read her story. Then it was on to Vienna and Mauthausen. When my grandchildren found out that their grandfather, Henry Kaplovitz, was an inmate at Mauthausen, they wanted to find out all about it. They descended and ascended the many steep steps on which the prisoners carried heavy rocks. They wanted to follow in their grandfathers experiences. Later, we held a commemoration at the Memorial where they laid flowers. They both cried and embraced each other. This touched me very deeply - realizing how much I love them.

From there we went to Prague, which is so very beautiful, and to Terezin camp. The children were shocked when they saw the ovens where thousands of Jews were burned to ashes. The Shabbat service, held at the 700 year old "Alt Neue Shul," in Prague, held special meaning for all of us.

Sunday, June 27, we arrived in Poland where we visited many cities, including Cracow, Warsaw, Lodz and Sosnowiec, where Roman Frayman was born and where my only brother was killed when the Nazis entered our hometown. The places we thought that we remembered so vividly have changed. Poland, densely populated by Jews only 60 years ago, has no resemblance to the places we once called home. Gone are all traces of the rich Jewish culture that thrived there for a thousand years. Gone are all vestiges of Jewish life. That world has vanished forever.

In Warsaw, we honored three Polish families who had hidden Jews and helped them survive. Among them was Renia Rudyk, who saved my nephew Turek, a child born in January, 1940. We went to Majdanek and Treblinka and to Auschwitz, which was the most painful for me, because at this forsaken place most of my family members perished. My two grandchildren read a poem which they wrote at the memorial service. They know that their parents never had loving grandparents like they have. They embraced me and made me realize how much I love them.

We made pilgrimages to many cemeteries, the burial places of our lost loved ones. Many are abandoned

and some are totally destroyed, with graves having been plowed under. Rabbi Robuck said memorial prayers at each one of these sites. We visited synagogues which once were full of praying Jews and now abandoned.

Finally on July 4th, we arrived in Israel. How wonderful we all felt. We were in the land that belongs to our people - our land. The children, who by now bonded and became very close to each other, enjoyed and loved Israel more every day. Planting trees on the hill near Hadassah Hospital took on a special meaning for them. We went to Yad Vashem, where we payed homage to the memory of our lost loved ones.

Traveling across Israel, from Metula to Masada, helped our young people to have a better understanding of what Israel means to us the Jewish People. I believe that the young generation, that lives in the shadow of the Holocaust, gains from Israel, as my granddaughter said, a renewed pride and Jewish spirit. Israel is a symbol of Jewish continuity.

My Personal Journey of Conscience - Jack Baigelman

In May, 1999, after finding out from my friends that I desired to go to my birth place, Lodz in Poland, Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky approached me, to join her and a group of mostly young people on the Journey of Conscience. I was very hesitant at first, but after telling Rose, my wife, she and I decided to go. I realized that it took me fifty four years to make that decision. I was told that in addition to Poland, we were going to go to Amsterdam, Vienna, Prague, cities and countries that I have never been to, and would also spend a week in Israel, which I love with all my heart.

We left Cleveland on Sunday, June 20th and arrived the following day in Amsterdam, a fascinating city where, among other places, we visited the hiding place of Anne Frank. After a stop in Vienna, with all its cultural heritage, we went on to Mauthausen concentration camp. There, I climbed the endless and very steep steps from the quarry below, from which the inmates, mostly Jewish, carried heavy stones.

The next city, on the way to Tereisenstad, was Prague, which was magnificent. We visited many places end most important, the Precious Legacy Exhibit at the State General Museum. The next day we left for Terezin, where we saw the grounds of the former camp and the museum which exhibited the art and music of the inmates. There I saw the first crematorium. It was shocking.

Poland was our next destination. I have never been to other major cities in Poland, outside of Lodz. Cracow is really beautiful with its Wawel Castle, the Jewish Quarter, Ancient Remaw Synagogue and Museum and a very ancient Jewish cemetery. We also got to see Schindler's Enamel Works Factory there. From Cracow, we traveled to Osweicim, which is near the death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. My family members, father, mother, a younger brother and I were taken from the Lodz Ghetto and brought there on August 9, 1944. We were brought there without food, water or toilet facilities, in cattle cars. How well did I remember the railroad tracks where we arrived. How well did I remember the selection by Dr. Mengele, whose rule of thumb sent my mother and brother to the gas chambers. Their bodies, along with thousands of other men, women and children, were taken to the nearby crematorium and turned into ashes there.

How could I not remember the barracks at Birkenaw, how crowded the bunk beds were, lice crawling on the starved bodies of the lucky inmates like myself and my father, who temporarily escaped death. We were allowed to live because the Nazis could not gas and cremate so many Jews at the same time as they arrived from Lodz and other places. This I call my personal miracle of survival. My father, however, was not as fortunate. A German criminal, in charge of the kitchen in Gleiwitz Labor camp, beat him to death. That day at Auschwitz-Birkenau, after seeing the gas chambers, crematoria and museum, was the most depressing day of the entire trip and lingers with me to this day.

The very next day we traveled to Lodz I remember my mother telling me as a boy that my grandfather Szymon had passed away. I loved him very much and desired to see his grave and the grave of an uncle, Abram, who died a year later, at the age of twenty-nine. They were both buried at the Lodz cemetery. I prearranged with the caretaker of the cemetery to find the graves and to lead our whole group there. We waded through tall weeds and finally came to my grandfather's grave, which was surrounded with weeds. The top portion of the Matzeva was broken. It was dirty and worn by the years but otherwise still intact. My uncle's grave was nearby. The top was also broken off the main body and buried in front of the grave. I tried desperately to dig it out couldn't. Yosef Fuerst, a young and strong participant, saw my desperation and tried to help me. Thanks mainly to him, we finally managed to stand it up and place it against my uncle's grave. We washed it with water and then I could read my Uncle Abraham's name on it. In my eyes, Josef earned the biggest 'mitzvah" on that day. I am grateful to him and will never forget how he helped me. After we placed flowers on the graves, Rabbi Robuck chanted a memorial prayer as I mourned my loved ones. I can go back someday and see the Matzevot

restored, which our family can arrange from here.

In Lodz, I also went to Gdanska Street 20 where I was born. The building still stands. I could not find anyone to talk to who lived there before the war. However, it brought back pleasant memories from my childhood before the war. I found my school that I attended but it is no longer being used. I also wanted to see the Ghetto dwelling where I spent over four years, but unfortunately, we did not have enough time. I hope to go back and see it some day. I found my mother's birth certificate and my parents' marriage license with their birth dates. Lodz was the only city on our journey where we saw anti-semitic slogans, swastikas, and stars of David with Jude written next to it. In Lodz, antisemitism is still in existence. It is really pitiful to see it and it is hard to understand after the Nazis exterminated 90% of the Polish Jewry. We also made a pilgrimage to Majdanek and Treblinka death camps. We saw more crematoria and gas chambers and stones bearing the names of cities where Jews once lived.

Warsaw is a modern city. We visited the site of the former Ghetto on Milla 18, where Jews resisted the Nazis and the uprising took place. We also visited the Ghetto Fighters Memorial, featuring Mordechai Anilewitz and other ghetto fighters, the Umschlag Platz, the Nozek Synagogue and other important sites.

With the European portion of our Journey over, we were on our way to Israel, where we enjoyed seeing the accomplishments of our Israeli brothers and sisters.

My Journey of Conscience - Roman Frayman

It was this past April that Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky called me and asked if I would join her on the Journey of Conscience. She told me that this would be her final trip and she thought that I really should accompany her and the students she was taking. I knew that the first trip she took was in 1975, and that this was her eighth and final trip. Before I had a chance to think about it (further) my wife, Elaine, took the receiver and told Leatrice that we would be joining her on her journey.

I knew exactly why I wanted to go on this trip. I wanted to get my brother's birth certificate in Sosnowice, Poland. I also knew that this trip would take me to the places I have been teaching about for the past fifteen years. The more I thought about the trip in my mind — the more my wife and I discussed out loud — the more excited I became. Little did I know what awaited me....

We began our journey in Amsterdam and then we traveled onto to Vienna, the Czech Republic, Poland. The trip culminated in Israel. For the sake of brevity, I will only recount for you our visit in Poland. I never really expected that I would find my brother's birth certificate — as the Nazis killed him when he was only a year old — the likelyhood of finding it seemed pretty slim. But I did find the certificate in the city hall in Sosnowice. To my surprise, I also learned who my maternal and paternal grandparents were. I also found the church, where Maria Balaga — the righteous gentile who hid me, had taken me on Easter Sunday. Words cannot begin to describe the absolute joy of this portion of our trip.

My joy, however, quickly seemed to turn into a passionate anger toward the Polish people as a whole. I could not believe the anti-Semitism we encountered in Lodz. As the tour bus arrived in Lodz I saw graffiti on the walls of the apartments and the store-fronts. It was a Mogen David with the words," Jude and zedzey." printed under it. These two words are very derogatory and they reminded me of when I was a child in Poland being called a "Zed." Then we discovered more desecration at the monument honoring the Lodz Ghetto. The statue was of Moses holding the ten commandments. I could hardly believe that nearly 60 years had passed since the 250,000 Jews, who lived in the ghetto, had disappeared and yet the hatred still persists today. Again, words cannot describe the emotion I felt there, only this time it was not joy, it was extreme anxiety. I only wanted to leave. I cannot describe the anxiety that I felt and how I only wanted to leave that hellhole. But before we could leave Poland, we made a last stop at Auschwitz and Treblinka... These were the major death camps — there were hundreds more — wherever the Nazis had willing volunteers. I could not believe how anyone left these places alive. I could not imagine how there were any survivors.

The most important thing I learned on our Journey is that it is so easy to speak about the six million Jews that the Nazis destroyed, and how easy it is to name the various concentration camps, but it is hard to fathom the horror and destruction perpetrated on a people simply because of their religion. Our Journey will make me a better educator, a more willing advocate speaking against the crimes we as Jews—as humankind—endured. I have confronted the monsters of my past and am ready to share the devastating nightmare we survived. We must always remember the potential inhumanity of men and never forget the past.

RIBONO SHEL OLAM

Creator of the universe, over fifty years ago I was liberated from my bondage, however, realizing but not comprehending that I had lost most of those that were dear to me. Many good and not so good things happened to me. One of the good things; my sister survived. Some of the bad things; I have been sick many times since liberation and the good thing is I am still here. Now I want to take the opportunity to tell you more about the good things. First, about my wife Hildegard, a real AISHES HAYIL in the full sense of the word. I am thankful that our paths crossed. My son Michael is a real blessing and a joy. There can not be any better than my daughter-in-law Susan. I am also blessed with two jewels, my granddaughters Julie and Debby, which are my pride and joy. Gratitude has replaced bitterness in my heart. I am thankful to anyone willing to listen to my story in the battle of forgetfulness.

I do not forgive the killers and their accomplices, but I no longer look at every passerby with suspicion any more. How about my faith? What hurt me was your absence and silence. Thinking while in the camps about the words ELI ELI LAMA AZABTANU that my grandfather Henoch Henenberg constantly played on his gramophone before the war. In my childhood, I did not expect much from human beings. But I expected everything from you. What was going on in the heavens while your children were marked for humiliation only because they were Jewish? These questions are still haunting me. You have many defenders will all kinds of explanations and reasons. I reject them all. Auschwitz will forever remain a question mark only. It cannot be comprehended with or without G-D.

At one point, I began wondering: Auschwitz was not something that came down from the heavens. It was conceived by men, implemented by men, staffed by men, and their aim was not only to destroy us, but you as well. Ought we not think of your pain? Watching your children suffer at the hands of your other children. Just as we read the Hagadah on Passover to commemorate the exodus of the Jewish people out of their bondage in Egypt, and reading EICHU on Tischeb'Av to commemorate the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem, so should we remember on YOM HASHOAH the destruction of a large segment of the Jewish people and its history during the Holocaust. But then comes YOM HATZMAUT, Independence Day for the State of Israel. We are thankful for the rebirth and redemption of the Jewish people as an independent nation.

As you know, faith brought me to this country and I am grateful to this land of liberty for the opportunity to give me and my family a life of freedom and happiness.

Jacob Hennenberg

40th Anniversary Celebration

The Board of Trustees of the Kol Israel Foundation, at its meeting on December 11, 1995, decided to begin plans for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of our organization. Plans for the special occasion include a gala celebration and the printing of a 40th Anniversary Book. The 40th Anniversary Planning Committee has been working hard to assure that this memorable event in the life of our organization will be a most successful one.

The 40th Anniversary Book

The book again will include a history of the Kol Israel Foundation, historical events of interest to the survivor community, the Jewish community and the State of Israel, advertisements, and personal ads and testimonies. Of special interest in the production of the 40th Anniversary Book is the securing of personal testimonies from Kol Israel Foundation, Kol Israel Sisterhood and Second generation Kol Israel Foundation members.

If you have not yet sent in your contribution and you would like to see your personal ad, advertisement, or testimony in the book, please contact Mr. Jack Hennenberg (216) 464-5149.

Deadline: September 2, 1999

The 40th Anniversary Book will be available only to persons who have made contributions to the book in the amount of \$50 or more. Contribution to the book in this amount will insure receiving a copy. Cost: one full page, \$100; half page \$50; and quarter page \$30. For assistance with writing of testimony, please contact Dr. Zev Harel (216) 371-2536, or Mr. Jack Hennenberg (216) 464-5149.

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Guest Speaker: Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would like to thank all of you who came to this years Kol Israel Picnic. It was great to see so many familiar faces. Second Generation will once again be involved with the Solomon Schecter Kosher Rib Burn-off on Sunday August 29th. If you would like to try some of Kol Israel's famous latkes, we will be cooking them all afternoon. Call 381-7141 if you want more details or are interested in helping.

Membership forms for the coming year will be coming out shortly. If you would like to get a head start on your dues and also save us some postage, please use the back of this newsletter to send in your dues. Please consider joining our members below by becoming a life member.

1999 BOARD MEETINGS

All SGKI board meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 in the morning at the Na'amat office in South Euclid. The office is in the Cedar Hts., Professional Building, 14055 Cedar Road on the third floor. We encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved to please come sit in on our monthly meetings.

NEXT MEETING Aug 15th 10:00 CLEVELAND HOLOCAUST CENTER UPDATE

We are in the final stages of negotiations for a home for the Cleveland Holocaust Center.

Over the next 12 months we are going to need a lot of help. If you have expertise in any of the following areas and are willing to volunteer, please contact me ASAP. {Finance, Publicity, Fundraising, Membership, Graphics, Construction, Other}

If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity, there will be plenty of volunteer opportunities available. I will keep everyone posted as to the progress.

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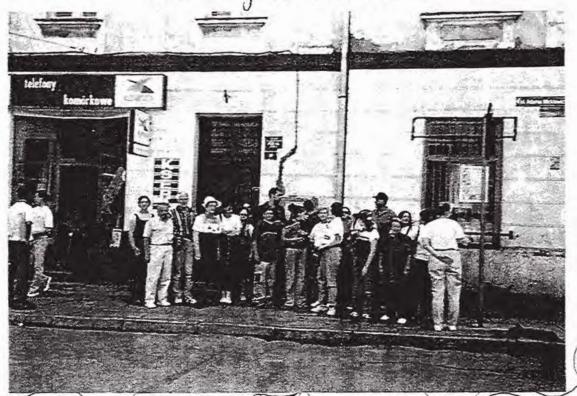
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He who strives to do good and kind deeds attains life, success, and honor. Provertis 21:21



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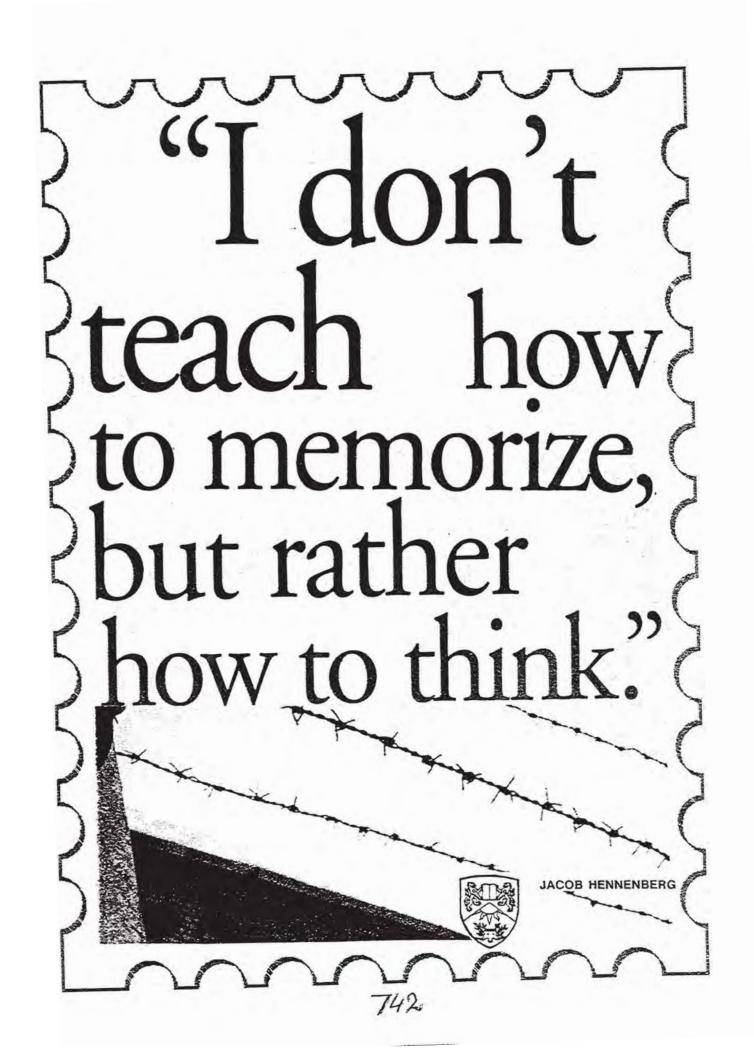
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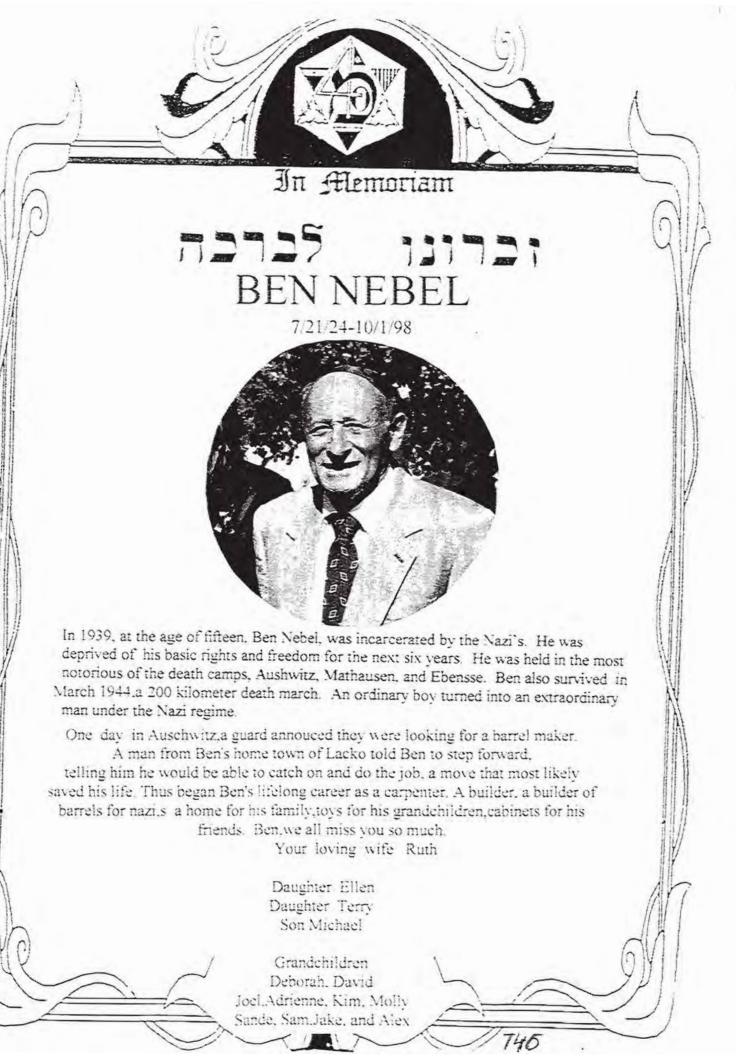


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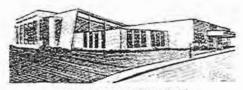
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Dear Mike,

I have no words to express our gratitude towards your organization for all the help you gave us last Sunday at our Annual Picnic. Without your help we would not have been able to do it. Your President Simon Fixler, you, Steve Slomovitz, his wife Evelyn and Henry Miller. You were all terrific and we cannot thank you enough. Over the years we have helped each other out in many ways. Please tell everyone how much we appreciated the help.

Joseph Pearl, President



CONCENRATION CAMP MAIDANEK NEAR THE TOWN OF LUBLIN We Will Never Forget The annual Holocaust Memorial Service will be held at Zion Memorial Cemetery on Northfield Road on Sunday, September 5 at 2:00 pm. Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky will give the keynote address and Rabbi Armond Cohen will be the featured speaker. Bea Stadtler will read selected poems. There will be a candle lighting ceremony in memory of the 6 million Jews who perished during the war. This event is sponsored by Kol Israel Foundation, the Jewish Community Federation, Second Generation Kol Israel, Kol Israel Sisterhood and the Jewish Community Center. For more information, contact Rabbi Zierler at (216) 831-0700, ext. 303





An annual Holocaust memorial service co-sponsored by Kol Israel Foundation and the Jewish Community Federation takes place on Sunday, Sept. 5, at 2 p.m. at Zion Memorial Park Cemetery, 5461 Northfield Road. The service includes a candlelighting memorial by Holocaust survivors, poetry reading by author and educator Bea Stadtler, and remarks by Rabbi Armond

Cohen of Park Synagogue and Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, a Holocaust educator and organizer of Journey of Conscience trips for young people. Cantor Moshe Schulhof will assist.

The event will be held at a monument and memorial wall inscribed with the names of Holocaust victims. Ashes of persons who per ished in concentration camps are buried under the monument, which serves as a matzevah, or grave maker for family members who lost loved ones in the Holocaust.

Construction of the memorial wall was made possible by the Kol Israel Foundation and the George F., Stephanie M. and George L. Traub Fund of the JCF. Call 216-566-9200, ext. 311.

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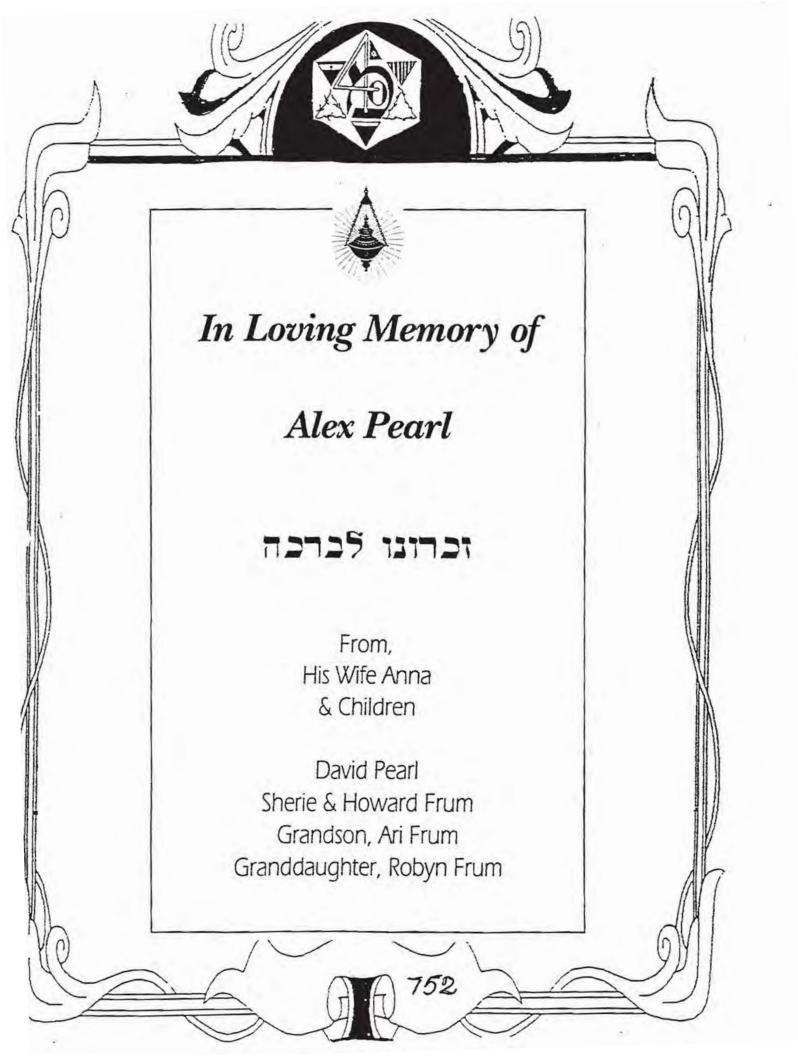


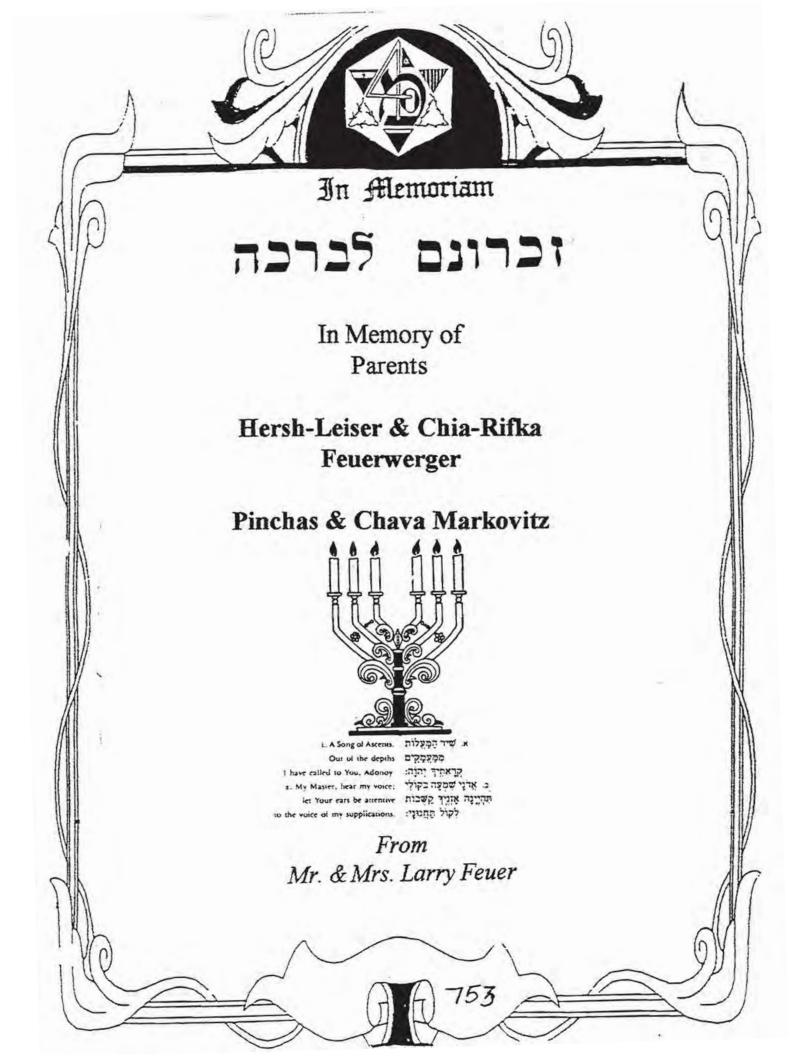
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Dedicated by his Wife Celia, Son Fred Daughter-in-law Shelley and Grand-daughter Helene

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Cleveland, Ohio October 1998

JEWELS THEY ARE OUR FUTURE

Sherie Frum
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As clay are we, as soft and yielding clay That lies between the fingers of the potter. At his will be moulds it thick or thin. And forms its shape according to his fancy. So are we in Thy hand, God of love;

Thy covenant recall and show Thy mercy.

As stone are we, inert, resistless stone. That lies within the fingers of the mason. At his will be keeps it firm and whole, Or at his pleasure hews it into fragments. So are we in Thy hand, God of life;

Thy covenant recall and show Thy mercy.

As iron are we, as cold and rigid iron.
That lies within the fingers of the craftsman.
At his will be forges it to shape.
()r draws it boldly forth to lie unbended.
So are we in Thy hand, God who saves;

Thy covenant recall and show Thy mercy.

As glass are we, as thin, transparent glass. That lies within the fingers of the blower. At his will, he blows it crystal clear. Or melts it down to suit his whim or notion. So are we in Thy hand, gracious God:

Thy covenant recall and show Thy mercy.

As cloth are we, as formless, graceless cloth That lies within the fingers of the draper. At his will be shapes its lines and folds. Or leaves it unadorned to hang unseeinly. So are we in Thy hand, righteous God;

Thy covenant recall and show Thy mercy

As silver are we, with metal dross alloyed. That he within the fingers of the smelter. At his will be fuses or refines,. Retains the slag or keeps it pure and precious. So are we in Thy hand, nealing God;

Thy covenant recall and show Thy mercy.

כי הגה פקוקר ביד היוצרי ברציתי מידוים וברצות מקצרי כן אַטְדְּטִי בְּדֶדְךְּ חֵקָּד נוצרי לְבְּרִית הָבּם ואל תַּפּן לַיִצרי:

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כי הַנַה כָּכָסָף בָּדִר הַצּוֹרֵף. כּרְצוֹתוֹ מְסְנְסֵג ובּרְצוֹתוֹ מְצָרֵף. בּן אֲטָדְט בְּיִדְף מִמְצִיא לְלְמִוּר מָרַף. כי הַנַה כָּכָסָף בָּדִר הַצּוֹרֵף. בּרְצוֹתוֹ מְסְנְסֵג ובּרְצוֹתוֹ

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(Midrash Tehillim 119)

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MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD AT AUSCHWITZ IN JULY 1999 WRITTEN AND CONDUCTED BY OUR GRANDCHILDREN JOSHUA KAPLOVITZ AND JENNA GELIN.

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A LIFE WITHOUT A MEANING, BECAUSE THE MEANING OF ALL LIFE IS LOVE. WITHOUT PEOPLE WONDERING WHERE YOU ARE WITHOUT ANYONE TO CARE ABOUTS THE SMALLEST DETAILS.

GOING THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT SOMEONE TO LOVE YOU, THE WAY OUR GRANDPARENTS LOVE US WITHOUT A HAND TO HOLD, WHEN YOU ARE SCARED OR ALONE. THIS IS WHAT MAKES FAMILY A FAMILY AND FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE LOST SO MUCH OF THEIR FAMILY THERE IS NO CONSOLATION, ONLY THE LOVE OF OTHERS.

THIS IS WHY WE, THE JEWISH PEOPLE, ARE SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST A PEOPLE. BUT WE ARE A HAND TO HOLD, A SHOULDER TO CRY ON, SOMEONE TO LOVE, A FRIENDSHIP TO CHERIS, A FAMILY TO DEPEND ON AND A PRIDE TO CARRY ON.

כל ישראל ערביו זה בזה



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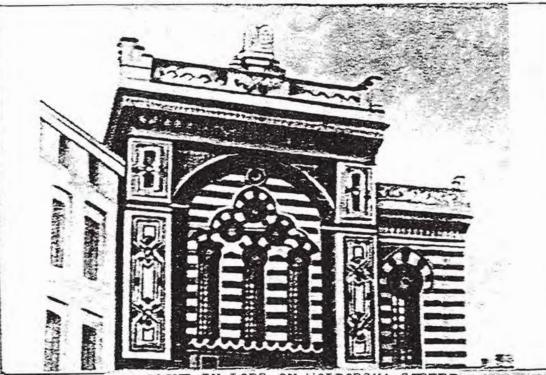
Who dedicated her life to the sick in the Lodz Ghetto and will be forever loved and remembered as our mentor.

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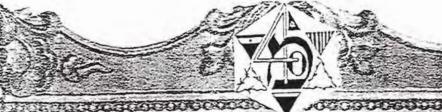
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BELOVED PARENTS AND SISTER

My Father Josef who survived the holocaust and who was responsible for my survival.

My most precious and beloved Mother Chana Roiza together with my most beloved Sister Miriam Raizail Lewin who perished in the gas chambers in Auschwitz in 1944.

Their love and memory will forever remain in our hearts.

ELLIS AND JOAN LEWIN

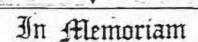
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"We Miss You PAPA JOE"

זכור את אשר עשה לך עמלק

"To be wise is to understand what wasn't said and to say what needs to be understood".



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THEIR HARD WORK AND LOVE MADE IT POSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO EXCEL IN LIFE.

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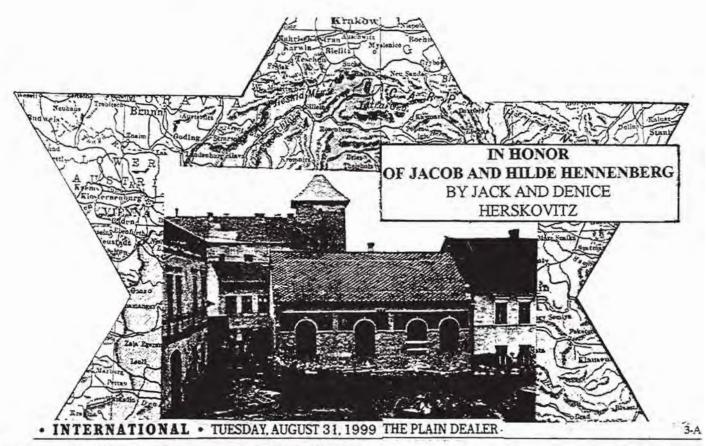
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KOL HAOLOM KULO

כל העולם כלו גשר צר מאד

The entire world is a narrow bridge תַּפִיקר לא לְפַחָד בְּלֶל But the main thing is not to fear.

(Likutey Monaran 2:28)





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Shalom Jensen of New York sings and dances with the Torah during a ceremony in Oswiecim, Poland, where the Nazi death camp Auschwitz was located during World War II. Jensen and other New Yorkers presented the Torah yesterday at the city's last remaining synagogue.

Torah gift at Auschwitz called rebirth for Jews

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA

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OSWIECIM, Poland - Dancing and clapping with joy, a group of Americans yesterday brought a specially made Torah to the only remaining synagogue in Oswiecim, the southern town where the Auschwitz Nazi death camp was

The ceremony symbolized the rebirth of Jewish life in the Polish town synonymous with the Nazi "final solution" for eliminating Jews from Europe. More than 1.5 million people, 90 percent of them Jewish, perished in gas chambers or died of starvation and disease at Auschwitz and the nearby Birkenau camp.

"It shows that we can carry on with our lives despite everything that happened to Jews here," said a tearful Irene Feldman, 66, of New York.

By bringing a Torah to the Lomdei Mishnayot Synagogue, the only one of a dozen in Oswiecim left standing by the Nazis, the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation of New York took the first step toward opening a place of worship for Jews who visit Auschwitz.

Only one Jewish resident, ar elderly man, is known to live ir Oswiecim, which had a prewar Jewish population of more than

Built at the turn of the century the synagogue was used as. a carpet warehouse in recent year: and has fallen into disrepair. Still two plaques inscribed in Hebrev remain on the gray, dirty walls showing the building's history as a Jewish temple.

Among the guests yesterday was the Rev. Jerzy Brzenka, the priest of a neighboring Roman Catholic church.

"I'm happy that this place tha was intended to be a place of wor ship will again be a place of wor ship," Brzenka said. "It will allov Jews coming from around the world to pray here."

The Torah was placed under chuppah, a canopy used for spe cial celebrations, and carried in side the synagogue by the thre dozen celebrants from the Cherr Lane Minyon in Great Neck, N.Y. and members of Poland's Jewis community.

"The early Hebrews had created the Bible out of their lives; Their descendants created their lives out of the Bible."

(A. L. Sacher)

SHOOTINGS AT THE LA JEWISH CENTER: THE DEEPER MESSAGE

by Rabbi Shraga Simmons

In the wake of Buford Furrow's alarming attack on a Los Angeles area Jewish Community Center, what lesson remains for American Jewry?

I believe the first thing to get clear is that this was an attack specifically against Jews. After Furrow was arrested, he said the shooting was "a wake-up call to America to kill Jews." Police also discovered a map with circles around Los Angeles Jewish landmarks like the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the University of Judaism and the Skirball Cultural Center.

So we have to ask ourselves: Why were the Jews targeted? And why have Jews been targeted for anti-Seminism in the Crusades, the Inquisition, the Pogroms, the Holocaust - and ever since the days of Abraham when King Nimrod threw him into a fiery furnace?

The Torah itself teaches that anti-Semitism will exist. The Talmud (Shabbos 69) declares:

"Why was the Torah given on a mountain called Sinai? Because the great 'sinah,' the great hatred of the Jews, emanates from Sinai." 'Sinah, the Hebrew word for hatred, s pronounced almost identically to Sinai.)

Before the Torah was given, people built their lives on a subjective concept of right and wrong. At Sinai the Jewish people were told that there is one God who makes moral demands on human beings. You can't just live as you please; there is a higher authority you are accountable to.

The Jewish people were commanded to be a "Light Unto the Nations," to communicate the message of morality to the world. So despite the fact that Jews were never more than a tiny fraction of the world's population, Jewish ideas became the basis for the

civilized world. And with that, the Jews became a lightening rod for those opposed to the moral message.

Hiter stated

"Providence has ordained that I should be the greatest liberator of immanity. I am freeing man from the restraints of an intelligence that has taken charge, from

the dirty and degrading selfmortification's of a false vision called conscience and morality, and from the demands of a freedom and personal independence which only a very few can bear." (from "Hater Speaks" by Herman Rauschning)

Anti-Semitism cuts to the core of what it means to be a Jew. Bu: agically, some Jewish leaders have tried to skirt the issue by viewing the Los Angeles attack in a universalistic mode, "as an American issue, not a Jewish issue." By doing so, they reduce the incident to dumb luck. There is nothing to learn from this event, they say. Furrow could've picked any target, the Jews were simply in the wrong place, at the wrong time.

I disagree.

If we don't understand the root of anti-Semitism, then we have gained nothing from the experience, and we have created no barrier against its being repeated.

The joke is told of a religious Jew and a non-religious Jew walking down the street, when a skinhead drives by and shouts: "Dirty Jews!" The religious man shrugs his shoulders, considers taking a shower, and quietly bemoans the fact that the skinhead is intolerant and hateful. The non-religious Jew, meanwhile, turns bright red with anger and runs down the street shaking his fist at the car.

What's the difference? One gains great satisfaction from his Judaism - the beauty of Shabbat, community, and connection to God. So he can handle some anti-Semitism because the positive value clearly ourweighs the bad. But for the Jew who has little connection to God and Torah, his Judaism has no positive side. So the response to anti-Semitism is only frustration and anger.

If monsters like Furrow try to kill us because of our Jewish heritage and values, shouldn't we know what that Jewish heritage and those Jewish values are? If, G-d forbid, one should ever die because he or she is Jewish, what an even greater tragedy that the person died without knowing what it meant to be Jewish.

Can such a thing happen in America today? We can only pray that would-be imitators sleep soundly through Furrow's hellish alarm. But the message "Jews die" and a swastika spray-painted on a North Hollywood (LA) synagogue over the weekend rattles the nerves.

In the concentration camps, the Nazi guards wanted

to humiliate the Jews and make them suffer emotionally. One time they took an Ark cover out of a synagogue, and hung it above the entrance to the gas chamber. "Let's see your God save you, now!" they mocked.

Then something extraordinary happened. Certain Jews, standing in line for the gas chamber, began dancing and singing in small circles. The Nazi guards were shocked - their fun was spoiled. What the guards did not realize

was the meaning of the Hebrew words written on the Ark cover.
"This is the gate of God, the righteous shall enter therein." (Psalms 118-20)

You see, the solution to anti-Semitism is the flip-side of the cause. Jewish values are the cause of anti-Semitism, and Jewish values are the solution. Only by studying Torah - and teaching it to others - can Jews ever hope to bring the world to a point where evil is eradicated.

When human beings embrace the moral doctrine that Judaism brought to the world from Sinai - that there is a God who demands ethical behavior from every human being - then there will be no holocausts.

And that is the exquisite irony of Jewish history.

In practical terms, Furrow's murderous rage and cynical smirk might serve as a wake-up call to us Jews.

There is a special custom during this Jewish month of Elul to blow the Shofar every morning in the synagogue. The Shofar sound, according to Maimonides, is literally an alarm clock designed to arouse us from our spiritual slumber: "Awaken to examine your actions, return and remember your Creator."

Rabbi Shraga Simmons makes his home in Israel, and is director of the web site www.aish.edu, where this piece appears online.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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JOURNEY TO DEVELOP A CONSCIENCE, Mary Chaitoff

As a sheltered child growing up in the 1940's World War II was a history lesson of maps and offense arrows, men in khaki and navy blue, girls singing of waiting for their men to come home. Meanwhile, as Gita Frankel says, "she never was that age".

My first journey to Europe with survivors was a revelation with sharp urgings to realize those other youthful experiences. For Gita this numbing return to Poland was followed by conscientiously marking the grave sites of her father and brothers. Surely Esther Frank could not truly remember the site of her family's cemetery. Planted with potatoes there remained one immovable gravestone as proof of the cemetery's former existence. Visiting her long ago neighbors they said to her "Are you still alive?" This was no movie, no rendering in a novel. This was reality.

To what great lengths would our survivors go to search out their loved ones. Jacob Hennenberg jumped the tall fence surrounding his grandfather's graveyard to pay his fond respects. He showed us the location of the ancient shul he attended with his bearded father. Abbie Akst viewed the site of the non-existent shul where his family worshipped, the site of the mikvah. He spoke of how the boys chased him across the field on his way to school.

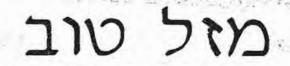
Although Phillip Wexberg was unable to find the gravestones of his family, it was years later that his daughter Marsha, also on a journey, found those precious markers. Lola Mandelbaum found her childhood home, but her silence, her sad smiles, her location of people who knew her late husband's family were constant reminders of a youth that should have had joyous experiences.

Rose Kaplovitz took us through the beautifully manicured Christian graveyard, seeking the Jewish cemetery. We found a dark, overgrown, frighteningly neglected place, a cemetery where even in death the Jews were disrespected.

My cousin, Regina Wolovitz, graciously tried to give me a view of her youthful experiences. While listening to her tell of family life, the brutality they endured, the human losses, this Holocaust became mine.

It was in the subsequent Journey(s) of Conscience led by Leatrice Rabinsky that I took my grandchildren. They had to SEE what I saw, try to comprehend what I tried and still try to comprehend. This was no movie, no story embroidered in a novel with imaginary characters in imaginary situations. This was the real thing.

No one can fathom the experiences of the survivors. None of these dear people were my age. But I try to touch the fringes of their lives and hope in some way to have them know that I try to understand. And most of all I pledge to you the memory of my grandchildren whose lives you touched for they will never forget and they will always teach that you lived and lost your families, friends and youth in horrific ways we cannot truly comprehend. Forever and ever, we will remember. We will never forget.



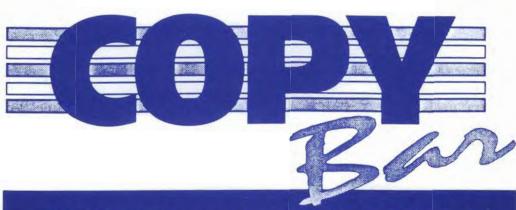
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