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**LEADING ADVOCATE FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS TO BE HONORED BY THE JEWISH**

**FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS**

**ROMAN KENT WILL RECEIVE RECOGNITION OF GOODNESS AWARD**

NEW YORK – The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) will honor Roman R. Kent, with its Recognition of Goodness Award on Monday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York. Kent is being honored for his life’s work on behalf of aged and needy Righteous Gentiles and Holocaust survivors at the organization’s annual dinner.

A long time board member and chair of the JFR Allocation Committee, Kent is currently the board President of JFR. He has been involved with JFR since its inception in the 1980’s and has worked tirelessly to ensure that rescuers and survivors live out their remaining years in dignity.

He is intimately involved in several other philanthropies, acting as the chairman of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors as well as treasurer and negotiating committee member of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference). In 2011, Roman Kent was appointed by President Obama to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. He was also a member of the Presidential delegation to the commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

After arriving in the United States in 1946, under the government’s Displaced Persons Act, Kent went on to graduate from Emory University. He is the recipient of several honors and awards, including the Medal of Honor and Recognition bestowed by the Polish Government, interfaith Committee of Remembrance Humanitarian Award, and the Elie Wiesel Holocaust Remembrance Award.

“Roman is one of the most distinguished and effective advocates for Holocaust survivors in the world today. He has fought his entire life to help those like himself who survived this awful time. We are honored he has played such an active role in our organization for so many years and for his dedicated work on behalf of rescuers, survivors, and the Jewish community,” said JFR chairman Harvey Schulweis.

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The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous was created by Rabbi Harold Schulweis to fulfill the traditional Jewish commitment to *hakarat hatov*, the searching out and recognition of goodness. The JFR provides critical financial support to aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, offering a degree of dignity to their lives that would not otherwise be available.

At this year’s dinner, attendees will pay tribute to Krystyna Jakubowska, a Righteous Gentile from Poland, and Michael Hochberg, who was saved by the Jakubowski family 68 years ago. They will be reunited by the JFR at JFK Airport on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

As it moves forward, the JFR continues its work of providing monthly financial assistance to some 500 aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, living in 20 countries. Since its founding, the JFR has provided more than $36 million to aged and needy rescuers—helping to repay a debt

of gratitude on behalf of the Jewish people to these noble men and women. Its Holocaust teacher education program is thriving and has become a standard for teaching the history of the Holocaust and educating teachers and students about the significance of the Righteous as moral and ethical exemplars. Visit [www.JFR.org](http://www.JFR.org).

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