

# קול הניצולים

## VOICE OF THE SURVIVORS The Kol Israel Foundation

and

### Second Generation Kol Israel Spring Newsletter - March 2005

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#### Editorial Board:

Dr. Zev Harel, Ms. Cindy Feuer, Mr. Jack Hennenberg, and Ms. Anne Lukas

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#### Fall 2004 & Winter 2005 Activities:

##### Kol Israel Foundation & SG Kol Israel

45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner - Park Synagogue - August 15, 2004

##### Annual Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park - September 21, 2004

##### IDF Navy Ensemble Concert

B'nai Yeshurun - December 19, 2004

#### Spring & Summer 2005 Activities:

##### NA'MAT USA - Naava Piatka Benefit Concert

Temple Tiferet Israel - April 10, 2005

##### "A Celebration in Song" Concert

B'nai Yeshurun - August 21, 2005

##### Yom Hashoa Commemoration

Park Synagogue - May 5, 2005

##### Kol Israel Sisterhood Spring Luncheon

South Euclid Community Center - May 16, 2005

##### Kol Israel Foundation, SGKI, & Sisterhood

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

B'nai Yeshurun - August 21, 2005

*For the Dead and the living - We must remember*

## President's Message - Leo Silberman

This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany and our liberation from the Nazi concentration camps. I hope that you will join us at the two special events marking this monumental occasion: the Annual Yom Hashoa Commemoration, to be held Thursday, May 5, 2005 at Park Synagogue; and at Kol Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Liberation and New Lives party, to be held on August 21, 2005 at B'nai Yeshurun Congregation. We are looking forward to a meaningful commemoration, a joyous 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and the production of the manuscript.

We need your personal testimonies and pictures for the manuscript titled:

Kol Israel Foundation

60 Anniversary: Liberation and New Lives

Please contact Zev Harel (216) 687-4553 or Jacob Hennenberg (216)464-5149 for information or assistance.

On April 17<sup>th</sup> at B'nai Yeshurun Congregation, there will be a gala performance of Yiddish, Opera and Liturgical music featuring five renowned cantors. The program will include a memorial prayer for those who perished in the Holocaust. I am pleased to report that there is a special senior price for KOL ISRAEL MEMBERS of \$10.00.

Congratulations to our new Vice President, Avi Goldman. Avi has been a dedicated and devoted member of Kol Israel and Second Generation Kol Israel for many years. He has been tireless in his work on Holocaust remembrance and commemoration causes. We are looking forward to his contributions in his expanded role in our organization.

Sincere thanks are due to our outgoing Vice President, Herbert Frankel, for his years of service to Kol Israel. We wish him all the best in his new life in Kentucky.

On behalf of the Kol Israel executive committee, and my family, I wish you all a Happy Pesach.

*Refuah Shlema! Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to:*

<i>Molly Akst</i>	<i>Jack Baigelman</i>	<i>Sally Bergrin</i>
<i>Max Curtis</i>	<i>Hudera Gora</i>	<i>Samuel Greenstein</i>
<i>Hilda Hennenberg</i>	<i>Jacob Hennenberg</i>	<i>Edna Kochner</i>
<i>Henry Miller</i>	<i>Frances Pepper</i>	
<i>Steve Slomovitz</i>	<i>Ida Weisner</i>	

*Condolences are extended to:*

*Leon Weisberg on the loss of his brother in Israel*

*Deepest Sympathies are extended to families of*

*Cila Rosenfeld*  
*Bernard Yaeger*  
*Sam Zelvin*

*Congratulations and best wishes are extended to:*

*Herman Frank on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday*  
*Mike Frum on the bar mitzvah of grandson*  
*Lynn & Avi Goldman on the birth of their granddaughter*  
*Armin and Elizabeth Jacob on the birth of twin grandsons*  
*Martin Lax on his milestone birthday*  
*Henry and Miriam Miller on the birth of their great granddaughter*  
*Edith and Isadore Klein on the marriage of their son*  
*Eva Reis on the bat mitzvah of two granddaughters*  
*Sophie Steinbuch on the bar mitzvah of grandson*  
*Goldie Weiss on the bat mitzvah of great granddaughter*

## Kol Israel Life Membership

Our life membership continues to grow. We currently have over 200 life members. We would love to see you join this special honor list of "Kol Israel Foundation Life Members."

<i>Harry Abraham</i>	<i>Molly &amp; Abbie Akst</i>	<i>Kornelia Albert</i>	<i>Liza Alpert</i>
<i>Florence &amp; Issac Alpert</i>	<i>Jack Baigelman</i>	<i>Tova &amp; Sam Baron</i>	<i>Estelle &amp; Sam Beder</i>
<i>Sally Bergrin</i>	<i>Betty Berry</i>	<i>Meyer Blecher*</i>	<i>Sam Burke</i>
<i>Nathan Burzinski</i>	<i>Elias Calu</i>	<i>Mary &amp; Harold Chaitoff</i>	<i>Shirley &amp; Carl Cohen</i>
<i>Max Curtis</i>	<i>Ann Cyncynatus</i>	<i>Eva and Eugene Davidovits</i>	<i>Clara &amp; Abe Donner</i>
<i>Rose &amp; Philip Epstein</i>	<i>Rachel Faigenbaum</i>	<i>Murray Farkas</i>	<i>Alice &amp; Simon Fixler</i>
<i>Esther &amp; Herman Frank</i>	<i>Genia Frankel</i>	<i>Judith &amp; Herbert Frankel</i>	<i>Nina Frankel</i>
<i>Rina &amp; Sam Frankel</i>	<i>Elaine &amp; Roman Frayman</i>	<i>Arnold Friedman</i>	<i>Anne* &amp; Mike Frum</i>
<i>Shery &amp; Howard Frum</i>	<i>Shirley Garn</i>	<i>Rose &amp; Arthur Gelbart</i>	<i>Jack Gildar</i>
<i>Louise and Harry Gips</i>	<i>Erika Gold</i>	<i>Avi Goldman</i>	<i>Pearl Goldstein</i>
<i>Bernice &amp; Saul Gottlieb</i>	<i>Ileen &amp; Philip Green</i>	<i>Sarah &amp; Joe Greenberg</i>	<i>Samuel Greenstein</i>
<i>Helen Gutowitz</i>	<i>Nitza &amp; Nehemia Hampel</i>	<i>Bernice &amp; Zev Harel</i>	<i>Miriam &amp; Sam Hauptman</i>
<i>Hilda &amp; Jacob Hennenberg</i>	<i>Denise &amp; Jacob Herskovitz</i>	<i>Clara &amp; Alex Hertz</i>	<i>Mania Horn</i>
<i>Rose Ickowicz</i>	<i>Vera &amp; Paul* Isakowitz</i>	<i>Elizabeth &amp; Armin Jacob</i>	<i>Leah &amp; William Kagan</i>
<i>Eva &amp; Boaz Kahana</i>	<i>Helen &amp; Irving Kalski</i>	<i>Miriam &amp; Isak Kampinski</i>	<i>Rose Kaplovitz</i>
<i>Sara Kay</i>	<i>Ella Kieselstein</i>	<i>Eda Kochman</i>	<i>Fanie* &amp; Isak Koen*</i>
<i>Suzanne &amp; Bernard* Krakow</i>	<i>Marcia Krause</i>	<i>Paula &amp; Karl Lasman</i>	<i>Martin Lax</i>
<i>Chaya &amp; Anchel Lebovits</i>	<i>Lee Lerer</i>	<i>Anna Lerer</i>	<i>Aranka &amp; Moshe* Loeb</i>
<i>Miriam &amp; Rafal Majorczik</i>	<i>Lola &amp; Morry* Malcmacher</i>	<i>Sylvia &amp; Izidore Malcmacher</i>	<i>Lola Mandelbaum</i>
<i>Rose Marmor</i>	<i>Ruth Marmorstein*</i>	<i>Sara Marocco</i>	<i>Sam Meizner</i>
<i>Alla &amp; Boris Mikhli</i>	<i>Celia &amp; Abraham Milchiker</i>	<i>Miriam &amp; Henry Miller</i>	<i>Ruth Miller</i>
<i>Josephine &amp; Louis Muller</i>	<i>Helene Najfach</i>	<i>Frances &amp; Stanley* Neuman</i>	<i>Dina Offman</i>
<i>Helen &amp; Jack Pahmer</i>	<i>Goldie &amp; Joseph* Perl</i>	<i>Sheila &amp; Herschel Pickholtz</i>	<i>Helene &amp; Steven Pincus</i>
<i>Helen Potash</i>	<i>Leatrice &amp; Irving Rabinsky</i>	<i>Eva Reis</i>	<i>Judith &amp; Marshal Rosenberg</i>
<i>Ruth &amp; Henry Rosenfeld</i>	<i>Rose Rosner</i>	<i>Hanna Saar</i>	<i>David Schneider*</i>
<i>Manny Schneider</i>	<i>Margaret &amp; Harry Schuster</i>	<i>Darlene Schwartz</i>	<i>Ruth Schwartz</i>
<i>Paula &amp; Leo Silberman</i>	<i>Mayer Silberstein</i>	<i>Edith &amp; Sid Simon</i>	<i>Florence Singer</i>
<i>Sylvia &amp; Perec* Slivka</i>	<i>Evelyn &amp; Steve Slomovitz</i>	<i>Peter Smilovitz</i>	<i>Bertha &amp; Julian Solonitz</i>
<i>Henrik Sperling</i>	<i>Dora Stankowicz</i>	<i>Sophie Steinbuch</i>	<i>J. Swede</i>
<i>Gisele &amp; Hans* Walter</i>	<i>Sara &amp; Larry Warn</i>	<i>Norman Weinstein</i>	<i>Margaret &amp; Sol Weintraub</i>
<i>Josephine &amp; George Weisz</i>	<i>Marcia Wexberg</i>	<i>Miriam &amp; Philip Wexberg</i>	<i>Eva &amp; Jack* Wieder</i>
<i>Idele &amp; Abraham Wolf</i>	<i>Hildegard Wolk*</i>	<i>Pearl &amp; Bernard* Yaeger</i>	<i>Abraham Yagour</i>
<i>Rita York*</i>	<i>Ruth &amp; Al Zelczer</i>	<i>Chaya Zryl*</i>	

### Yom Hashoa V'Hagvurah 2005

The annual Yom Hashoa 2005 will take place on May 5, 2005 at Park Synagogue.

Alan Binstock and Susan Hennenberg will serve as Co-Chairs for this very important event in our history. It will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our liberation from the evils of Nazi Germany. The major theme for this year's commemoration will include the sixtieth anniversary of our liberation and the defeat of Nazi Germany. Like at the 1995 Annual Commemoration, which marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our liberation, we seek veterans who served with the brave Allied Forces that fought against and brought about the ultimate defeat of Nazi Germany. We are also seeking survivor liberation stories that we intend to edit in a manuscript. The Planning Committee has made considerable progress. As every year, volunteers are needed and participation is very welcome.

## Message from the Kol Israel Sisterhood

Rose Kaplovitz, President and Sylvia Malcmacher, Vice President

As we approach Spring and Passover, we would like to wish everybody a healthy and happy holiday. We would like to report where the money from our treasury is going.

We donated \$15,000 to the Israel Defense Forces.

We bought a grove from Jewish National Fund for \$5,000. We have trees with beautiful cards from JNF for all occasions. - Call 216 381-1728 for information.

We donated \$2,500 to Yad Vashem.

We donated \$2,000 and we will donate \$2,000 more to the Kol Israel Memorial Fund.

We donated \$ 5,000 to the Maltz Jewish Heritage Museum.

We also donated \$600 to the Israel Defense Forces for a special night flashlight.

We support the Simon Wiesenthal Center and we contribute every year to the Annual Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah Commemoration and other worthy causes. We have \$7,000 in Israel Bonds.

We thank the membership for all the help and support. Special thanks to Dina Offman for making calls to the membership when needed.

From the Jewish Family Service Association,  
Ellie Shoag and Gilda Katz

The Jewish Family Services continues to serve Holocaust survivors individually and with the Europa Café program. One new program offered is the Help-line .

Help-line is a very important service provided by Jewish Family Service Association. In an emergency, you can get help at the push of a button. We serve over 400 individuals in the general Jewish and Holocaust Survivor communities. It provides security for individuals in their homes and peace of mind for their families. For more information or to set up a demonstration, please contact Maxine Margolis at (216) - 378 - 3439.

For more information about the Europa Café program or any other Holocaust survivor programs, please contact Ellie Shoag or Gilda Katz at 216-378-3439.

NAAMAT USA presents

Naava Piatka in

“Better Don’t Talk”

Temple Tifereth Israel

Sunday, April 10, 2005 – 2:00 p.m.

“A Celebration in Song,”

featuring five nationally and internationally recognized cantors

The program includes memorial prayer to commemorate  
the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of liberation and

to remember those who perished in the Holocaust

Special senior price for Kol Israel members \$10.00

B’nai Yeshurun Congregation

Sunday, April 17, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

**Kol Israel Foundation  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:  
Liberation and New Lives**

**Friendly reminder**

March 25, 2005

Dear Kol Israel Member:

The year 2005 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our liberation and the defeat of Nazi Germany. The year will be marked by two major events here in Cleveland:

1. The 2005 Annual Yom Hashoa Commemoration is titled the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our liberation. The program focuses on testimonies about liberation by survivors and by liberators, World War II veterans who fought against and brought about the defeat of Nazi Germany. World War II veterans will be recognized and honored on this occasion.

2. The Kol Israel Foundation is planning a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration party to be held on August 21, 2005 at B'nai Yeshurun Congregation.

For both of these events, and especially for our liberation party, Zev Harel and Jacob Hennenberg will be editing a manuscript titled:

**Kol Israel Foundation**

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

**Liberation and New Lives.**

We need your personal testimonies about your liberation and how you went about establishing your new lives. We also need your pictures one from the time of your liberation and one a more recent one.

The manuscript will be distributed to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Yad Vashem, local libraries and Holocaust education sites.

Please send us your personal testimonies and your pictures as soon as possible. If you need help, please do not hesitate to call:

**Zev Harel (216) 687 4553 or Jacob Hennenberg (216) 464 5149**

Looking forward to our celebration and the production of the manuscript.

**Leo Silberman, President**

# The Rosenstrasse Protest

The basic facts are simply stated. Up until early 1943, Jews married to Germans had been exempted from the death camp deportations. But during what the Gestapo called the "Final Roundup of Jews", they too were arrested and taken to a pre-deportation collection center at Rosenstrasse Z-4, in the heart of Berlin.

Most of these mixed marriages involved Jewish men to non-Jewish women. The German women quickly discovered this collection center, and began to meet each other there. Soon they began calling out in one voice, "Give us our husbands back."

As many as 600 or more gathered together that first day, and as many as 6,000 may have joined in at various times as the protests grew day after day, for a week. Again and again, the police scattered the women with threats to shoot them down in the streets, but each time they advanced again, with increasing solidarity although they were unarmed, unorganized and leaderless. It is hard to imagine an act more dangerous for German civilians than an open confrontation with the Gestapo, on the Gestapo's front doorstep. Arrest seemed a foregone conclusion.

"Without warning, the guards began setting up machine guns," Charlotte Israel recalled. "Then they directed them at the crowd and shouted: 'If you don't go now, we'll shoot.' The movement surged backward. But then, for the first time, we really hollered. Now, we couldn't care less. They're going to shoot in any case, so now we'll yell too, we thought. We yelled, 'Murderer, murderer, murderer, murderer.'"

Joseph Goebbels, in addition to being the influential Minister for Public Enlightenment and Propaganda, also served as *Gauleiter* (Nazi Party Leader) of Berlin. "There have been unpleasant scenes," he noted in his diary. "The people gathered together in large throngs and even sided with the Jews to some extent." Astonishingly, after a week of this, Goebbels suddenly ordered the release of the Jews with German spouses, for reasons that provide key insights into the nature of the Nazi regime: nearly 2,000 Jews were freed—and were allowed to survive till the very end.

בְּלִי הַמְקוּיִים נִפְשׁ אַחַת מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל  
בְּאֵילֵי קוּיִים עוֹלָם מְלֵא

MONUMENT  
TO THE HEROIC  
WOMEN  
THAT DARED TO PROTEST  
IN 1943  
IN BERLIN



# SECOND GENERATION KOL ISRAEL

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MARCH 2005

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope you had a meaningful and enjoyable Purim. Happy Passover!

We are working on some important and interesting programs presently. The Holocaust Survivors' Life Needs Initiative and a program on the Turkish efforts to save Jews during the Holocaust. More information is provided in this newsletter.

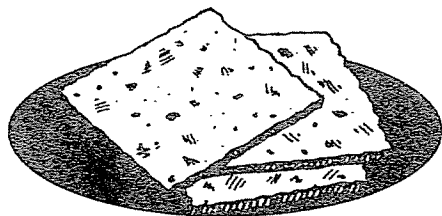
Please note information reprinted from the Generations of the Shoah International Newsletter in this issue.

To have a copy of the full newsletter sent or emailed to you, please contact Anne Lukas at [alukas@ursuline.edu](mailto:alukas@ursuline.edu) or (216) 382-0789. If you are not presently on the distribution list and want to receive interesting emails on anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, please let me know..

Anne Lukas, President



Happy holidays!



## Holocaust Survivors' Life Needs Initiative

### Sam Hoenig, Chairperson

We continue to make progress with the Initiative and have been working closely with our partner, Jewish Family Services Association. Of the 2000 survivors in our community, about one-half, 1000, have significant needs that are not being provided for sufficiently.

Additional assistance will include financial assistance for home health needs, dentures, eyeglasses, prescriptions and other medically-related expenses not currently covered by health insurance.

It is our intention to request a grant of \$ 1.7 million from a variety of different funding organizations in our community, including Jewish Community Federation, Mt. Sinai Foundation, our own Holocaust survivor community and several Jewish and non-Jewish foundations and funding organizations.

Jewish Family Services Association currently receives a \$207,000 annual grant from the Claims Conference that is used exclusively for Holocaust Survivor needs. The Initiative will increase the \$207,000 to \$668,833 in the first year, \$764,575 the second year and \$852,586 the third year. This increase will provide a substantial increase in services to the Holocaust Survivor Community, and will have a major impact on Survivors' quality of life.

After presentation to the HSLNI full Committee, including members of SGKI and KIF, we will submit the proposal to the Mt. Sinai Foundation in April. We are expecting Mt. Sinai Foundation to lead the way with a signature gift for the Initiative, setting the tone for others in the community. We hope to conclude our campaign by September 30.

Our Committee is very proud to be a part of this historic opportunity to improve the health and lives of Survivors in the Cleveland area.

## Community Awareness

### Avi Goldman, Co-Chairperson

"Desperate Hours", a 60 minute documentary about Turkish efforts to rescue Jews will be presented on Sunday, April 17, from 3:00-5:30 p.m. at The Temple on Shaker Boulevard. Rabbi Rosette Haim, who has Turkish ancestry, will introduce the program. The local Turkish organization TASNO is co-sponsoring this program.

## Generations of the Shoah

To learn more about the **Ghetto Pension eligibility** and background, use the following URL to consult the Claims Conference Handbook and Supplement: <http://elog.relevanttools.com/eis-cgi-bin/elog2?s=4258&m=050214.1315.0001&e=TziporahS@aol.com&u=2>. The Handbook is available in English, German, Hebrew and Spanish.

Records of more than 3,000 World War II-era Swiss bank accounts were published on the Internet in an effort to return hundreds of millions of dollars to Nazi victims or to their descendants. Survivors and heirs now have six months to file claims to the accounts, opened during the Nazi era at Credit Suisse or UBS AG. For more information: [www.crt-ii.org](http://www.crt-ii.org) or [www.swissbankclaims.com](http://www.swissbankclaims.com) or CRT-II - Claims Resolution Tribunal - Deposited Assets. **Remember to check names of other family members, as you may be an heir entitled to make a claim.**

The Belzec Memorial was dedicated June 3, 2004. It is a joint initiative of the American Jewish Committee and the Government of Poland, with support from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. The AJC has a 7-minute video of the dedication: [www.ajc.org](http://www.ajc.org).

**Memorialize Your Family  
Members At Yad Vashem**

We must not forget the victims of the Holocaust. Keep their memory alive by submitting their names to Yad Vashem. Now with modern technology and a computer you can submit family information of victims of the Holocaust to a Central Database of Shoah Victims' names. This includes lost victims, survivors, and others who were victims of the Holocaust. Yad Vashem contains the world's largest repository of information on the Holocaust.

It is easy to submit information to the Yad Vashem's database. If you have access to a computer and the Internet, please go to the following web site: <http://www.yadvashem.org> You might also check the database first to see if one already exists for the family member you want to submit. To submit a person or view the database please click the Web link on the home page Shoah Victims' Names Click here, then on the next page click the word "enter". This will put you on the correct page to start viewing the database or where to find the link to

submit your information. To put a person into the database you click on the link "submit new names" and you will get a form to fill out on your monitor. You can fill out just the name of the victim and gender or you can give very detailed information. You must also give your name, address, relationship to the Victim, and your email. On the same page you can view individuals in the database by putting names and clicking search. Information can also be submitted by mail by contacting Yad Vashem for an application.

Please consider a few minutes of your time to help keep alive the names of the many victims of the Holocaust. We must never forget the Shoah Victims.

**DR. LEATRICE RABINSKY  
HOLOCAUST EDUCATION  
SCHOLARSHIP**

We are still accepting applications for the annual Leatrice Rabinsky Holocaust Education Scholarships. Please call Sue Saltzman (216/561-7709) or Cindy Feuer (216/691-0123) for an application form.

**KOL ISRAEL  
FOUNDATION  
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**DINNER Commemorating  
the 60th Anniversary of  
Liberation, honoring the  
great contribution of**

**DR. LEATRICE  
RABINSKY**

Plans are in progress to honor  
Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky on  
Sunday, August 21, 2005  
at 5:30 p.m.

B'nai Jeshurun Congregation

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