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AS ANTISEMITISM RISES AT ALARMING RATES, JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS LAUNCHES VIRUTAL SERIES FOCUSED ON THE HEROISM OF THOSE WHO STAND UP AGAINST IT

MONDAY NIGHT MONTH-LONG SERIES FOCUSES ON FOUR HOLOCAUST RESCUER STORIES

WEST ORANGE, NJ – As antisemitism continues to rise globally, the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) is bringing back its popular film series on Facebook highlighting the heroism of the Righteous Gentiles who saved Jews during the Holocaust. The award-winning series will run on Monday nights starting July 12 and culminating August 2. It will air on the JFR's Facebook page, in an effort to educate Facebook followers on the dangers of antisemitism – or hateful speech toward any ethnic or religious group – on the very same social media platform which continues to serve as a hotbed of such negative content.

A similar event last summer yielded nearly 17,000 live attendees.

This summer, the event's films focus on the heroism of rescuers Wiktoria Jaworska Sozanska (Poland), which airs on July 12; Maria, Stanislaw, Czeslaw, Janina, Wladyslawa, Wanda and Genowefa Polziec (Poland), which airs on July 19; Karolina Dworczyk, Tekla Dudziak and Tekla's daughters Janina, Maria and Wladyslawa Dudziak (Poland), which airs on July 26; and Leokadija Ruzgiene and her children Egle, Meile and Aurimas (Lithuania), which airs on August 2.

The series will close with the documentary remembering the life of Roman Kent, the Holocaust survivor and late president of the JFR on August 9. Kent passed away on May 21 at the age of 96.

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The JFR's production team has traveled throughout Europe, Israel and North America to meet with and interview the rescued, the rescuers and their families, upholding the responsibility to help in sharing the stories of heroism in an effort to educate so that the atrocities of the Holocaust are never repeated. The films have previously been screened in classrooms. This is the first time that these films will be available to the general public.

“We've seen an uptick in antisemitic attacks – both physical and well as on social media channels – at an alarming rate in recent weeks,” said JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl. “Our hope is that this series reaches as broad an audience as possible so that in such trying times, we as a society can learn from the heroism of Righteous during the Holocaust, and through education bring about the abolishment of hate.”

There is no fee to participate. Those interested in viewing the series, can do so by visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/JewishFoundationForTheRighteous/>

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 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. For more information, visit <https://jfr.org/>.