

"WHOEVER SAVES A SINGLE LIFE IS AS IF ONE SAVES THE ENTIRE WORLD."—TALMUD



Vladimir Chernovol

THE
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FOUNDATION
*for
the
righteous*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) continues to fulfill its mission of honoring and supporting non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. In 2017, the JFR distributed more than \$1 million in direct support to more than 400 aged and needy rescuers living in 20 countries.

I am pleased to inform you of new developments and continued successes in our work to honor those non-Jews who rescued Jews during the Holocaust. I want to thank you for helping the JFR to carry out its important work. Because of the support of individuals like you, the Foundation continues to meet the needs of these noble men and women and to educate others about the history of the Holocaust in general and rescue in particular.

\$1 Million Distributed in Rescuer Support – Keeping a Commitment

In 2017, the JFR sent monthly financial assistance to more than 400 Righteous Gentiles in 20 countries. The Foundation remains committed to supporting these rescuers throughout the remainder of their lives. Over the past twenty-six years, the Foundation has dispensed more than \$39 million to these aging heroes. As in past years, the JFR awarded a one-time grant for the purchase of food at the Christmas holiday to all JFR-supported rescuers. Our #GivingTuesday Campaign raised more than \$25,000 in support of our Christmas holiday food program! The success of this program enabled the JFR to send each rescuer \$1,000 this year. In 2016, our Christmas food award was \$500. We thank you for your support of this program!

We would like to thank the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) and individual donors for their support of our rescuer support program.

The JFR Board of Trustees at its November 2017 board meeting, voted to increase the individual monthly award levels for all rescuers effective January 1, 2018.

Education Program – Preserving a Legacy

The JFR held its annual Summer Institute for Teachers at Columbia University in June 2017. Some 600 teachers and Holocaust center staff – known as Alfred Lerner Fellows – have now attended the Summer Institute, a five-day residential program that explores the entire chronology of the Holocaust as well as the challenges of teaching this complex history. We are fortunate to have world-renowned Holocaust scholars present at the Summer Institute each year. We also welcome participants from Eastern Europe through a program sponsored by the U.S. State Department.

The JFR's Advanced Seminar is held each January over Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend and is open to our Alfred Lerner Fellows. The Advanced Seminar brings together world-class scholars to lecture and to delve in-depth into specific aspects of the Holocaust.

VLADIMIR CHERNOVOL

VODIANA, UKRAINE...1941
GREGORY LATSMAN, WAS A
JEWISH PILOT IN THE SOVIET
ARMY WHEN HIS PLANE
WAS SHOT DOWN. HAVING
SURVIVED THE CRASH,
GREGORY WANDERED THE
COUNTRYSIDE SEEKING
SHELTER UNTIL HE CAME
UPON VLADIMIR CHERNOVOL,
A TEACHER. VLADIMIR,
KNOWING GREGORY WAS
JEWISH, HID HIM IN HIS HOME
UNTIL LIBERATION. VLADIMIR
IS 97 AND CONTINUES TO LIVE
IN UKRAINE.

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, in conjunction with Professor Peter Hayes from Northwestern University, and the University of Nebraska Press published *How Was It Possible? A Holocaust Reader*. We urge you to consider adding this seminal work to your home library. The JFR uses *How Was It Possible* as the cornerstone for its national Holocaust education program. The book is also used in classrooms across the country. Visit our website at www.jfr.org/HolocaustReader to download an order form.

Traveling Exhibit on Rescue and Rescuers Traveled Throughout the United States

Following its opening at the United Nations in January 2013, the JFR exhibit, *Whoever Saves a Single Life... Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust* has traveled to venues across the United States. The traveling exhibit showcases some of those rare – but exceedingly important – instances where people fought to safeguard their Jewish fellow citizens during the Holocaust. This easy-to-install exhibit is ideal for small venues. Currently the Palm Beach County School District is traveling the exhibit through high schools in Palm Beach County, Florida. Congregation Havurah Shalom, will be featuring our exhibit at the Georgetown Public Library, Georgetown, Texas, from March 16, 2018, through April 18, 2018. For information on bringing the JFR exhibit to your community, please call Stanlee Stahl at 212.727.9955 or visit the JFR website, www.jfr.org/exhibit.

The JFR recognizes and appreciates the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) for its support of the Summer Institute for Teachers, the Advanced Seminar, and our exhibit on rescue.

***Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Program**

The *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* program, which twins a young person with a rescuer, continues to grow in popularity. The program allows families to connect this milestone in their child's life with Jewish history and to provide him or her with role models of humanity and social responsibility. If you would like more information about the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* program, please call Dara Zadikow at 212.727.9955 or visit our website, www.jfr.org/BarBatMitzvah.

Stay Connected

The Foundation's monthly e-newsletters – *At the JFR* and *From the JFR Library* – continue to keep JFR supporters informed and engaged. You can sign up for the e-newsletters on our website, www.jfr.org. While you are on our website, be sure to watch our award-winning rescuer-survivor reunion documentaries. If you're looking for other ways to stay connected, please follow us on Twitter @JFRDirector, like us on Facebook, check out our blog at www.jfr.org/blog, and visit us on Instagram at [instagram.com/jfr_photos](https://www.instagram.com/jfr_photos).

Moving Forward

The rescuers we support are in the twilight of their lives, so our obligation to be there for them takes on heightened importance with each passing day. So does our obligation to teach the history of the Holocaust, as these events continue to recede further into the past.

On behalf of the officers, the Board of Trustees, and the staff of the Foundation, thank you again for joining us in the important work of The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. We are able to make a difference in the lives of the rescuers and to preserve their legacy because of the support of thousands of people like you. As we move into 2018, I am pleased to let you know that the JFR continues to uphold its mission and to enlarge its impact. Your contribution is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to your continued involvement.

Sincerely,



Harvey Schulweis
Chairman