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

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*for
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
April 2023

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.

\$700,000 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 (JFR). Over the years, the JFR has provided financial support to more than 3,500 Righteous Gentiles living in some 34 countries. At the beginning of 2022, the JFR was providing monthly financial support to 137 Righteous Gentiles living in 13 countries.

I am pleased to report that during 2022, the JFR continued to fulfill its mission of honoring and supporting non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. In 2022, the JFR distributed more than \$700,000 in direct support to the rescuers. At Christmas 2022, the JFR sent each rescuer a special award of \$3,000 for the purchase of food, medicine, and home heating fuel. With Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the JFR concentrated on meeting the needs of Ukrainian rescuers. During the past year, we have remained in close contact with Ukrainian rescuers and their families. As we enter the second year of the war, we will continue our support of Ukrainian rescuers as well as the rescuers living in other countries.

Effective January 1, 2022, each rescuer's monthly award was raised by \$50 and we raised the individual monthly grant by another \$50 effective January 1, 2023, to \$300. Today, the JFR is sending financial assistance to 109 rescuers living in 12 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 with an online program that provides a basic Holocaust unit of study. The program includes 16 lessons; each lesson has a professionally prepared and scholar-vetted video. This program is being offered at no cost to teachers and their students and

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WARSAW, POLAND...1942

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1942 AND 1943, AS HEAD

OF ZEGOTA'S CHILDREN'S

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HUNDREDS OF JEWISH

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will be available on the JFR website. The program will be launched in May 2023. For more information on this innovative program, please email the JFR at 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 have been 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 2023. For more information on this program, please email the JFR at jfr@jfr.org.

The JFR's 2022 Summer Institute for Teachers was held in person and we welcomed 24 teachers from across the country. More than 775 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 2022 European Study Program to Germany and Poland was postponed and will be held in July 2023. The JFR's Advanced Seminar, which is held each January over Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend, was held in January 2022.

We would like to thank the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (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. 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 @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, and to address contemporary antisemitism.

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, to preserve their legacy, and to meet the needs of teachers because of the support of people like you.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harvey Schulweis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harvey Schulweis
Chairman