



# KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION FOUNDATION

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## Largest Attendance in Years for Annual Fall Memorial



More than 300 family members and supporters from the community gathered with 45 Holocaust Survivors at Zion Memorial Park in Bedford Heights for the Kol Israel Foundation's Annual Fall Memorial program, held each year on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Many of the Survivors do not know the day on which their relatives died and have no grave to visit. For them, this is a day to remember and honor their loved ones.

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, the

event included a procession of flags representing nations who liberated death camps, borne by members of the local chapter of the Jewish War Veterans. KIF founder Simon Fixler offered a memorial prayer, a greeting was shared by Jill Miller Zimon, vice-chair of Federation's Community Relations Council, a heartfelt rendition of *Kol Mole Rachamim* and Psalms were sung by Charles Greunspan of B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, and Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk of Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple gave a keynote address and led atten-

dees in the reciting of *Kaddish*.

Six memorial candles were lit by Survivors and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation members Ruth Frum, Marilyn Malcmacher Evans, Irving Bergrin, Simon Fixler, Evelyn Slo-movitz and Frances Nue-man in honor of the 6 million who perished during war. A special candle for departed KIF members was lit by 3<sup>rd</sup> generation member Jason Beder.

KIF Board Chairperson Leo Silberman also spoke, saying "*the most long-lasting memorial for the destruction of the Holocaust cannot be found etched in stone, but must be etched in our hearts and carried with us each day. Living your life to the fullest and protecting the lives of Jews and any victims of hatred and injustice here and around the world is the ultimate commemoration we seek.*"

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## Violins of Hope Private Tour November 15

Please join us for a special private tour  
of the new “Violins of Hope” exhibition  
at the Maltz Museum on Sunday, November 15 at 11am.

The cost is only \$7 (normal admission is \$12).  
Refreshments will be served.

Space is limited so please RSVP  
to [hduchon@kifcle.org](mailto:hduchon@kifcle.org) by November 11.  
Payment can be made by sending in a check  
or with a credit card by calling us at 216-831-3754.

## We Need Your E-Mail Address!

The newsletter you are reading now costs us approximately \$1,000 to mail, print and process. In an effort to save money, we are transitioning to using e-mail and Facebook as our primary means of communication with our members and supporters.

Please send your e-mail address to [info@kifcle.org](mailto:info@kifcle.org) as soon as possible, along with your name and mailing address (there will still be occasions when we will send out hard copies), so we can update our records.

Please “like” us on Facebook, too, by going to the “Kol Israel Foundation, Inc.” page and clicking on “Like”.

[Please share this newsletter with friends and family.](#)

# Members Needed for New Theater Project

The Jewish Education Center of Cleveland and AKIVA are starting a new Holocaust educational program for teens: ***Testimony Theater Cleveland***. Former KIF Director Ellie Shoag is working on the project.

Originating in Israel, *Testimony Theater* presents an opportunity for teens to engage with Holocaust survivors through a dramatic/therapeutic process. Through this process, the teens learn and document the life story of the survivors, and then together with a director write and present a play based on the story they have heard. The survivors are also involved in the final product as they have roles in the play.

The Cleveland project will be launched in December, 2015, with the hope of staging the first show around Yom Hashoah 2016.

For more information or to get involved, contact AKIVA at 216.367.1388 or email Tina Keller at [tkeller@akivacleveland.org](mailto:tkeller@akivacleveland.org).

## Volunteer for KIF!

Committee members and volunteers are currently needed for the projects listed below. If you're interested, please contact Mark Davidson, Executive Director, at [mdavidson@kifcle.org](mailto:mdavidson@kifcle.org) or 216-831-3754

- **FUNDRAISING:** Help us plan, recruit, market our next major fundraising event to be held in late summer/early fall of 2016. More details coming soon.
- **EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Help with offering your family's Holocaust videos to share with teachers, schools, community organizations and religious communities. Help with mailings, phone calls to schools and Internet research.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Phone members to get e-mail addresses and updated contact information. Help with mailings and distribution of flyers.

Kol Israel Foundation is a non-profit organization of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, their families, and supporters.

Since 1959, Kol Israel has carried on its mission of advocacy and support for Survivors. It provides meaningful Holocaust education and memorial programs throughout Northeast Ohio and preserves and shares the eye-witness narratives of Survivors.



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## Donating to KIF Just Got Easier!

We recently installed a credit card reader in our office. Contributions to Kol Israel can now be made by stopping in and swiping your card or by calling us at 216-831-3754.

Please consider a year-end financial donation to the Kol Israel Foundation. Your contributions are 100% deductible under IRS regulations and help us advance our work of commemorating the victims of the Holocaust, advocating for Survivors, and educating future generations and the general public about the dangers of hatred and intolerance.



MEMORIAL PROGRAM  
PHOTO GALLERY

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