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**THE JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS MOURNS LOSS OF
PRESIDENT ROMAN KENT**

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) announced the death of its long-time President Roman Kent who passed away today at his home in Manhattan. He was 96.

Kent a Holocaust survivor, who survived the Lodz ghetto; and the Auschwitz, Mertzachtal, Dornau, and Flossenburg concentration camps; and a death march, devoted his life to ensuring that both aged and needy non-Jews, who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust, and Holocaust survivors themselves, were cared for in their later years.

Kent served on the board of the JFR for more than 25 years. He also served as the treasurer of the Conference on Material Claims Against Germany and was appointed by President Obama to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Council.

Roman will be missed by many.

“Roman was a man of compassion, principle, and caring. Roman’s kindness and generosity will be greatly missed,” said JFR Chairman Harvey Schulweis. “There are thousands of men and women whose lives have been made better because of Roman, yet because he was such a humble man, they might not have known who he was. The loss will be felt deeply by the Righteous Gentiles whose deeds during the Holocaust he championed for years.”

“Roman never sought credit for his good deeds; he never boasted to others of his generosity and his work on their behalf. He had a keen sense of the responsibility we have to our fellow man, our responsibility as Americans, as Jews, and simply as human beings in a world that can be harsh, cruel, and intolerant of our differences,” Schulweis added.

As a Holocaust survivor, Kent was dedicated and committed to the continuity of the Jewish people, the survival of Israel and to passing on the lessons to be learned from the Holocaust. He spent countless hours lecturing to students, teachers and adults across the United States making sure that the Holocaust was not forgotten.

This Jewish teenager, who survived the Lodz ghetto, Auschwitz, and camps in Germany, who lost most of his family, came to the United States with his brother, as orphans, and created a new life. A life of substance and meaning, a life dedicated to his beloved wife of blessed memory, Hannah, his children, grandchildren, and countless others. May his memory be a blessing.

The JFR continues its work of providing monthly financial assistance to more than 170 aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, living in 16 countries. Since its founding, the JFR has provided more than \$42 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.