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LONG LIVE THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE

**NEW CRACOW FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER**

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**EDITORIAL—PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

The summer vacation is slowly winding down. Of course, for those of us who are retired, the only thing that will change is the weather. Some will start to make plans for their departure to warmer climes as it begins to get cold here in the north. Hopefully that won’t be anytime soon.

In the last issue you were made aware of our reinstating a scholarship program. Our first donation in the program was made this past July to Commonpoint Camps (formerly JCC Commack/Samuel Field Y). They were very appreciative. From this point forward the Society will be accepting donations earmarked for scholarships in the future.

In the past we have tried to tread lightly as regards the political scene. Once again we see headlines which alert us to yet another political storm. With indictments happening now on a regular basis. We have to be alert. Not matter how these cases are adjudicated, the “losing side” will have plenty to say. We can only pray that whatever happens, violence will not be the answer. Our beloved Israel is now in the throes of what we had three years ago. You will read about it in the article from Barry Spielman.

Soon you will be receiving letters from our Welfare Chairperson, Renata Farahnik, apprising you of the annual Yizkor at Beth Moses which will take place on September 10th this year. Please be generous with your donations.

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**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

We hope arrival of our Newsletter finds you well... and ready to greet the new Jewish year with a fresh start; Refining, repairing, and rebuilding. New Year’s day (whether traditional or secular) has a taste of encouragement for new beginnings. Yet every day that we awaken offers us the privilege to arise with new eyes. What would you like to envision for this coming new year? For yourself? For your family? For your community?

Our membership is an extended family... an outgrowth of miraculous survival stories. My vision for this year is that members (individuals, couples and families) will step up to support our Society’s growth into a new stage...where 2nd & 3rd generation members will be inspired to offer their personal gifts... 1) sharing the stories and lessons of the past, 2) honoring our forebears, 3) supporting the existence of our Jewish Homeland (which has recently been experiencing so much fractionalization), 4) attempting to heal some of the trans-generational traumas found in our Jewish People, and 5) supporting the future of our Society with your dues, donations, skills and time... so we can continue the work our founders and survivor members started and laid out for us.

The pandemic starting in 2020 surely did alter our Society’s social activities for the last few years. However, “we can still return to where we came from in the circle game”. Your generous contributions of time and donations will help us transcend and evolve into a vibrant community once again. If you are interested in volunteering your skills, talents, time and energy, please contact us at membership@newcracow.org or info@newcracow.org. For donations, please go online to www.newcracow.org

and use our PayPal payment method or make your check out to New Cracow Friendship Society & send it to:

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I'd like to take this opportunity to share the blessing of celebrating my mom's 104th birthday on Sept 2nd. Regina Lewis served as a strong hand to her husband, Victor, throughout the first 44 years of our Society. Victor truly enjoyed the work and title of Membership Committee Chairman. However, he could not have been as productive and efficient without the total loyal dedication from Regina who kept all membership registry records, communications, computations, and membership related financial transactions for the Society. She also aided with members donations in support of Beit Halochem, the rehabilitation center for injured Israeli war veterans. After Victor's passing, Regina continued her staunch commitment to upholding her responsibilities until 95 years of age, when it was finally time to retire. We salute you, Regina Lewis, thank you and are grateful for your dedicated service.

Shana Tovah to all. Wishing you and your families a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,  
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## THE INDOMINABLE JEWISH SPIRIT

As we are nearing the end of 5783, one can wonder, "How have we come so far?" So many other civilizations have come and gone and we are still here. How is that possible? The indomitable Jewish spirit.

From our patriarch Abraham through modern times, we have been "in touch" with HaShem. Prayer is how we do it. Nothing can stop a Jew from praying. Several examples of the indomitable Jewish spirit can be shown first with the Hasmonaeans. Everyone knows of the conditions during the Syrian/Greek occupation. In 168 BCE Jews were forbidden to read/learn Torah. It is accepted that readings of the Prophets were substituted at that time. Other than at certain times of the year, the Haftorah brings the message of the Torah portion for that particular Shabbat. They found another way to observe.

Skipping ahead to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century we have the Spanish Inquisition. It is well known that only those of the "True Faith", Roman Catholicism, were permitted

to pray. As things became progressively worse, Jews were faced with leaving their ancestral homes (1492 – expulsion of the Jews from Spain; 1536- expulsion from Portugal) or conversion. Many did and became known as conversos. (Years ago, they were called the Marranos. It was a term of abuse.) openly they 'worshipped' as the state dictated. However, again, the indomitable Jewish spirit prevailed. In secret the conversos still followed their Jewish traditions and roots. To be caught praying the way they had been would mean death. But still they prayed.

Let us jump ahead to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. With the rise of the Nazis, synagogues were shut down. Many of the buildings were destroyed. Prayer/services did not stop. People met elsewhere., When the ghettos were established, the schooling of children and prayer continued. Even in the camps there was prayer. The indomitable Jewish spirit. The only thing that can stop it is a bullet. Even in the gas chambers they prayed. Even if it was only the Kaddish for themselves.

It is said that "More than the Jewish People have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews." -Ahad Ha'am

Our traditions have kept us alive over the millennia.

## OBITUARY FOR JEAN [GENIA] SCHWARZER

Genia Schwarzer died June 20th at her apartment in Queens, New York. She had been suffering from advancing dementia for 5 years. The last few were increasingly rough for her as well as her family, requiring full-time caregivers. But her last week was calm, no pain or anguish, mostly sleeping.

Like many survivors of the Holocaust, she had radically steep ups and downs. She was born in 1926 and grew up in Sambor, Poland -- a part of eastern Galicia now in the Ukraine. Her father and paternal grandfather (Buchwalter) ran orchards and a wholesale fruit business in the nearby farmland of Sambor, Bolechow and Stryj. Her maternal grandparents (Reiff) had a bakery in Veliky Liubin, a smaller town between Sambor and Lvov.

In 1940, during the Soviet occupation of Poland, Genia's father died of an untreated ulcer.. Her mother, brother, aunts, uncles, grandparents and other extended family perished at the hands of the Nazi killing machine. Just one uncle and a few cousins survived the war. She watched, in fact, from a hiding place as her mother and brother were taken in an Aktion in 1942 (and then to the death camp, KZ Belzec). She survived the next two years through hiding (in a marsh where Ukrainian peasants eventually came with axes to kill

the hidden Jews), and next under false papers in nearby Drohobycz, the town of Bruno Schulz. She subsequently worked in several smaller camps that were connected to the Galician oil industry. Finally, when things were getting perilous in 1943 she managed to join a group of over 40 Jews hidden in a bunker under a house, and remained there for almost a year until liberation by the Red Army in early August of 1944.

Subsequently, she worked in a canteen for the Russian Army, before getting assistance to flee to Bavaria and the American zone, ending up at the Feldafing DP camp in April of 1946. Some time later, she met my father in Munich, and they were married in the summer of 1947 in Heidelberg, honeymooning in the Bavarian Alps. In late 1949, they migrated to America, arriving by ship in New York harbor. My father, who'd gotten his MD in Heidelberg, began his internship and residency and she worked, while they were living in Brownsville, Brooklyn, mostly at the B Altman's Department store. When he became a citizen in 1955 he was drafted and served in the United States Air Force, at Norton Air Force base in San Bernardino, California where I was born. I heard innumerable times of her late months in pregnancy, relegated to bed while carrying me, her first child to be born after two miscarriages. My parents eventually relocated back to New York and remained there for the rest of their lives, and close to four years later my sister Pamela was born at Long Island Jewish Hospital -- where my father was later an attending physician.

My mother was an avid hausfrau, cleaning meticulously, shopping with an eagle eye on value, cooking Polish dishes like pierogi as well as gefillte fish for Pesach. She was a fierce bridge and tennis player, loved parties, and had many close friends, almost all survivors. She was extraordinarily devoted to her family, and took an active role in our lives -- sometimes as I got older, a bit too active. After my father died in 1992 she was despondent, never dated or remarried, but managed to eke out a decent life in old age, moving to an apartment in North Shore Towers which has a tight community of Holocaust survivors years ago, and staying in close contact with myself, my sister Pamela, and her two grandchildren, Zachary and Julia.

Mitchell Schwarzer

## **JAKUB NOWAKOWSKI STEPPING DOWN**

I am writing about our colleague and friend, Jakub Nowakowski. After serving as the Director of the Galicia Jewish Museum in Krakow for 13 years,

he will be stepping down in the next few weeks to move, with his family, to South Africa where he will become the Director of the Holocaust and Genocide Centre in Cape Town.

The New Cracow Friendship Society is proud to say that we have had a successful long-term partnership with Jakub Nowakowski and the Galicia Jewish Museum. In March of 2020, we collaborated on a program regarding the anniversary of the liquidation of the Cracow Ghetto. Although viewed virtually, we were able to take a "live" tour of the Krakow Ghetto as part of our program. We have since collaborated on other programs that included educational panels and a workshop for children and their parents related to the exhibition on the Polish Jewish artist, Jan Marcin Szancer.

For background, the Galicia Jewish Museum exists to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust and celebrate the Jewish culture of Polish Galicia, presenting Jewish history from a new perspective. An innovative and unique institution located in Kazimierz, the Jewish district of Kraków, Poland, the Museum is a registered charity in Poland. The objectives of the Museum are to challenge the stereotypes and misconceptions typically associated with the Jewish past in Poland and to educate both Poles and Jews about their own histories, whilst encouraging them to think about the future. A number of exhibitions have traveled internationally, and currently, there are two in the United States. We hope to continue our collaboration and support for the Museum

Jakub Nowakowski was born and raised in Kazimierz, the former Jewish district of Kraków. Coming from a non-Jewish family that lived in Kazimierz for generations, from early age he was compelled to research the history of his neighborhood. In 2007 he graduated from the Department of Jewish Studies at the Jagiellonian University, where he wrote a thesis on Jewish resistance in Kraków during the Second World War. In 2005 Nowakowski joined the staff of the newly open (2004) Galicia Jewish Museum in Kraków. In 2006 he joined the Museum's Education Department, and in 2008 he became its manager. In 2010, after an international competition, Nowakowski was appointed the Galicia Jewish Museum's director.

In his roles as Education Director and later, Museum Director, he has given presentations and lectures in Poland, USA, UK, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Lithuania, Spain, Netherlands, Ukraine, Hungary and South Africa, gaining recognition for his knowledge, passion and unique insider's perspective on Polish-Jewish relations in contemporary Poland.

The NCFS has made a donation to the Galicia Jewish Museum in honor of Jakub Nowakowski. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank him for his interest and dedication to our Society and wish him and his family the very best as they move to Cape Town. We hope that we will have an opportunity to collaborate with Jakub in the future. We also look forward to our continued relationship with the Galicia Jewish Museum in Krakow.

Elizabeth Szancer  
Chair, Outreach Committee  
New Cracow Friendship Society

### **A THANK YOU TO THE SOCIETY**

This is to let you know that we have received the \$500 donation for the Kroke [sic] exhibition. This is so kind of you and the New Cracow Friendship Society! We do appreciate this very much and will be delighted to recognize the Society's support in the exhibition.

On the personal level - I'm deeply moved by mentioning my name in this transfer. The cooperation we had over the years was very meaningful for me and I will very much miss that. At the same time I hope that our contacts allowed for a deeper connection and that our friendship will last, no matter where I am.

Once again thank you,  
Best regards  
Kuba [Jakub Nowakowski]

### **THE CRIME OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SINS OF THE OPPOSITION**

July 24, 2023 – Today, at 4pm Israel time, Israel reached a very dangerous milestone in its history. Despite unprecedented protest and demonstrations, despite pleas from Israel's allies, despite warnings from the President of the country, heads of the army, banks, the workers union and pretty much everyone else, the government proceeded to push through the first of its highly controversial Judicial reform laws, dismantling the ability of the Supreme Court to use the "reasonableness clause" to strike down government decisions. Far from the softened version of the law that the Prime Minister promised or that the Likud Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, literally pleaded for in the minutes leading up to the actual vote, the most extreme version of the law passed, expanding the inability of the courts to use the clause also on

Minister's decisions or lack of actions that the government or ministers should be reasonably expected to take. The only "softening" of this law was the removal of municipal leaders, such as mayors, from also being included in the law.

Leading up to the climax of the vote which went 64-0 as the opposition boycotted the final tally, was an incredible back and forth search for a last-minute compromise. President Herzog himself was shuttling between the players and quite frankly, until the last moment, I truly believed a compromise would be found, that the leaders of both the government and the opposition would step up to understand the gravity of the situation and do what is best for the country. They didn't. And frankly, I blame both sides. As the headline of this article states, I personally believe the government committed a crime against society by pushing through this legislation at all costs, bulldozing it through the committee and the Knesset because they could, almost looking at it like a battle that they finally got their revenge on the system (on the courts that they hold responsible for the disengagement from Gaza in 2005 and the Oslo Accords a decade before and on the left as well). Some of the leading players like Justice Minister Levin said when it was over that he wasn't happy for the loss the other side. But others clearly were and it showed. One of the ring leaders of the chorus of no-compromise, Internal Security Minister Ben Gvir, tweeted just the other day that "the Salad Bar is Open" that is, this is just the opening course to what is being planned in the future in terms of the other laws. He was roundly condemned by others in the government for "insensitive" comments.

But the sad truth is that we are way past "insensitivities." The Protests are escalating. People are being injured on the streets both by opposing protesters and by the police. The rhetoric has long since become vulgar and hate filled. The reservists have used their silver bullet threatening to not show up for service and it made little difference. Now people who have spent the last forty years risking their lives on the front lines and felt they could no longer volunteer under the circumstances, were promptly labeled by government ministers as terrorists, anarchists, traitors and criminals who should be in jail. I personally don't support calls to not serve. I believe they are tactically mistaken (as it turned out the government called their bluff and it may even be argued were emboldened to push the law through so as not to show they gave in to this type of threat – and there is merit to that argument – and what do they do now? Do they go through with their threats and endanger the country by not showing up?) And strategically flawed since it opens

the possibility that others, for other reasons in the future will do the same. But to hear the criticism come from the government whose next big adventure is to pass a law exempting Haredi yeshiva students from service, is outrageous and contributes to raising the blood pressure. The press finally started to hit on this very issue and expect to hear a lot more of it in the coming months. Bottom line, there is absolutely zero trust between the sides which is what condemned all attempts at compromise to failure.

But this is where the second part of the equation comes in, the sins of the opposition. While not quite the same as having the responsibility of pushing through an extremely divisive law whose results we can only fear, they do share in the responsibility of how we got here and some of their actions are a sin to the cause which they serve.

The first of the sins is the way they handled the last election, from not forcing the Meretz and Labor parties to merge (and thus prevent Meretz from falling below the threshold and essentially handing the election to the right); to the loss of control of the protests which have become increasingly aggressive and have reached the point, that almost by definition, a protest will block the main highway, or roads at the airport or train stations. Polls show the public doesn't support this. Neither do I. Not every demonstration needs to break the law to gain attention. And now the leaders of the opposition operate under the shadow of the protest movements who aren't interested in any compromise; another huge, almost unforgivable sin, was walking out of the talks under the auspices of the president last month, after the government reneged on its promise to elect its representative to the committee to elect judges. While the move may have been justified, it was foolish. It handed over the initiative to the government to unilaterally push the law through, and it never looked back. For over a month the government's chorus has been it has no partner to talk with. Only the other day did the leaders of the opposition start calling to return to the talks (keep this point in mind, as I will come back to it at the end), perhaps recognizing their strategic error. But even in the last few days of compromise talks, what both sides put on the table was way too far apart. And it seems (at least based on the available reports right now) that the opposition was demanding either the scrapping of the rest of the reform laws or putting them on hold for 18 months (which was never going to happen) and in any case the protesters viewed even these statements as too conciliatory.

And so, we have reached this point. But now that it is a done deal, the real question, the one I hope and pray that everyone will ask themselves is, what's next? Does the passing of this law, as bad as it is,

really represent the opening salvo of our civil war or will the leaders on both sides realize that they have to step back and look at the situation as it stands today. And that is, this law has passed, but it never was the one that was considered "the end of the world". It is an opening to "the end of the world" depending on what happens now, depending on what additional laws are passed. Depending on how the government exploits them. In my view, the real battle comes now.

Levin, the Justice Minister who is responsible for this mess more than anyone else was quoted after the vote as saying this: "I call on the opposition to work with us to reach agreements on the other pieces of the judicial reform. The Knesset is now going on a long break (2 and half months, until after the Jewish holidays in the Fall). I leave knowing we passed an important law but without glee for the loss on the other side and with the true hope that we can find a way to bring the different parts of our people together. It is a joint responsibility on both our shoulders and that of the opposition. Let's take advantage of the break to reach agreements."

Now I don't care much for Levin and I care less for his Judicial reform. I am also not sure I believe the sincerity of what he said. But as words, they are absolutely correct in my mind. And that is the responsibility of the opposition to not say, you passed the law, there is nothing to talk about, which is what I fear will happen. Its like a sunken cost. Don't throw good money after bad. The law has passed. Its in the past. The only thing that matters is what happens going forward and it is the joint responsibility of the government and the opposition to ensure that the rest of it does come with consensus.

There is good reason to believe that this will be the policy of the government going forward unless spurned. Netanyahu, who was reported to support a compromise, allowed himself to be led by Levin and the other most extreme members of the government he put together. And he has already paid an extremely high price for allowing this legislation to pass. He is already unpopular in the world and though finally invited to Washington, most certainly not a desired guest at this time; he has an economy that though showing signs of improvement, may face credit scores being lowered, massive strikes inside the country and continued instability which will frighten investors away. He has an army that is being torn apart from within (whether the reservists live up to their promise to not serve or not) and he knows that Israel's enemies are keenly watching. The possibility that they will try to take advantage of this situation is probably keeping him up at night. (It certainly is keeping me

up at night and with a son serving as an officer in the Navy and on one of our missile boats, it scares me..) And most importantly, he has a divided nation that he claims represent as everyone's prime minister (that didn't work out that well for Abraham Lincoln who said the same thing when he was elected in 1860, did it?), a nation that is closer to Civil War, two words used by pretty much everyone these days, than at any point on our history since the destruction of the Second temple. And incidentally, the law was passed just a couple of days before Tisha B'av, which really raises eyebrows. No less than the former US Ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, whose right-wing views are well known, stated the timing of the passing of this law was very poor. Indeed.

I expect Netanyahu will try to calm the waters in any way he can, especially given the fact that the Knesset will be on vacation for such a long period. There will not be any daily McCarthy-like hearings held in Simcha Rothman's Judicial Committee chambers for quite some time. I believe, that Levin's words quoted earlier will be their mantra.

The question is, will the opposition be willing to listen? Or will they choose to claim there is nothing to talk about after this law was passed, stew in their righteous indignation, and let the opportunity to prevent the worst of the laws from being passed without agreement from happening? What will President Herzog do?

Will he redouble his efforts now to reach some kind of agreement on the rest? One thing we do know, is that Arnon Ben David, the head of the Histadrut (workers Union) whose proposals for compromise were spurned, made it clear that going forward, if the government moves ahead with any further unilateral actions on the Judicial reform front, he will shut down the economy with nationwide strikes. That too is something that Netanyahu is keenly aware of.

And so, it depends on how everyone looks at the situation now, bad as it is. The opposition may have lost the battle but it needn't lose the war. The government proved it can pass a law that it wants despite unprecedented opposition and pressure from all quarters but it knows it paid a very, very high price to do so. Now, maybe its time to do things differently? Or everyone can dig into their respective positions and allow the radicals on both sides to dictate events. If the leadership wants to know how that will all end, I invite them to read up on the events leading up to the American Civil War. I alluded to Abraham Lincoln earlier. But its all there in the history books. We aren't inventing any wheels. The cliché that if you don't learn from

history (both Jewish and American in this case, and I'm sure there are other examples) then you are condemned to repeat it...

It will take true leadership, the kind, unfortunately, that has not been on display of late. And it will take an understanding that if we don't lower the flames soon and we don't find consensus on the rest of the judicial reforms that are on the table, the flames may well consume us and everyone will go down together. For the sake of all of us, I truly hope that both sides take a moment to breathe and recalculate. The only thing that's important now is where we are today and how we move to a better place, not where we were before 4pm this afternoon.

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On a personal note, I want to say that the events of the last few months have taken a toll on me. I have lived in Israel for more than 35 years, have served in the army for almost all that time until last year, have raised a family here (4 kids, 5 grandkids and counting..) and in general, have dedicated my life to this country. These are without a doubt, the hardest days that I've lived through here, far worse than any of the wars that have taken place in that same period. It is always more difficult when it is an internal conflict. And being a student of the American Civil War, the parallels don't add to my peace of mind. I don't know how this will end, but I do know I will always stand by Israel, the only Jewish state. What I may not be doing, however, is listening to the news. It clearly is not in the interest of my mental health. I will likely be taking a time out and just cut off from the day-to-day events around me and focus on my personal life, family and job. If that ends up meaning that for a period of time, I won't be able to continue with these articles, I trust you will understand. Hoping for better times.

Barry Spielman  
Oranit, Israel July 24, 2023

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

### HAPPY EVENTS

#### Anniversaries

##### September

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Ensor 43

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Helfman

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Newman

Ally Stoeger & David Domnitch 44

##### October

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Banyasz 41

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Blumenstyk 40

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Gonen 53

Mr. & Mrs. Aiden Gallegos 10

Mazal tov! Mazal tov! Blessings for many more happy and healthy years together.

In order for us to announce simchas, life cycle events and anniversaries in our Newsletter, please inform us at [membership@newcracow.org](mailto:membership@newcracow.org). or on our online form... so we may congratulate you on your special occasion. For anniversaries please include the date followed by the year.

**ACHIEVEMENT-** A great big Mazal tov to Sol Dreier who, at age 95, continues to travel internationally, playing at events and entertaining audiences with his Holocaust Survivor Band.

**MOVED—** Maria & Ken Helfman who will be making their new home in Del Ray, Florida. May you enjoy your new beginnings and live healthy fruitful lives.

### DONATIONS

#### IN MEMORY OF MARIAN KEREN

Danielle Klapper-\$50

Courtney Smith- \$500

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The following donations are from Simone Hilfstein Scheumann toward the upkeep of the Society's website.

1. On the occasion of my grandmother Anna Kluger's yahrzeit : \$100
  2. For the steady recovery of our previous president, Steven Radwan \$100
  3. For the volunteer work that the board members do on the society's behalf \$100
  4. May the memory of Marian Karen be a blessing to this family and all that knew him \$100
- To Anna S Gallegos who won a "Webby" for work on a webinar with the Lincoln project, entitled "Never Again : Honoring International Holocaust Remembrance Day". \$100

We wish to thank our members and friends for their generous contributions. Our Society survives on your donations. Please donate to NCFS... to celebrate yahrzeits in memory of loved ones and friends, to celebrate a birth, bar/bat mitzvah, engagement, wedding, anniversary, to honor a friend, well wishes for recovery from illness, or simply to fulfill our mitzvah of giving tzedakah.

Donations by check should be filled out to "New Cracow Friendship Society" and mailed to the address below... or online through PayPal payment on our website [www.newcracow.org](http://www.newcracow.org) (donation tab). Be sure to mention what your donation is for and please consider that PayPal charges a fee which reduces your amount to us. (Donations received after submission of committee report will be posted in the next issue.)



We love to share good news with our members. Please send us your news.  
Stay healthy. Be and stay safe.

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### MEMORIAL PLAQUES

We are excited to offer our general membership participation in a new memorial project. You now have the opportunity to further honor your departed loved ones by dedicating a plaque with their names on the IN MEMORIAM page of our website ([newcracow.org](http://newcracow.org)).

Simply scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on In Memoriam to see examples of the plaques already inscribed. Then go to Donation at the top of the home page and in the Note section write your loved ones name, years of birth and death and yahrzeit. (If you are not sure of the yahrzeit date, give us the date of death and whether it was before or after sundown. We will be able to figure it out from that information). Also indicate whether he or she was a survivor so that we can put the appropriate symbol on the plaque. The cost of each plaque is \$18.00 and will have one name on it. If you cannot make payment electronically, please send a check for the total amount to the Society's address listed on the face of the Newsletter.

I am looking forward to 100% participation in this worthy endeavor.

Dolores Finder Berkowsky  
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We sadly announce the passing of

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Our heartfelt sympathy



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