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# EmpowerED Insights

EMPOWERING THROUGH EDUCATION

## Another Recording Breaking Year for Journey for the Living!

Our collective efforts raised more than **\$182,000+**, meeting our \$20,000 match and exceeding what we raised last year for JFTL!

Together, our community walked an incredible **5,000 miles for Holocaust education** — that's **over ten MILLION steps and equivalent to 191 marathons!** Every step reflected a shared commitment to remembrance, empathy, and standing against hate.

To everyone who walked or simply donated during Journey for the Living this May: *thank you for the bottom of our heart.*



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## From Classroom to the Track: Holocaust Education in Action

We recently heard from Anne McGohey, a middle school teacher in North Carolina and MSHEF grant recipient. Last year, her Holocaust Education Grant helped bring 8th grade students to a local Holocaust museum for a powerful firsthand learning experience.

This year, her students took that learning even further by choosing to walk 15 miles together for Journey for the Living, turning remembrance into action through reflection, empathy, and community.



Stories like this are a powerful reminder that Holocaust education does not end when a lesson is over. One grant, one educator, and one experience can continue creating impact for years to come. We are deeply grateful for the educators across the country who are committed to helping shape a more compassionate and courageous next generation.

## IN THE NEWS



### A Graduation Season Unlike Any Other

Graduation season should be a time of celebration. Yet for many Jewish students and families, rising antisemitism and campus tensions made this milestone far more complicated. As relatives of a recent graduate, our founders saw this reality firsthand.

At campuses across the country - including University of Michigan, Vassar College, Columbia, NYU, and CUNY - many families watched as graduation ceremonies unfolded against a backdrop of protests and controversial speeches.

At MSHEF, we believe Holocaust education matters not only because it teaches history, but because it helps students recognize the dangers of dehumanization, propaganda, silence, and hate in all forms.

Universities should remain places where thoughtful dialogue, critical thinking, empathy, and human dignity are protected. We can uphold freedom of expression while also standing firmly against antisemitism, intimidation, and the targeting of Jewish students.

**History reminds us that education is one of our strongest tools for building a more compassionate and informed future.**



## Mark Your Calendars: Educator Grants Open in August!

Our Holocaust Education Grant Portal opens in August!

### Who Can Apply

- 4-12th Grade Educators
- Universities and Colleges
- School Clubs and Organizations
- Must be located in United States

Grants are designed to help you bring real, impactful Holocaust education to your classroom. Funds are typically used to bring in a survivor as a guest speaker, plan a museum trip, or access new educational resources.

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## Save the Date: Teacher Webinar on August 25

Join us for our annual Teacher Webinar on August 25! We'll introduce new tools and resources in our [Holocaust Education Hub](#) to support your curriculum development. We'll also share helpful tips about our Teacher Grant Program, including how and when to apply.

Stay informed on both by completing our [Grant Application interest form!](#)

[EDUCATOR INFORMATION](#)



## Meet the Marathoner: Gaby Matro

We're excited to spotlight **Gaby**, one of the inspiring runners going the distance to support Holocaust education during the 2026 **Philadelphia Marathon Weekend!**

"I'm excited to be running my first full marathon with MSHEF! My paternal grandparents lived in the former Soviet Union during the war and came to the United States as political refugees. At a time of rising antisemitism, I believe Holocaust education is more important than ever. Running with MSHEF allows me to turn this personal milestone into a meaningful way to help ensure these stories are never forgotten."

**Interested in running for our mission?** A limited number of Philadelphia Marathon Weekend charity bibs are still available.

[Learn more about running for our mission!](#)



## 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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