



## Member Organizations (Partial List)

Amer. Assn. of Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Greater Boston  
Assn. of Holocaust Survivors from Former USSR, Los Angeles  
California Assn. of Holocaust Child Survivors  
C.A.N.D.L.E.S., Terre Haute, IN  
Child Survivors of Arizona  
Child Survivors Club of Palm Beach, FL  
Coalition of Holocaust Survivor Clubs in South Florida  
Council of Nazi Holocaust Survivor Organizations of So. California  
Habonim Cultural Club, Miami  
Holocaust Child Survivors & Friends of Greater Hartford  
Holocaust Restitution Committee, New York  
Holocaust Survivors of Greater Detroit  
Holocaust Survivors of Greater Pittsburgh  
Holocaust Survivors Group of Southern Nevada  
Holocaust Survivors, Inc., Queens, NY Chapter  
Houston Council of Jewish Holocaust Survivors  
The Jewish Holocaust Survivors & Friends of Greater Washington  
Jewish Survivors of Latvia, Inc. New York  
National Assn. of Jewish Child Holocaust Survivors, Inc.  
New American Jewish Social Club, Miami  
New Cracow Friendship Society, New York  
Survivors of Atlantic City, NJ  
Survivors of the Holocaust Asset Recovery Project, Seattle  
Survivors of the Holocaust of New Mexico  
Tikvah Acharay Hashoah, San Francisco

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## Holocaust Survivors Urge Obama to Address Needs of Living Survivors

As President prepares to visit Buchenwald, survivors among us must not be forgotten

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MIAMI -- The Executive Board of Holocaust Survivors' Foundation-USA (HSF), a national coalition of elected survivor leaders from throughout the United States, issued the following statement on the occasion of President Obama's visit to the Buchenwald Memorial in Germany:

"We are moved and gratified that President Obama has chosen to visit Buchenwald and personally bear witness to the cruelty and barbarism of the Holocaust. We join him in honoring the memories of the victims of Nazism and fighting against all forms of hatred, racism and anti-Semitism."

"In his speech at the Days of Remembrance ceremony under the Capital Rotunda on April 23rd, the President honored survivors and acknowledged some of the struggles they experienced in the aftermath of the Holocaust."

"We completely agree that the lessons of the Holocaust have many vital applications in today's world, beginning with the central connection with the State of Israel and America's commitment, indeed the commitment of the civilized world, to the right of the Jewish people to a secure and stable homeland in Israel, living in peace and security with her neighbors. America has rightly been the leader in demanding and ensuring Israel's security."

"We are also very concerned about the realities faced by aging survivors today, and we ask President Obama to pay greater heed to the plight of so many thousands of survivors in our communities who are living in poverty. Far too many U.S. Holocaust survivors cannot afford adequate nutrition, shelter, health care, dental care, emergency services, eyeglasses, in-home care, and other essentials."

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“When America says “never again,” we must not forget those living among us who survived Hitler’s death machine. Tens of thousands of Holocaust survivors throughout the world – including in the United States -- are living in poverty, stripped again of the basic dignity that should be the right of all human beings. Meanwhile, corporations and governments that profited from the Holocaust have failed to be held fully accountable for their conduct.”

“The advanced age of living survivors, the unique health and emotional problems faced by so many, and the imperatives of justice call for immediate and comprehensive redress. Well intended efforts of past years have not delivered sufficient material restitution or moral closure for Holocaust victims.”

“All nations should be charged with the responsibility to rectify this accountability gap in the survivors’ lifetimes. Whether it is honoring insurance policies, returning or paying compensation for homes and business stripped from families by the Nazis, or requiring Holocaust profiteers to disgorge unjust gains to provide for survivors in need, we must act without further delay.”

“Such a standard will also set a marker for the future as well. By doing justice today, even 64 years after the Holocaust, a rule of accountability will also protect human life in the future. We should not allow the passage of time, nor the impulse to suppress the ugly truths of the past, nor moral fatigue, to insulate those in government, business, or even private individuals who collaborate with the perpetrators of future atrocities.”

“With an international conference taking place in Prague at the end of June on the subject of Holocaust restitution, ten years after President Clinton’s initial work in 1998, we urge President Obama to take the lead in insisting that the international community address the needs of living survivors as a moral imperative, and reach a binding resolution to ensure dignity and adequate services for Holocaust survivors without further delay.”

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