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JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS TO PRESENT FLORIDA TEACHER WITH PRESTIGIOUS HOLOCAUST EDUCATION AWARD

NEW YORK – The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) will present the Robert I. Goldman Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education to Frances Kennedy, a history teacher from William T. Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, at its annual dinner on Mon., Dec. 7 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York.

The JFR has selected Kennedy as the recipient of the 2015 Goldman Award because of her outstanding commitment to teaching the Holocaust in her community. Kennedy participated in JFR’s 2015 European Study Program in Germany and Poland this summer.

More than 20 years ago, Frances started an elective course on the Holocaust that had a mere 30 students. Today, Kennedy’s program has grown to more than 170 students in five classes. She has expanded the curriculum to include contemporary genocides like Darfur and encourages students to get involved by having them write to government officials including the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

“We are privileged to honor such exceptional educators each year, and especially proud to present this year’s award to Ms. Frances Kennedy for her outstanding work in teaching the Holocaust ” said JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl.

“Ms. Kennedy’s commitment and dedication is noticed throughout the entire campus, as she is well respected by her colleagues and students. She strives each day to educate her students and colleagues about Holocaust Studies,” added William T. Dwyer High School Principal Dr. Glenda Sheffield.

Kennedy has been previously recognized by inSIGHTthroughEducation with its Star Teacher Award. InSIGHT was founded five years ago in response to the Florida mandate to teach the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides. Every year, grants are awarded to schools for programs, activities and curriculum materials and also for teachers to attend workshops and seminars.

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“Frances is an incredible teacher who has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to teaching the Holocaust,” said InsightthroughEducation co-president Edie Broida. “We chose to sponsor her participation in both the JFR’s Summer Institute and the European Study Program because she exemplifies an unmatched dedication to educating the next generation and upholding the memory of the Holocaust and contemporary genocides.”

Kennedy has been teaching for over 33 years. She currently lives in Jupiter, Florida.

Goldman, for whom the award is named, was one of the founding trustees of the JFR. A beloved and respected leader of the organization, Goldman was its vice chair and led its education committee until his death in 1998. In tribute to his commitment to Holocaust education, particularly to teaching about rescue, the JFR established the award in his memory.

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 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).