



KOL ISRAEL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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Kol Israel Foundation Celebrates 57 years of Survivor advocacy, commemoration, and education in high style

“Bravo!” “Kudos on a great event filled with joy and heart-warming speeches that brought tears to my eyes.” “Delicious food!” “Attention to detail did not go unnoticed.” “First Class All the Way!” “Best. Event. Ever!”

— Just some of the reviews that brought music to our ears from among the more than 200 Survivors, family members, and supporters from the community who attended the Kol Israel Foundation’s 57th Anniversary fundraising brunch that was held on August 21st at Landerhaven.

Leo Silberman, Chairman of the Board of Kol Israel Foundation, opened the program with a moment of silence for loved ones who have perished and then he said the *motzi*.

Highlights of the event included heartfelt stories and remarks from honorary co-chairs, Albert Ratner and



Photo courtesy of The Cleveland Jewish News

Honoree Richard J. Bogomolny accepts unique gift from KIF President, Anne Lukas.

Mendy Klein, and our extraordinary honoree, Richard J. Bogomolny.

Bogomolny, Chairman of the Cleveland Orchestra Board of Directors, was recognized by Kol Israel as the guiding force behind *Violins of Hope* and for his humanitarian efforts on behalf of Holocaust education.

Kol Israel president Anne Lukas presented Mr. Bogomolny with a statue of a decorative violin as a gift from the KIF Foundation.

The *Violins of Hope* concert included beautiful musical performances played on rebuilt and salvaged instru-

ments (from the Holocaust). Lukas said. “The violins offered proof that no matter how hard and violently the Nazis tried, they could not wipe out the culture of the Jewish people.

“Mr. Bogomolny collaborated with many leaders and organizations to provide the 90 events – classes, lectures, concerts and special programs – (related to *Violins of Hope*) this past year. It will live on, too, since it has also been incorporated into various educational curricula to be used continuously for years to come.”

The Tribute Books raised much-needed funds, thanks to Avi Goldman and Bob Zelwin for their heroic efforts. (*Cover design by Ellen Jacob*)

Linda Gruenspan, Chair of the event, was honored as Kol Israel’s *Volunteer of the Year*, and Vice President Ellen Jacob was the first recipient of KIF’s *Leadership Award*.

Many thanks to Hallie Duchon for her organizational skills and to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly and helped make our event a huge success.

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L'Shana Tova Message

**from Leo Silberman, Chairman of the Board
and Anne Lukas, President**

On behalf of the Board of The Kol Israel Foundation, we are honored to invite you to the 55th Annual Fall Memorial Service, presented by Kol Israel Foundation with the support of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

We dedicate this solemn day to honor the blessed memory of our many loved ones – innocent men, women, and children who perished at the hands of the Nazis. The memorial service provides an opportunity for families to say the Mourner's *Kaddish* for departed Holocaust victims who have no known *Yahrzeit* and/or grave site.

Our memorial service is observed each year on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at the site of our beautiful monument, built by Kol Israel Foundation's founding members, Holocaust Survivors who emigrated to Cleveland after World War II. Out of the ashes, these courageous men and women started new lives and families, built schools and *shuls*, and contributed to the community in immeasurable ways. We thank them for their accomplishments.

*L'Shana Tova Tikatevu V'Techatemu
Wishing You a Happy and Healthy New Year!*

LAKE ERIE COLLEGE IN PAINESVILLE TO SPONSOR ELIE WIESEL EVENT — AND YOU'RE INVITED!

This unique event, commemorating the life and legacy of Elie Wiesel, is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th at Lake Erie College from 6:30-8:30 PM and is open to students and the community. According to Andrea Farenga, LEC professor in charge of the event, "Our rationale includes the unfortunate realities that anti-Semitism is increasing, and students have not been taught about the Holocaust, which fuels the denier movement."

The two hour event has three parts:

- First, a reader's theatre performance of the play, "The Trial of God."
- Second, there will be a video clip of Elie Wiesel.
- Finally, there will be a three-person panel of community members uniquely qualified to speak and answer questions about the Holocaust. Each individual will present for 15 minutes, after which audience members will be invited to ask questions. A Holocaust historian, the daughter of Holocaust Survivors and Ellen Jacob, V.P. of Kol Israel Foundation and Chair of Holocaust Education Outreach, will participate.

State of Ohio grants historic marker for KIF Holocaust memorial, now officially recognized as one of the first of its kind in the U.S.

by Mark S. Frank, Co-Chair, Memorial Committee

We are pleased to announce that the Kol Israel Foundation Memorial, located at Zion Memorial Cemetery in Bedford Heights, Ohio, has recently been approved for an Historical Marker by the Ohio History Connection in Columbus, Ohio. This, in conjunction with a Resolution to be approved by the City of Bedford Heights declaring the Monument as a City of Bedford Heights Historical Landmark, recognizes our Monument as a significant historical site in the State of Ohio and in the United States. We are in the process of finalizing the casting of the actual Historical Marker and hope it will be ready in early Spring, at which time there will be a formal dedication ceremony which will include the participation of state and local dignitaries. If you attended our Brunch, you may have met Andrew and Dana Miczak of the Bedford Historical Society, who were instrumental in assisting us to obtain this recognition and were introduced to us by Mayor Fletcher Berger of the City of Bedford Heights. This is truly a great accomplishment for the Kol Israel Foundation -- giving national significance to the plight of the victims of the Holocaust, establishing our credibility as an organization, continuing our pledge to commemorate those who perished, educate future generations, and honor our departed members and families. We also thank the owners of Zion Memorial Cemetery for their role in obtaining this status for the Memorial and their continued support of our organization. We will keep working to get further recognition for our Monument and carry on the legacy of the founders of the Kol Israel Foundation.



Kol Israel Foundation Promotes Hallie Duchon to Executive Director

The torch has been passed! The Kol Israel Foundation Executive Board is proud to announce the promotion of Hallie Duchon, third generation (3G) Holocaust Survivor, granddaughter of George Schoenberg (originally from Warsaw and one of the founding members of Kol Israel) and Regina Kupiec Schoenberg of Chechanow, Poland) as our Executive Director, effective September 1, 2016.

As corporations throughout the nation pass the torch of leadership onto a younger generation, Kol Israel Foundation recognizes that in order to evolve and grow our organization, to continue our mission, to advocate for and honor Holocaust Survivors, and to carry forward their eye-witness testimonies through education, we, too, must pass the torch.

For over a year, Ms. Duchon has served as the organization's Assistant Program Director, and in that position proved to be a valuable asset to the organization. She not only excels in providing exceptional management, organization skills and innovative programming ideas, but her leadership has inspired other 3G's to commit to the continuation of Kol Israel's mission through participation and dedication to our goals.

"We are the generation that needs to make sure that the world *Never Forgets*", said Duchon. "It is our responsibility to continue to honor all individuals who survived and the six million who were murdered. At a time when Holocaust denial is increasing, events are being distorted, and old hatreds are rising, sharing our grandparents' memories and testimonies are crucial. Our mission is to teach tolerance and fight racial hatred. Our educational programs allow us to increase understanding and knowledge about the mass violation of human rights that occurred to Jews and many others during the Holocaust. Education is a powerful vehicle that allows us to provide a moral compass to help guide the vision of future generations."

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

9/29 – **Commemoration of The Life and Legacy of Elie Wiesel**; open to students and the community; sponsored by Lake Erie College in Painesville. (see p. 2)

10/9 — **Fall Annual Memorial Service**; Zion Memorial Cemetery in Bedford Hts. at 2pm

OCT — **3G Yiddish Night**; TBD

11/2 — **Restoring the Rights of Jews from Lithuania**; activist Grant Cochlin, author of *Malice, Murder, and Manipulation: One man's quest for truth*. Co-sponsored with The Jewish Genealogy Society

11/7 – **Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma**; 7PM at Landmark Circle; Presentation will focus on intergenerational transmission of trauma and its effects. Offspring of Holocaust Survivors feel affected by their parents' experience. Dr. Yehuda will focus on maternal and paternal modes of transmission and also describe how biological changes can occur *in utero*, which may have long term consequences for adult children and grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors, as well as other trauma survivors. Co-sponsored by Case Western/Siegel College

December 2016 – **Defiance Movie**

December 2016 – **Hanukkah Party**

Spring 2017 – **Sisterhood Luncheon**

Spring 2017 – **Dedication of Monument Historic Marker**

Summer 2017- **Kol Israel Picnic**

See something that interests you?

Want to volunteer for a committee or help out at the office?

We'd love to hear from you! Contact Hallie at (216) 831-3754, hduchon@kifcle.org, or go to the Kol Israel Foundation website at www.KIFCLE.org

TA-DA!!! Kol Israel Foundation proudly introduces our brand new website, developed by 3 G Jeremy Joseph, and we couldn't be more excited. A world of gratitude goes out to Jeremy for his hard work and dedication to our mission. In the coming weeks we will be adding a photo gallery and lots of other goodies.

(If, like Jeremy, you have a special talent or skill and would like to volunteer your services, please contact us!)

Kol Israel Foundation's

NEW, IMPROVED Website with...

- **Pictures & Tribute Books from the 1950's to today**
- **Videos of Survivors telling their stories**
- **Online registration for speakers for your school or organization**
- **RSVP for events and ability to make contributions online**
- **Calendar of events**

WWW.KIFCLE.ORG

Visit soon. Visit often. Get involved!

THE TORCH HAS BEEN PASSED!

Kol Israel Foundation welcomes Deborah Hurwitz and Allison Newman as 3G co-chairs of the newly formed 3G group.

Both women grew up grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors and are enthusiastic about bringing their first-hand experiences to the newly formed third-generation Holocaust Survivor group.

"Kol Israel played an important role in the lives of our grandparents as a social, political and support group -- especially because family members were few in number," said Ms. Hurwitz.

Newman and Hurwitz say they are happy to join the efforts of Kol Israel, recognizing that the torch has been passed. Both feel that it is their legacy and their turn to support aging Survivors and to tell their stories when they can no longer do so themselves.

Both Deb and Allison agree that their mission for 3G initially will be to recruit a committee and begin to share ideas about how their generation can best advocate, educate, commemorate and further the mission of Kol Israel. They are looking forward to an inaugural event tentatively scheduled for October.

Allison is the granddaughter of Bernard and Ilona Schonfeld. She is also the great-niece of Magda Deutch-Greenfield. Magda was the only family member to survive Auschwitz. Due to her brutal treatment in the camp and on the death march, she was unable to have children of her own. She was a second grandmother to the family. On the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, Allison attended the *March of the Living*. This was a life-changing experience and she promised the Holocaust Survivors on her trip that her children would know what happened.

Allison's father, Steve Somogyi, a Second Generation Holocaust Survivor, was born and raised in Hungary and lived through the after-effects of the Holocaust. Mr. Somogyi and his family endured extreme anti-Semitism before their escape to America.

Allison lives in Solon with her husband, Marc, and their son and daughter. They are members of The Park Synagogue congregation.

Deborah is the granddaughter of Holocaust Survivors Armin and the late Elizabeth Jacob and Ruth and the late Ben Nebel, who was the sole survivor of his family. She is the daughter of Ellen Jacob, Kol Israel Vice President and Chair of Holocaust Education Outreach programs, and Marty Jacob.

Along with her husband, Deb visited concentration camps in Germany, Prague and Poland as a young adult. It is that experience that solidified her commitment to "Never Forget". Deb lives in Moreland Hills with her husband, Eric, and their four children. They are members of Temple Tifereth Israel congregation.



Allison Newman (left) and Deborah Hurwitz, Kol Israel Foundation 3G Co-chairs.

Start the New Year Off Right with Sweet Honey-Cinnamon Challah — It's a *Mitzvah!*

Sweet, crusty, delicious! This honey-cinnamon *challah* takes only a few hours to make and it comes out great every time. *L'Shana Tova!*

Challah, the quintessential cake-like bread of the Jewish people, takes center stage every Friday evening to mark the beginning of Shabbat, and it is the center of attention at Jewish holidays.

For thousands of years, *challah* has been a central feature of Jewish life and of preserving moments, ideas and ideals in Jewish history. During *Rosh Hashanah* it is customary to eat apples and *challah* dipped in honey, a symbolic wish for a sweet new year.

The braided strands of the *challah* symbolize arms intertwined, love, truth, peace, creation, freedom, harmony, family connection, unity and justice. On *Rosh Hashanah*, as an alternative to braiding, the *challah* may be baked into spiral rounds, symbolizing the continuity of creation.

Sweet Honey-Cinnamon Challah

INGREDIENTS

Dough

- 2 teaspoons dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2/3 cup warm water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs (and another 1 for egg wash)
- 4 cups flour

Filling

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon honey
- (raisins optional)



DIRECTIONS

1. First you need to activate the yeast. Whisk the yeast with 1 teaspoon of honey and warm water and wait a few minutes until it looks foamy.
2. Add 3 tablespoons of honey, the olive oil, salt and eggs. Mix with a wooden spoon and gradually add in the flour. When the dough forms into a ball, knead for 5 minutes.
3. Cover the dough and let it rise for 1 hour. While you're waiting you can make the filling. Mix together the vegetable oil, brown and white sugar, cinnamon, salt and honey. Preheat oven to 375 °F or 190 °C.
4. When the dough has doubled in size, separate it into 3 equal parts. Shape each part into a ball, and roll into a circle. Spread the cinnamon filling onto each of the 3 circles and roll into a long rope. Stretch the ropes as long as you can and braid. Pinch the ends.
5. Brush the braided dough with egg wash (which is just a beaten egg) and sprinkle coarse sugar on top.
6. Bake for 30 minutes. If the top begins to brown too quickly you can cover it with foil.

Note: Before you braid, make sure the dough ropes are skinny.



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

Since the early 1950's, Kol Israel has carried on its mission of advocacy and support for Survivors. It provides valuable Holocaust education and memorial programs throughout Northeast Ohio, and preserves and shares the eye-witness narratives of Survivors.

DONATING TO KIF JUST GOT EASIER!

NEW! IMPROVED! Our new website, KIFCLE.ORG has a DONATE button at the top right of the page. Contributions to Kol Israel can now be made quickly, 24/7 online. Need to send a Thank You, Mazel Tov, Get Well, or In Memory of card? You can do so either online or by making a quick call. 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.

57TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO GALLERY A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL



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