



קול הניצולים

VOICE OF THE SURVIVORS
The Kol Israel Foundation

and

Second Generation Kol Israel
Spring Newsletter - March 2006

Editorial Board:

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

Fall 2005 & Winter 2006 Activities:

Kol Israel Foundation, SGKI, & Sisterhood

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B'nai Yeshurun - August 21, 2005

Kol Israel Sisterhood

Paid up Membership Luncheon

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Zion Memorial Park

October 9, 2005 - 2:00 p.m.

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For the Dead and the living - We must remember

President's Message - Leo Silberman

Last year marked the 60th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany and our liberation from the Nazi concentration camps. We held two major events to commemorate this monumental occasion: the Annual Yom Hashoa Commemoration, which was held on Thursday, May 5, 2005 at Park Synagogue; and the 60th Anniversary: Liberation and New Lives party, which was held on August 21, 2005. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Needy Holocaust Survivors Initiative Fund.

On Sunday, October 9th, 2005, the Annual Memorial Service in memory of our lost six million Jewish martyrs who perished during the Holocaust was held at Zion Memorial Park, As usual, this important event was very well attended.

Sam Hoenig and Anne Lukas of Second Generation Kol Israel Foundation have been working for the past three years to address the needs of Holocaust Survivors who receive their services from the Jewish Family Services. We had several meetings with the leadership of the Jewish Community Federation and the Jewish Family Services expressing our concerns that survivors have been turned away without their needs being met, that the Jewish Family Services has been using Claims Conference moneys to support their organization, and that the Jewish Community Federation has not shown significant concern for the needs of Holocaust Survivors. In response to our meetings, the Jewish Community Federation has allocated to the Jewish Family Services 120,000 to respond more meaningfully to the needs of survivors.

On Monday, April 24, 2006, the Annual Yom Hashoa V'Hagvurah will be held at B'nai Yeshurun Congregation. The theme of this year's commemoration will be "Second Generation carries the tradition," honoring the memory and legacy of the Holocaust. We are looking forward to the presence of the Holocaust survivor and general Jewish community.

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

<i>Liza Alpert</i>	<i>Rachel Faigenbaum</i>	<i>Betty Friedman</i>	<i>Pearl Goldstein</i>
<i>Hilda Hennenberg</i>	<i>Jacob Hennenberg</i>	<i>Pola Lasman</i>	<i>Joseph Matlow</i>
<i>Rafal Majorczik</i>	<i>Henry Miller</i>	<i>Irving Rabinsky</i>	<i>Julie Simon</i>
<i>Dora Stankowitz</i>	<i>Ida Weisner</i>	<i>Eva Wieder</i>	<i>Ida Zelvin</i>

Condolences are extended to:

Betty Gold on the loss of her son
Lola Mandelbaum on the loss of her son
Julie and Melvin Simon on the loss of their son
Mannie Schneider on the loss of her son
Leon Weisberg on the loss of his sister

Deepest Sympathies are extended to families of

Isaac Alpert
Jack Berger
Henry Borgen
Morris Cyncynatus
Sam Feig
Mori Grunspan
Gene Klein

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to:

Sally Bergrin on the marriage of her grandson
Nancy and Armin Berk on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter
Betty and Nathan Berliner on their 60th Anniversary and on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson
Ruth and Howard Gordon on the marriage of their son
Sylvia Malcmacher on the birth of her great granddaughter
Henry Sperling on the Bar Mitzvah of his grandson

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

**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 .

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.

60th Anniversary: Liberation and New Lives

The sixtieth anniversary of our liberation was planned and organized by the three-survivor organizations, the Kol Israel Foundation, the Kol Israel Sisterhood and the Second Generation Kol Israel. Much energy was invested into the planning and organization of this party, which honored the sixtieth anniversary of our liberation and recognized a very dear friend of survivors, Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky.

The party was both beautiful and very meaningful. The reception and the dinner were both very much enjoyed by all who were present. The themes of liberation and the toasting of Dr. Rabinsky were very meaningfully expressed by the speakers. Dr. Rabinsky, who has earned a national and international recognition as a leading Holocaust educator, has also earned the respect of our survivor community. In addition to leading journeys to the sites of our horrors, she has conducted numerous Holocaust education events and provided leadership for the Annual Commemoration of Yom Hashoa V'Hagvurah. On this occasion Dr. Zev Harel and Mr. Jacob Hennenberg edited a special issue, "60th Anniversary of Liberation and New Lives."

Annual Memorial Service

Zion Memorial Park

October 9th 2005, 2:00 p.m.

The annual Memorial Service took place at Zion Memorial Park on Sunday October 9th 2005. Simon Fixler and Avi Goldman were hard at work to make this annual event a meaningful one. As every year this very important event in the lives of Holocaust survivors was very well attended.

Yom Hashoa V'Hagvurah 2006

B'nai Yeshurun Congregation – April 24, 2006

The annual Yom Hashoa 2006 will take place on April 24, 2006 at Congregation B'nai Yeshurun. Susan Hennenberg and Mark Frank will serve as Co-Chairs for this very important event in our history. It marks the 61st anniversary of our liberation from the evils of Nazi Germany. The major theme for this year's commemoration will be "Second Generation Carries the tradition of honoring the memories and legacies of the Holocaust." As every year, and maybe more so this year, this event is very meaningful for the survivors and the community as members of the Second Kol Israel will share their perspectives on how to carry on the Yom Hashoa V'Hagvurah tradition.

Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut 2006

Park Synagogue, May 2, 2006

The Annual Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut events will take place this year at Park Synagogue. We are looking forward to a meaningful honoring of the memory of lost Israeli brave soldiers and victims.

We are also looking forward to a joyous celebration of the Israeli Independence Day. Park Synagogue has been a very good location for holding these special events.

Message from the Kol Israel Sisterhood

Sylvia Malcmacher, Vice President

The Kol Israel Sisterhood is wishing everyone a happy and healthy Passover. The Kol Israel Sisterhood will hold a Spring Luncheon on May 23rd at noon at South Euclid Community Center..

For cards for all occasions, call Ileen Green (216) 382 9742

For purchase of trees, call Sylvia Malcmacher (216) 3811726

THE WHITE BUSES

The night to 9th of April, 1940, German forces invaded both Denmark and Norway, and these countries remained occupied until the liberation 8th of May, 1945. The third Scandinavian country, Sweden, declared itself neutral, and maintained this status during the war accepted both by the Germans and The Allies.

From the very beginning of the occupation in Denmark and Norway, the populations resisted the Germans. This mostly in forms of sabotage and/or civil disobedience. This resulted in arrests of tens of thousands, and in February/March 1945 there were 5,000 Danes and 9,000 Norwegians in various forms of internment in Germany.

For the Swedish Red Cross the question in the autumn of 1944 was now to plan the enormous humanitarian task they foresaw when Germany surrendered. Head of the Swedish Red Cross was Count Folke Bernadotte, and in October, 1944 he flew to Paris via London to meet General Eisenhower in his headquarters for the initial discussions of the Swedish humanitarians stakes in Europe. During this say, the question of immediate help to the millions of prisoners in the concentration camps and prisons was one of the subjects.

After his return to Stockholm, head of the Norwegian legation in Sweden during the war, N. Chr. Ditleff, proposed for Count Bernadotte to send a Swedish Red Cross delegation to Berlin. The task should be release of Scandinavian prisoners in Germany for alternative internment in Denmark and/or Sweden. The counterpart in Berlin would be Heinrich Himmler, head of Gestapo. Already in 1943 Himmler sough contracts in Sweden for peace negotiations with the Allies. The Swedish Foreign Ministry saw a possibility in the beginning of February, 1945 and gave the green light for Count Bernadotte to fly to Berlin for a personal meeting with Himmler.

Count Bernadotte arrived in Berlin on February 16, 1945 and, after initial meetings with Foreign Minister Ribbentrop and Obergruppenfuher Kaltenbrunner, he met with Himmler on the 21st and 23rd. Their meeting was based upon certain conditions -- that there be no publicity from the press or radio, and all necessary resources were to be taken care of by the Swedes. There was an agreement to allow the Scandinavian prisoners in Germany to be moved and collected in a concentration camp Neungamme outside Hamburg. There, the prisoners would be under the humanitarian aid from the Swedish Red Cross.

The government in Sweden decided to use military vehicles and personnel for this action. Recruiting personnel was on a voluntary basis, releasing them from their military duty and giving them Red Cross status. The necessary number of officers quickly reported, while bus and truck drivers were more complicated as the action was secret and no announcements could be done. However, in the beginning of March, 36 busses, 12 trucks (some kitchen and maintenance vehicles) and 250 persons were ready for the rescue action. The vehicles were painted white with Red Cross symbols, therefore the name "White Busses."

On March 9th they were taken onboard the ferry to Copenhagen where they met SS soldiers for the first time in occupied Denmark. After having organized and settled into their headquarters in Friedrichsruh, the "White Busses" began their first rescue activity on March 15th bound of concentration camp Sachsenhausen outside of Berlin. The Swedes were not allowed to enter the camp, but inside the barbed wire, 350 Norwegian prisoners were waiting. The loading of the busses then took place. After some hours, the busses with prisoners and some Gestapo men began their nine hour drive to Neuengamme. On board the busses, each prisoner received a parcel containing food and 40 American cigarettes. Between the 15th and 30th of March, the busses made seven trips and moved more than 2,200 Scandinavians from Sachsenhausen to Neuengamme.

New negotiations took place between Bernadotte and Himmler, and to ease the communications, the Swedish legation was moved to Schonhausen 200 km south of Berlin. There was now an agreement to allow ill prisoners in Neuengamme to be sent to camps Froslev and Mogelkjaer in Denmark. These camps were still under German command. Additionally, the Swedes were allowed to take approximately 400 French prisoners from Neuengamme for internment in Switzerland, and at the same time, take the Danish Jews from Theresienstadt to Neuengamme. Due to combat in the south, the French had to be set of in Theresienstadt in exchange of Jews, who were taken back to Neuengamme. All of this was carried out by the Swedish "White Busses."

In the first half of April, Count Bernadotte and his legation continued the negotiations in Berlin. At this time, British troops northwest of Germany drew nearer to Neuengamme. Himmler allowed all Scandinavians in Neuengamme to be transported to camps in Denmark. This was a new challenge now taken care of by the Danish Red Cross. Within twelve hours, they set up close to 200 vehicles named "The Jutland Corps," which passed into Germany on April 20th. The next day, they moved 4,200 Danish and Norwegian prisoners back to Denmark. Later, more prisoners were picked up.

The end of the war was now foreseen and Himmler even allowed "The White Busses" to take female prisoners from Ravensbruck to Sweden. On April 22, twenty-one "White Busses" showed up outside the camp. They immediately brought approximately 1,500 females, mainly French, Dutch and Polish women, initially to Denmark. Some days later, approximately 4,000 more prisoners were sent by trains to the Danish border where the Danish Rail took over.

Thanks to the "White Busses" and the "Jutland Corps" more than 10,000 prisoners in concentration camps and prisoners transported out of Germany between mid March and the end of April, 1945.

The set up of these rescue actions involved thousands of persons in Denmark and Sweden. At every transport food, petrol and other supplies were organized. Doctors and nurses followed each of the transports caring for the ill. In spite of these efforts, prisoners died. In Denmark, all the population stood up bringing food and care to those reverting from hell.



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SPRING 2006

Anne Lukas, President

On behalf of the Executive Board, I hope you, your family and friends have a fulfilling and enjoyable Pesach. Despite the cleaning, this has always been my favorite time of year!

Holocaust Survivors' Life Needs Initiative Update

Sam Hoenig

Efforts have continued for the Holocaust Survivors Life Needs Initiative. Sam Hoenig and representatives from Kol Israel and Second Generation have met with Milton Schachter, the new Director of the Jewish Family Service Association, also a child of survivors. We are optimistic about our working together to seek additional funding and provide assistance to needy survivors. We have already used some of the collected funds to assist survivors in need and will start major fund-raising efforts in the coming weeks.

"One Flight For Us"

April 21-May 10

SGKI & The Temple Co-Sponsor

We would like to inform you about "One Flight for Us", a film-and-lecture program we are co-sponsoring with the Temple. This film was organized, developed and realized by child of survivors!

Israeli Brigadier General Amir Eshel, the film reveals evidence that proves that the Allies, led by the U.S. and Britain knew of the systematic mass destruction of Europe's Jews, yet remained silent, even when it would have been easy, and even convenient, to help. This film and lecture will include discussion of the messages it conveys and its relevance to Israel and Jews. Please watch for further information.

Love After Auschwitz: 2nd Gen Kurt Grunberg, Psychoanalyst, Licensed Psychologist; Sigmund Freud Institute, Germany

On Sunday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m., Dr. Grunberg, the author (and second generation) of the book Love After Auschwitz will meet with a **small** group of SGKI members and others at the home of Dr. Norman Reuven. Please contact Anne Lukas (216)570-3222 to reserve your spot. If you are interested, be sure to make that call immediately **since space is very limited**.

Jewish-Christian Holocaust Journey

Please note that you may still join the Jewish-Christian Holocaust Journey from June 14-27. The tour director & guide is Shalmi Barmore, the former Director of Holocaust Education at Yad Vashem. Survivor Gita Frankel, educators, students, SGKI

members and others from the Jewish and Christian community will travel to Warsaw, Lodz, Krakow, Auschwitz, Rome, Assisi and Jerusalem.. In addition to visiting sites of importance during the Holocaust, we will be meeting with Jewish groups and Christian rescuers in Poland, Italy and Israel. Students may be able to earn college credit. Generous contributions by philanthropic families and individuals in the Greater Cleveland Jewish community have helped to keep the cost to \$2,900. Please call **as soon as possible** if you would like to join this or a future journey at (216) 570-3222.

Membership Report

Avi Goldman

Thanks to all members who sent in their renewal forms and checks. Our new life members are:

Sam & Sheri Hoenig

Dr. Halina Podlipsky

Your membership supports Holocaust educational activities, the survivors life needs initiative and the annual Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky scholarships. A letter is going out to members who have not yet renewed.

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Condolences to Rachel Kugelman on the recent passing of her father.



Cleveland Commemoration of the Holocaust and Heroism

Second Generation Carries the Tradition
Keeping the Memory of the Holocaust Alive

Monday, April 2006 – 7:30 p.m.
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