

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



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
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**2021** was challenging for all, including The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) and the two groups that the JFR supports – Righteous Gentiles and teachers. Yet, through the challenges, the fear, and the uncertainty of this past year, I see how resilient we are and can be.

I thank each of you for your continued support of the work of The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. Please know, your financial assistance is valued and appreciated. Because of the support of individuals like you, the Foundation continues to meet the needs of these noble men and women who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust and to educate others about the history of the Holocaust in general and rescue in particular.

**\$900,000 Distributed in Rescuer Support – Keeping a Commitment**

For the last thirty years, I have had the honor and privilege of leading The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. Over the years, the JFR has provided financial support to more than 3,000 Righteous Gentiles living in some 34 countries. At the beginning of 2021, the JFR was providing monthly financial support to 191 Righteous Gentiles living in 17 countries.

I am pleased to report that during 2021, the JFR continued to fulfill its mission of honoring and supporting non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. In 2021, the JFR distributed more than \$900,000 in direct support to the rescuers. Each rescuer received a special Christmas award of \$2,500 in December 2021.

Effective January 1, 2022, each rescuer's monthly award was raised by \$50, bringing the monthly grant to \$250. Today, the JFR is sending financial assistance to 143 rescuers living in 14 countries. The JFR is continuing its commitment to the rescuers – to provide monthly financial support until they pass away.

**Education Program – Preserving a Legacy and Offering New Teacher Education Programs**

At this juncture, the JFR will be augmenting its nationally acclaimed Holocaust teacher education program with two new programs. Our education program provides teachers with the knowledge and tools to teach about both the history of antisemitism and the history of the Holocaust in their classrooms.

***How Was it Possible? A Holocaust Curriculum For and By Teachers™***

In 2021, the JFR began work on a new Holocaust education program. The program, *How Was it Possible? A Holocaust Curriculum For and By Teachers*, will provide high school teachers and their students an online program that provides a basic Holocaust unit of study. The program includes 16 lessons, each with a master teacher presenting the lesson on film in

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BUDAPEST, HUNGARY...  
MARCH 1944

GUIDO, A TWENTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD LIEUTENANT IN THE HUNGARIAN ARMY, USED HIS MILITARY STATUS TO PROTECT HIS JEWISH NEIGHBOR, ANN STRICKER, BY PROVIDING SHELTER AND FALSE IDENTITY PAPERS. DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF GUIDO AND HIS FAMILY, ANN SURVIVED THE WAR.

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conjunction with a professionally prepared PowerPoint keyed to the particular lesson. This program is being offered at no cost to teachers and will be available on the JFR website. We hope to launch the program in June 2022. For more information on this innovative program, please email the JFR at [jfr@jfr.org](mailto:jfr@jfr.org).

### **Schulweis Fellowship Program**

The second program is the Schulweis Fellowship Program. This program is for those educators who are unable to attend the JFR's Summer Institute for Teachers (SIT) in person. The Summer Institute is held each June. The scholars who present at the JFR's SIT will be filmed. Teachers will be able to register for this program through the JFR website. Teachers completing the entire program will be known as Schulweis Fellows and will be able to access the JFR's other educational programs such as the Advanced Seminar and European Study Program. The Schulweis Fellowship Program will launch by the end of 2022.

The JFR's 2021 Summer Institute for Teachers was held via Zoom. More than 750 teachers and Holocaust center staff – known as Alfred Lerner Fellows – have now attended the Summer Institute, a 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. The 2020 European Study Program to Germany and Poland was postponed and hopefully will be held in July 2022. The JFR's Advanced Seminar, which is held each January over Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend, was held in January 2021.

We would like to thank the Claims Conference for their support of our Summer Institute for Teachers, Advanced Seminar, and European Study Program.

### **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](http://www.jfr.org). If you are looking for other ways to stay connected, please follow us on Twitter @JFRDirector, like us on Facebook, 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 2022, our hope is a return to some degree of normalcy.

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