

Friends Worldwide

USA

Two hundred people gathered at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, California for the American Society for Yad Vashem "Salute Hollywood" event at the end of February. The event, which was organized together with the Jewish Life Foundation, saluted Hollywood and the films that have been made about the Holocaust. Honorees included director Arthur Hiller for his film *The Man in the Glass Booth*; director Paul Verhoeven for his film *The Black Book*; violinist Miri Ben-Ari for music in the film *Freedom Writers*, and others.

Yad Vashem Benefactors **Susanne and Jan Czucker**



Actress **Millie Perkins** (left), who portrayed Anne Frank in the film *The Diary of Anne Frank*, with Yad Vashem Benefactors **Marilyn and Barry Rubenstein**



Yad Vashem Benefactors **Fela and David Shapell** (center) with **Branko Lustig** (right), Academy Award-winning producer of *Schindler's List*, and his wife **Mirjana Lustig** (left)



Standing, left to right: **Gary Belz, Jon Voight, Cheryl Simon, Yad Vashem Builder Jona Goldrich, Shelly Belz**

Sitting, left to right: Yad Vashem supporter **Barbara Kort**, violinist **Miri Ben-Ari**, Yad Vashem Benefactor **Jack Belz**



New Benefactors **Paul and Vera Guerin** unveiled the "Bridge to Life," dedicated in memory of Vera's parents **Nathan and Lilly Shapell, z"l**. The Guerins' donation will support educational programs and IDF soldier visits at Yad Vashem.



Rita and David Levy and family dedicated a new Holocaust education program for training teachers from the United States. The program, dedicated in memory of Rita's father **Nathan Katz, z"l**, will support seminars at Yad Vashem and in the US to create a cadre of outstanding Holocaust educators.

Left to right: MK Rabbi **Michael Melchior**, **David Levy**, **Matthew Levy**, **Rita Levy**, **Shaya Ben Yehuda**



Yad Vashem supporter **Sid Ferenc** (left) visited Yad Vashem this spring and met with Director of the International Relations Division **Shaya Ben Yehuda**. They also viewed the site for the International School for Holocaust Studies' new International Seminars Wing, which will begin construction this summer.



Yad Vashem supporter **Jeffrey Katzenberg** (second from right) visited Yad Vashem once more, this time with his family, for a special tour of the Museum and campus.



Lenny and Beth Wilf, Benefactors of the Entrance Plaza and children of Holocaust History Museum major donors **Harry and Judith Wilf, z"l**, visited Yad Vashem for a tour especially designed for their children.



■ New Friend Ygal Sonenshine (left, with Shaya Ben Yehuda) led a delegation of the Young Presidents Organization to Yad Vashem. After touring the Museum, the participants viewed a film relating the story of the Sonenshine family: those who left Parczew before the war to build a life in *Eretz Israel*, and those who remained behind.



■ Dr. Rochelle Cherry (left), daughter of Yad Vashem Benefactors Sol and Gloria Silbersweig, z"l, and Jean Gluck (right), received the American Society for Yad Vashem Achievement Award from American Society Chairman Eli Zborowski at the 2008 Annual Spring Luncheon held on 20 May at Cipriani 23 in New York.



UK

■ In May, members of the Phillips family from London came to tour Yad Vashem's new exhibition, "My Homeland: Holocaust Survivors in Israel." The exhibition was supported by the Phillips family through a gift from the Phillips and Rubens Charitable Trust.



Australia

■ A tribute ceremony honoring the Gandel family of Melbourne took place at Yad Vashem in May, as the Gandel Holocaust Studies Program for Australian Educators was launched.

Left to right: Michelle Gandel, John Gandel, Linda Gandel, Director of the English and Scandinavian Desk David Metzler, Pauline Gandel, Australian Ambassador H.E. Mr. James Larsen, Jackie Gandel, Ian Gandel, Avner Shalev



■ Carol and Alan Schwartz of Melbourne paid their respects at the Path of Remembrance and Reflection, endowed by the Schwartz family in memory of the Jews of Hungary who perished in the *Shoah*.



■ The Israel Australia Chamber of Commerce (IACC) came to Yad Vashem for a moving visit on Holocaust Remembrance Day. With a delegation of close to 50 people they toured the Holocaust History Museum, were briefed by Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev and participated in the official Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony.

Below: Lee Liberman at a wreath-laying ceremony for the IACC in Yad Vashem's Hall of Remembrance



■ Phillip Green of Sydney toured Yad Vashem's Holocaust History Museum in March.



Canada

■ In June, the advisory committee for the Asper International Holocaust Studies Program met at Yad Vashem.

Left to right: Shai Abramson, Head of International Relations at the International School for Holocaust Studies Richelle Budd-Caplan, School Director Dorit Novak, Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev, Gail Asper, Director of the English and Scandinavian Desk David Metzler, Babs Asper, Director of the International Relations Division Shaya Ben Yehuda, Moe Levy, International Seminars for Educators in English Director Ephraim Kaye



■ Howard Tanenbaum (second from left) and his wife Carole came from Toronto to tour Yad Vashem with friends in April. They were given a special presentation in the conservation lab by Director of Yad Vashem's Archives Dr. Haim Gertner (left) and Varda Gross (right).



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Sweden

At the annual general meeting of the Association for Holocaust Survivors in Sweden, formal ties to Yad Vashem were made, and the **Swedish Friends of Yad Vashem** was established.



Left to right: **Livia Fränkel**, Director of the English and Scandinavian Desk **David Metzler**, **Tobias Rawet**

Switzerland

■ **Dr. Heinz Samson** (front, left) and his wife **Editha** (front, right) laid a wreath in the Hall of Remembrance during a ceremony in memory of his beloved parents **Heinrich Samson** and **Paula Lazarus-Samson** and his sister **Gerda Samson**, who perished in the Holocaust. **Dr. Samson** was accompanied by his daughters (from left, back) **Debra Ziff** and **Karen Lewis** as well as the Director of the International Relations Division, **Shaya Ben Yehuda**.



Austria

■ In April, the **Austrian Friends of Yad Vashem** held their annual meeting of the General Assembly in a prestigious setting in the State Theater of Linz, Austria. During the meeting, Yad Vashem Chairman **Avner Shalev** (left) presented a copy of the Yad Vashem Museum album *To Bear Witness* to the Austrian Chancellor **Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer** (right).



Liechtenstein

■ On 16 April, the traveling exhibition “An Arduous Road—Samuel Bak: 60 Years of Creativity” opened in the Cultural Center in Triesen, Liechtenstein. President of the **Liechtenstein Society of Yad Vashem** **Markus Büchel** (center), Vice President of the Liechtenstein Society **Evelyne Bermann** (left), and Director of the Cultural Center in Triesen **Petra Büchel** (right) attended the opening of the exhibition.



Ukraine

■ Yad Vashem friend **Victor Pinchuk** (second from right) visited the campus together with former Ukrainian President **Leonid Kuchma** (right) and **Rabbi Shmuel Kaminetzki** of the **Ukrainian Society for Yad Vashem** (not pictured). Together with Yad Vashem Chairman **Avner Shalev** (left) and Special Advisor to the Chairman **Arie Zuckerman** (second from left), they attended a ceremony unveiling a plaque in the Square of Hope.



Mexico

■ **Esther** and **Martin Wengrowsky** (right) received the Yad Vashem key from Director of the Iberoamerican, Spain and Portugal Desk **Perla Hazan** during a ceremony unveiling their names in the Square of Hope.



■ **Raquel** and **Alberto Cohen** (left) received the Yad Vashem key from **Perla Hazan** during a ceremony unveiling their names in the Square of Hope.



Venezuela

■ Benefactors **Sady and Simy Cohen** (center) visited Yad Vashem for the unveiling of their names on the wall of the Museum. They were joined by their daughters **Cota** (right) and **Solita** (second from left), and by Director of the Iberoamerican, Spain and Portugal Desk **Perla Hazan** (left).



■ **Genia and Roby Croitorescu** (center) and family received the Yad Vashem key from **Perla Hazan** during a ceremony unveiling their names in the Square of Hope.



Christian Desk

■ National Directors of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) from various countries including Canada, Switzerland, Slovakia, the United States and Hong Kong visited the International School for Holocaust Studies in May. They also attended the Victory Day state ceremony and met with WWII veterans.



Israel

■ On 8 April, **Marc Rich**, Chairman of the Rich Foundation for Education, Culture and Welfare (third from left), and Director of the Foundation **Avner Azulay** (fourth from left) visited Yad Vashem, accompanied by **Dr. Klaus Jacobs**, Honorary Chairman of the Jacobs Foundation (seated), **Professor Joachim Treusch**, President of Bremen University, Germany and other guests. The Rich Foundation generously supports Yad Vashem's activities.



■ On 22 May, the **Israel Society for Yad Vashem** held an event for Yad Vashem's supporters and friends in Israel, marking the opening of the exhibition, "My Homeland: Holocaust Survivors in Israel." Dozens of Yad Vashem's friends, many of whom are Holocaust survivors, took part in the event, which included guided tours of the exhibition, the Synagogue and the Museum of Holocaust Art.



■ On 12 May, Yad Vashem held a ceremony unveiling the memorial to the martyrs of the Kolomyia community. Members of the Association of Former Residents of Kolomyia and its Surroundings—Holocaust survivors and their descendants—attended the ceremony.



Yad Vashem appreciates the generosity of its friends in supporting its mission of *Shoah* commemoration, documentation, research and education. Together we can continue our journey, ensuring Jewish continuity and conveying universal aspirations for understanding, tolerance, and mutual respect between people everywhere. Yad Vashem would be honored to welcome you into its circle of friends and supporters.

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