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“WHOEVER SAVES A SINGLE LIFE IS AS IF ONE SAVES THE ENTIRE WORLD.” – TALMUD

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I thank each of you for your continued support of the work of The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR). Please know that 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 teachers and their students about the history of antisemitism and the Holocaust.

**Keeping a Commitment – \$723,000 Distributed in Rescuer Support**

For the last thirty-three years, I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the Executive Vice President of The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR). Over the years, the JFR has provided financial support to more than 3,600 Righteous Gentiles living in 34 countries. In 2025, the JFR continued to meet its commitment to aged and needy Righteous Gentiles. Unfortunately, due to bank sanctions imposed as a result of the war in Ukraine, the JFR is not able to provide financial support to rescuers living in the Russian Federation.

I am pleased to report that during 2025, the JFR distributed more than \$723,000 in direct support to the rescuers. The Foundation sent each JFR-supported rescuer a special award of \$4,000 for the Christmas holiday. This was the largest individual Christmas holiday award the JFR has sent to rescuers. The rescuers use our Christmas gift for the purchase of food, medicine, and home heating fuel. The JFR is continuing its commitment to the rescuers – to provide monthly financial support until they pass away. We also provided special one-time grants to meet emergent needs.

Over the past thirty-three years, I have come to know the rescuers, their children and grandchildren. Many of the grandchildren have email and know English. It has been an honor to maintain email communications with many of the families.

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MARSEILLES, FRANCE... 1941

THE ABBÉ JOINED THE FRENCH RESISTANCE IN 1941 AND SMUGGLED JEWS OUT OF FRANCE AND INTO SPAIN. HE PROVIDED FALSE PAPERS

AND REFUGE TO THOSE NEEDING ASSISTANCE. HE HID JEWS WITH FAMILIES IN THE MOUNTAINS AND IN CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS. WANTED

BY THE GESTAPO, HE FLED FRANCE IN 1942 AND JOINED THE FREE FRENCH. THE ABBÉ RETURNED WITH GENERAL DE GAULLE DURING THE ALLIED INVASION AT NORMANDY.

## **Preserving a Legacy and Offering New Teacher Education Programs – *How Was it Possible? A Holocaust Curriculum For and By Teachers*<sup>TM</sup>**

The JFR continued to present its new online program in 2025. 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. In 2021, the JFR began work on this new Holocaust education program. During the 2024-2025 academic year, the program was piloted in Palm Beach County Florida. We would like to thank inSIGHT Through Education, one of the JFR's Holocaust Centers of Excellence, for partnering with the JFR on this important and innovative program.

The program, *How Was it Possible? A Holocaust Curriculum For and By Teachers*<sup>TM</sup>, provides middle and 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 and provides extensive printed resources for teachers and students. One can find additional information about the program on the JFR website – [www.jfr.org/hwip](http://www.jfr.org/hwip). For more information on this innovative program, please email the JFR at [jfr@jfr.org](mailto:jfr@jfr.org).

### **JFR 2025 Summer Institute for Teachers**

The JFR's 2025 Summer Institute for Teachers welcomed 24 teachers from across the country and Poland. More than 790 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.

### **JFR 2025 European Study Program to the Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark**

The JFR's 2025 European Study Program was led by Professor Robert Jan van Pelt. We had an outstanding group of educators. Learning about the Netherlands with Professor van Pelt, who is from the Netherlands, was an exceptional experience. In Denmark, Professor Therkel Straede, a leading Danish Holocaust scholar, joined the group.

As one of our participants wrote in her reflection paper:

“Being able to walk in the steps of the Frank family and physically see locations that we only read about has been a profound experience. When you think about the Holocaust in Holland, many people only think about the experience of Anne Frank and her family but that is only one of the many stories from Holland and Denmark. Although I will not take out Anne's

story from my unit, I will include the other experiences that the Dutch and Danish had...Right now, my lessons on the Netherlands and Denmark touch upon Anne Frank's story and the rescue in Denmark. Before this trip, I did not have a breadth of information on how the Holocaust affected these areas. This trip really has given me a better understanding of Jewish life before the war and then hearing the different stories of these regions will enable me to give my students a more well-rounded understanding of the events...Using pictures and personal experiences from being in those locations will help students connect to the history and stories."

Another educator wrote:

"Denmark provided a land of acceptance, rescue, and maybe even welcome. Our trip demonstrated a powerful history of collective resistance and rescue. Our visit to Gilleleje allowed us to get a feel of what went into the rescue and our journey on the ferry gave us perspective as to what the rescuers and rescued had to endure. These sites collectively reinforce the idea that the people in Denmark, on the whole, treated their Jewish neighbors very differently than the people in the Netherlands. The success of the October 1943 rescue operation, wherein thousands of Danish Jews were transported to safety, demonstrates that the Jews of Denmark were accepted, rescued, and later welcomed back. The JFR 2025 Study Program provided a powerful and essential lesson in comparing these two countries. By directly contrasting the destruction and betrayal in the Netherlands with the courageous almost national rescue and welcome in Denmark, the trip serves as a vital tool for innovative discussions, lessons and teaching for our students."

### **JFR 2026 Advanced Seminar**

The focus of the 2026 Advanced Seminar was "Challenges in Teaching the Holocaust." We explored the challenge of teaching the Holocaust after October 7, the impact of AI on Holocaust education and research, and addressing antisemitism as part of teaching the Holocaust. The following scholars presented, Professors Avinoam Patt from New York University, Andy Pearce from University College London, Noah Shenker from Colgate University, and Paul Salmons from the United Kingdom. The annual seminar is held over Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend.

### **Staying Connected**

The JFR's website, [www.jfr.org](http://www.jfr.org), has been updated. Visit the site and read some of the stories of moral courage or view our award-winning documentaries. 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 X [@JFRDirector](#), like us on [Facebook](#), and visit us on Instagram [@jfr\\_photos](#).

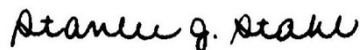
### **Moving Forward**

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 "Stanlee J. Stahl". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Stanlee J. Stahl  
Executive Vice President