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SPOTLIGHT



Are You Going To #TakeTheJourney This May?

There's still time to make every mile matter!

In honor of the **15-mile survival journey Mark Schonwetter made in a single night while fleeing the Nazis**, participants are walking, running, and riding throughout May to help preserve survivor stories, expand Holocaust education, and inspire future generations to stand against hate.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, **the first \$20,000 raised this month will be matched dollar for dollar**, doubling support for classroom grants nationwide.



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Taking the journey?

Use the Mile Marker Guide to reflect as you move, share your answers or video reflections on social media, and be sure to include your **JFTL fundraising link** to inspire support from your community.



OPPORTUNITIES



Summer Internship Opportunity with MSHEF

Know a college student looking for a meaningful summer internship opportunity?

We are looking for a summer intern to help us update the **Holocaust Education Hub**—our searchable resource database.

This is a flexible, virtual internship opportunity ideal for a college student interested in education, nonprofit work, research, history, or communications.

If you know a student who may be interested, we'd love to share more about the opportunity!

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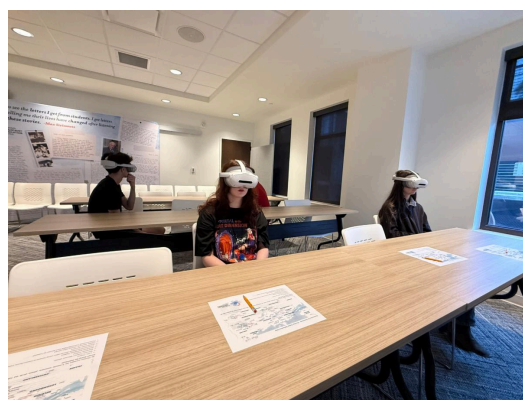
Our Grants in Action

Students from Pleasant Valley High School visited the [Alabama Holocaust Education Center](#)—engaging with powerful stories, immersive technology, and firsthand perspectives that bring Holocaust history into focus.

"Holocaust education is so important, especially in today's world, and I just appreciate these kids for how seriously they took this experience and how engaged they were.

We are incredibly grateful to the Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation for this grant! " - Michelle Thomas, History Teacher

This is the impact of Journey For The Living!



EVENTS



June 2: MSHEF & Tribe NIL Museum of Jewish Heritage | NYC

MSHEF is proud to once again partner with Tribe NIL for a special evening of education and connection for all D1, D2, and D3 athletes at the [Museum of Jewish Heritage](#) in NYC.

- **Museum Tour:** 5:30 PM
- **Doors Open:** 6:30 PM
- **Evening Begins, followed by Q&A:** 7:00 PM

Please download the event flyer and share it with qualifying athletes to help us spread awareness about this event.

REGISTER TODAY

DOWNLOAD FLYER

Tribe NIL is the nation's first NIL initiative for Jewish student athletes, amplifying Jewish voices in college athletics on the field and beyond. [Learn more.](#)

RESOURCES



A Lesser-Known Holocaust Story: Jewish Refugees in Shanghai

Earlier this month, we had the opportunity to connect with [Pacific Atrocities Education](#) as part of ongoing conversations around Holocaust education resources and classroom learning opportunities.

As we recognize **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, we wanted to highlight a resource they have focused on the experiences of Jewish refugees who found safety in Shanghai during World War II, which is a lesser-known holocaust story.

This story serves as a powerful reminder of resilience, refuge, and the importance of cross-cultural understanding during moments of global crisis.

[READ ARTICLE FROM PACIFIC ATROCITIES EDUCATION](#)

KINDNESS



May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a time to honor the generations of Jewish Americans whose stories, leadership, creativity, and resilience have helped shape our communities and our country.

At a time when antisemitism continues to rise, including in our very own MSHEF backyard, we're holding Mark Schonwetter's words close to our heart:

"Live every day with love, not hatred, and you will accomplish so much more in life."

Throughout May, we invite you to lead with kindness, continue learning from one another's stories, and help us celebrate influential Jewish Americans on social media by sharing our post with your community.

[MAKE SURE YOU ARE FOLLOWING US ON INSTAGRAM](#)

Thank you for being a part of our community! We hope our monthly EmpowerED Insights has inspired you to empower your own community to "live every day with love, not hatred." #EmpowerThroughEducation



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