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November 3, 2011



Our Deepest Gratitude and Heartfelt Thanks  
to our Honorees

*Lee and Richard Laster*

*for your inspired Leadership and Commitment to our Mission*

*Bernard J. Rosenshein (Z"L)*

*for your generosity and wisdom*

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*For your tireless efforts to bear witness to the Holocaust*

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*for upholding human rights*



With much respect,

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**Bernard J. Rosenshein (Z"l)**

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**Honorable Janet DiFiore**

*Westchester County District Attorney*

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## *A Message from the Chairman*

November 3, 2011

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us this evening. This is a very special night because we are honoring many unique individuals who truly represent what it means to Be the Difference.

During his 14 years as Chairman, Richard Laster strengthened the leadership position of the Center by broadening its mission to include human rights education and by encouraging the introduction of innovative educational programs in school districts in Westchester, Putnam and Fairfield Counties. He was instrumental in supporting the production and distribution of a video of the Holocaust narrated by members of our Speakers Bureau. Lee Laster also has served as a dedicated Board member for the past 14 years.

Bernard J. Rosenshein (Z"l) was an active Board member, devoted to HHREC's efforts to honor the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust. Since 2007, Mr. Rosenshein had generously underwritten the HHREC Annual Benefit, enabling the Center to reach more students and teachers in our community. We are grateful that the Rosenshein family carries on that generous tradition tonight.

The members of our Speakers Bureau of Holocaust survivors, rescuers and liberators share their wartime experiences with thousands of students, teachers and community members yearly.

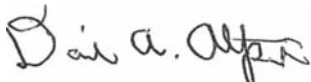
Tonight's keynote speaker, the Honorable Janet DiFiore, District Attorney of Westchester County, has worked tirelessly in the field of human rights, particularly on behalf of victims of domestic violence.

This past school year, HHREC's programs – which include the All-Day Institute for High School Student Leaders, the Educators Trip to Washington, D.C., the Passover Seder with the German School, the countywide Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration, our Speakers Bureau and our Professional Development workshops for teachers – reached more than 40 school districts in three counties. The Speakers Bureau volunteers alone logged more than 70 presentations, reaching about 9000 individuals.

How do we measure the success of our efforts? I will share with you just one of the comments received from a student this year who attended our All-Day Institute for Student Leaders: "The biggest factor in fighting for a cause is awareness. Since there is no Human Rights club in our school, we plan to start with a base, the Human Rights Awareness Club. There is strength in numbers, and we plan to educate our entire school about the violations of human rights that take place today. We hope that by making our students aware, we will inspire them to branch off into other clubs."

Your support this evening will allow us to continue to expand our educational outreach programs at a time when they are most sorely needed in our schools. Thank you for your continuing commitment to our mission.

Truly,



David A. Alpert, Chairman

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## *Spirit of Humanity Award*



*Lee and Richard Laster*

The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center is proud to honor Richard and Lee Laster with its Spirit of Humanity Award for their generosity and many years of dedicated leadership and service to our organization.

Richard served as Chairman of the Board of HHREC for 14 years until May, 2011, and continues as an involved board member. Lee has been an active board member for 14 years.

Richard strengthened the Center's leadership position in Holocaust and human rights education and interfaith outreach. He broadened its mission to include human rights education and encouraged the introduction of innovative educational programs in Westchester, Putnam and Fairfield Counties. He supported the production and distribution of a video of the Holocaust that is narrated by members of our Speakers Bureau.

Born in Vienna, Austria, Richard immigrated to the United States in 1940 and graduated in 1944 from Polytechnic Institute of New York. Upon graduation, he joined General Foods Corporation as a junior research engineer. His 38-year career with General Foods included positions in research, operations and marketing and led to the positions of president of the Maxwell House Coffee Division and executive vice president and director of General Foods.

Following retirement from General Foods, Richard led the start-up of DNA Plant Technology Corporation (an agricultural biotechnology company) and WellGen.

The Lasters' commitment to community extends beyond their involvement with HHREC. He is a director of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science and a former trustee of Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester. He was chairman of the Purchase College Foundation, a trustee of Polytechnic University and chairman of the Westchester Education Coalition.

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He has served on the boards of RiceTec, Inc. (a privately owned specialty rice company), the Prince of Liechtenstein Foundation, Bowater Incorporated, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and Peptor Ltd. (an Israeli start-up in genetic engineering).

Richard was a member and deputy supervisor of the New Castle Town Board, president of the Chappaqua School Board and vice president of the United Way of Westchester, and in 1980 was appointed by the Governor of New York to the Purchase College Council. Richard is active in various professional and environmental organizations.

Lee Laster, born in Vienna, Austria, came to the United States in 1940. She graduated from Barnard College as a major in comparative literature. She held various positions as a language teacher in both private schools in New York City, as well as in the middle and high schools in Chappaqua. She is currently a travel consultant. As Richard's career required frequent relocation, Lee, lovingly, provided the comforts of home to the family.

She is a former director of the Chappaqua Orchestra and has been in leadership positions in numerous town organizations.

Richard and Lee have lived in Chappaqua for 49 years. They have two children, four lovely grandchildren and a handsome great-grandson.

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## *Courage To Care Award*



*Bernard J. Rosenshein (Z"l)*

Bernard Rosenshein was a shopping center developer and owner of the Mamaroneck Beach and Yacht Club who was dedicated both to local and Jewish philanthropies. He believed that working for good in one's community was an important aspect of life.

Bernie was born in the South Bronx. He attended Yeshiva University and City College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in Real Estate.

He founded Rosenshein Associates, a development firm that built and managed more than 75 shopping centers over the past 50 years, including one of the first reinvestments in shopping infrastructure in the South Bronx during the mid-1980s.

Bernie purchased Mamaroneck Beach and Yacht Club in the early 1970's, and considered it his pride and joy. He loved sailing, tennis, and the beautiful grounds at MBYC, and was passionate about sharing his love of life with others.

Bernie served as a trustee for the International Council of Shopping Centers, and as a board member of the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center and the Hudson River Museum. He was also he was also dedicated to UJA Federation, B'nai B'rith, Westchester Children's Museum, and the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

He was married to Carol Rosenshein for 35 years, with whom he raised their three daughters, Lisa Todes, Michele Geller, and Julie Rosenshein. After her passing, he was fortunate to marry Rahma Jarcho Rosenshein. He dearly loved his grandchildren Cayla and Joshua Todes, Noah and Sasha Geller, and Becca and Jodi Jarcho.

He was also passionate about skiing, music and Jewish Heritage.

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The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center  
is proud to honor the work of our  
**Speakers Bureau**

We salute you as you reach your milestone of having educated  
140,000 students, teachers and community members.

**Thank you for inspiring so many lives!**

*Our Speakers Bureau Honorees*

**Judy Altmann** Jasina, Czechoslovakia (1925) Survivor  
*After Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, Ms. Altmann came to the U.S. in 1948 and now lives in Stamford.*

**Dr. Moshe Avital** Ruthenia, Czechoslovakia (1930) Survivor  
*From Ghetto Berehovo, Auschwitz and Buchenwald, Dr. Avital is now an accomplished American author.*

**Ruth Bachner** Vienna, Austria (1929) Survivor  
*Since Kristallnacht and hiding, Ms. Bachner immigrated in 1947 to the U.S. and now lives in Somers.*

**Melvin Federbush** Deblin, Poland (1923) Survivor  
*Surviving Triglitz and Buchenwald, Mr. Federbush came to the U.S. in 1950 and now lives in Scarsdale.*

**Esther Geizhals** Lodz, Poland (1929) Survivor  
*From Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, and Rochlitz, Ms. Geizhals immigrated in 1947 and lives in Larchmont.*

**Bettina Graf** Vienna, Austria (1927) Survivor  
*After Kristallnacht Ms. Graf survived the blitz before immigrating in 1940. She now lives in New Rochelle.*

**Sel Hubert** Cronheim, Germany (1926) Survivor  
*Since Kristallnacht and the Kindertransport, Mr. Hubert immigrated in 1945 and served in the US Air Force.*

**Betty Knoop** Amsterdam, The Netherlands (1932) Survivor  
*Following Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen, Ms. Knoop moved to the U.S. and now lives in Armonk.*

**Clara Knopfler** Transylvania, Romania (1931) Survivor  
*Surviving Auschwitz, Riga, and two labor camps, Ms. Knopfler came to the U.S. in 1962 and lives in California.*

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**Sylvie Lednicer**      Antwerp, Belgium (1939)      Survivor  
*Following occupation and hiding, Ms. Lednicer immigrated to the U.S. and now lives in Mount Kisco.*

**Ed Lessing**      The Hague, Holland (1926)      Survivor  
*Going from hiding to the Resistance, Mr. Lessing immigrated to the U.S. in 1947 and now lives in Hastings.*

**Dr. Lola Margulies**      Zaleszeziki, Poland (1930)      Survivor  
*Interned in a ghetto and then hiding, Dr. Margulies came to the U.S. in 1947 and now lives in Somers.*

**Alan Moskin**      Englewood, New Jersey (1926)      Liberator  
*With the US Army in France, Germany and Austria, Mr. Moskin aided in the liberation of Gunskirchen.*

**Lillyan Rosenberg**      Halberstadt, Germany (1928)      Survivor  
*Since Kristallnacht and the Kindertransport, Ms. Rosenberg immigrated in 1946 and lives in Beechhurst.*

**Gerry Ruckhaus**      Vienna, Austria (1930)      Survivor  
*Mr. Ruckhaus's father was taken to Dachau and Buchenwald. The family immigrated to the U.S. in 1939.*

**Jay Sommer**      Makachelo, Czechoslovakia (1927)      Survivor  
*He survived Nazi labor camps and escaped the train in Auschwitz.*

**Bernhard Storch**      Bochnia, Poland (1922)      Survivor/Liberator  
*From Siberian labor camp to Polish Army, Mr. Storch arrived in NY during 1947 and lives in South Nyack.*

**Dr. Tina Strobos**      Amsterdam, Holland (1920)      Rescuer  
*Dr. Strobos and her family are non- Jews who hid and saved nearly 100 people in their home.*

**Stefan Weinberg**      Krakow, Poland (1923)      Survivor  
*Surviving four camps and a death march, Mr. Weinberg immigrated to the U.S. in 1949 and lives in Purchase.*

**Susan Rothschild**      Beuthen, Germany (1928)      Survivor  
*Ms. Rothschild has dedicated the last seventeen years of her life to administering the HHREC Speakers Bureau. Without her parents' courage and foresight she would have been one of the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust.*

***As we celebrate, please take a moment to thank our group of honored volunteer speakers.***

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*Be the Difference Award  
Keynote Speaker*



*District Attorney Janet DiFiore*

District Attorney Janet DiFiore has dedicated her career to public service as both a former Judge and prosecutor in Westchester County. District Attorney DiFiore served for more than ten years as an Assistant District Attorney in Westchester County and for the last four and one half years of her service as a prosecutor DA DiFiore served as Chief of Narcotics, coordinating drug enforcement and prosecution efforts within Westchester County on behalf of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Elected as a Judge of the Westchester County Court in 1998 and as a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court in 2002, DA DiFiore has presided over hundreds of cases in the County Court, the Family Court and the New York State Supreme Court.

On February 14, 2003, DA DiFiore was appointed by Chief Judge Judith Kaye to serve as the Supervising Judge for the Criminal Courts in the 9th Judicial District, with oversight responsibility of the criminal courts of Westchester, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland and Putnam counties. DA DiFiore served as Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts for the 9th Judicial District until May 2005 when she resigned her position to run for District Attorney.

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DA DiFiore has served in numerous positions designed to promote the fair administration of justice including Chief Judge Judith Kaye's Commission on the Future of Criminal Indigent Defense Services, as the NYS Unified Court System's Coordinator for Access to Justice Initiatives for the 9th Judicial District, as a member of the Office of Court Administration's Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions, on the Westchester County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, on the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council, on the Advisory Board of the Westchester Holocaust Commission's Juvenile Offender Program, on the Task Force on the Future of Probation in the State of New York and on Chief Judge Kaye's Commission on Drugs and the Courts. DA DiFiore has lectured, both in New York and abroad, to judges and lawyers on domestic violence, the effects of domestic violence on children, ethics, problem solving courts and effective case management techniques.

DA DiFiore is a life-long resident of Westchester County. She has effectively served on the Boards and in leadership positions of numerous professional, civic and local school organizations, including the Columbian Lawyers Association of Westchester County, the Westchester Italian Cultural Center, the Westchester Women's Bar Association, the Westchester Children's Museum, the Pace University School of Law Board of Visitors and most recently asked to serve on the board of The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center of Westchester.

District Attorney Janet DiFiore is married to Dennis E. Glazer, a partner at the law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell. They live in Westchester County with their three children.

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**HONORING**  
*Richard and Lee Laster*  
**FOR EXEMPLARY CITIZENSHIP**

ON THIS THIRD DAY IN NOVEMBER, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN

WHEREAS, THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY IS JUSTLY PROUD TO HONOR RICHARD AND LEE LASTER UPON THE OCCASION OF THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION CENTER TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN BENEFIT, AS THE SPIRIT OF HUMANITY AWARD RECIPIENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION CENTER WORKS TO ENHANCE THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF THE LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST; AND

WHEREAS, RICHARD LASTER IS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION CENTER AND IS A DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND A FORMER TRUSTEE OF TEMPLE BETH EL; HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PURCHASE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTCHESTER EDUCATION COALITION; IN ADDITION, MR. LASTER WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED WAY OF WESTCHESTER; IN NINETEEN EIGHTY RICHARD LASTER WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK TO THE PURCHASE COLLEGE COUNCIL; AND

WHEREAS, LEE LASTER GRADUATED FROM BARNARD COLLEGE WITH A DEGREE IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE AND HAS HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS AS A LANGUAGE TEACHER IN BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK CITY AND CHAPPAQUA; MRS. LASTER IS ACTIVE AS A DIRECTOR OF THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION CENTER; MRS. LASTER IS A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CHAPPAQUA ORCHESTRA; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT WHEN INDIVIDUALS OF SUCH NOBLE AIMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION IT IS APPROPRIATE TO PUBLICLY PROCLAIM AND COMMEND THOSE INDIVIDUALS FOR THE EDIFICATION AND EMULATION OF OTHERS; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT I, STATE SENATOR SUZI OPPENHEIMER COMMEND RICHARD AND LEE LASTER FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND STATE, AND THUS URGE ALL CITIZENS TO SHARE IN THIS CELEBRATION AND TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES ON THESE IMPORTANT PEOPLE OF OUR GREAT STATE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE TRANSMITTED TO RICHARD AND LEE LASTER DURING TODAY'S EVENTS.



SUZI OPPENHEIMER  
STATE SENATE – 37<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

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OFFICE OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE

*Robert P. Astorino*



*November 3, 2011*

*Dear Friends:*

*I am both pleased and proud to greet all of you as you join the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center in honoring two of our area's truly outstanding citizens.*

*In their demanding roles, Lee & Richard Laster have been a vital force within the community. Their dedication to The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center as Board Members and broadening the Center's leadership position in Holocaust and human rights education has been an inspiration to many. They are both to be commended for their outstanding service in Westchester County and beyond.*

*I offer my sincere congratulations to your honorees and send warmest wishes for continued success and satisfaction in the years to come. To the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center, I express my gratitude for your commitment to achieve tolerance and understanding for all.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert P. Astorino".

*Robert P. Astorino  
County Executive*

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the NYS Assembly, I am honored to recognize the accomplishments of the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center (HHREC) whose mission is to enhance the teaching and learning the lessons of the Holocaust and the right of all people to be treated with dignity and respect.

It is also my great honor to congratulate this year's honorees, Richard and Lee Laster, for their dedication to the Center and for their many lifetime accomplishments. Richard, a former Chairman of HHREC, Director of The American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, and a former Trustee of Temple Beth El, has given of his time and talent to help advance the moral, ethical and spiritual goals of these organizations. He has also been a staunch advocate for education having served as Chairman of the Purchase College Foundation, a Trustee of Polytechnic University, Chairman of the Westchester Education Coalition, and President of the Chappaqua School Board.

Lee is active as a Director of HHREC and is a former Director of the Chappaqua Orchestra. Lee has devoted much of her time to numerous town organizations while she and her husband raised two wonderful children. They are now enjoying their four lovely grandchildren.

The Assembly of the State of New York recognizes that the quality and character of life in the communities across the state are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community. Richard and Lee Laster are two such individuals whom are deserving of our esteem and the esteem of the great State of New York.

Sincerely,

Amy R. Paulin  
Member of Assembly

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# Westchester County Board of Legislators

# Proclamation

## Whereas

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY ONE OF WESTCHESTER'S MOST PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCES HAS BEEN THE STRENGTH OF ITS PEOPLE – STRENGTH MEASURED IN PRIDE AND COMMUNITY COMMITMENT THAT HAS ENABLED THE COUNTY TO GROW AND PROSPER, AND

**WHEREAS**, TONIGHT, NOVEMBER 3, 2011, THE HOLOCAUST & HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION CENTER (HREC), IS HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL BENEFIT HONORING LEE AND RICHARD LASTER, RECIPIENTS OF THE "SPIRIT OF HUMANITY" AWARD, AND

**WHEREAS**, UPON GRADUATING IN 1944 FROM POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK, RICHARD JOINED GENERAL FOODS CORPORATION AS A JUNIOR RESEARCH ENGINEER. HIS 38 YEAR CAREER WITH GENERAL FOODS, INCLUDED POSITIONS IN RESEARCH, OPERATIONS AND MARKETING AND LED TO THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE DIVISION, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND A DIRECTOR OF GENERAL FOODS, AND

**WHEREAS**, FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT FROM GENERAL FOODS, RICHARD LED THE START-UP OF DNA PLANT TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION (AN AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY) AND WELLGEN (A HEALTH AND WELL-BEING COMPANY), AND

**WHEREAS**, RICHARD IS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION CENTER AND IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND A FORMER TRUSTEE OF TEMPLE BETH EL. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PURCHASE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, A TRUSTEE OF POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTCHESTER EDUCATION COALITION, AND

**WHEREAS**, RICHARD HAS SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RICETEC, INC. (A PRIVATELY OWNED SPECIALTY RICE COMPANY), THE PRINCE OF LIECHTENSTEIN FOUNDATION, BOWATER INCORPORATED, THE FIRESTONE TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY AND PEPTOR LTD. (AN ISRAELI START-UP IN GENETIC ENGINEERING), AND

**WHEREAS**, RICHARD WAS A MEMBER AND DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF THE NEW CASTLE TOWN BOARD, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAPPAQUA SCHOOL BOARD AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED WAY OF WESTCHESTER, AND IN 1980 WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK TO THE PURCHASE COLLEGE COUNCIL, AND

**WHEREAS**, HIS WIFE, LEE GRADUATED FROM BARNARD COLLEGE AS A MAJOR IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE. SHE HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS AS A LANGUAGE TEACHER IN BOTH PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK CITY, AS WELL AS IN THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN CHAPPAQUA. SHE IS CURRENTLY A TRAVEL CONSULTANT, AND

**WHEREAS**, LEE IS ACTIVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION CENTER. SHE IS FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CHAPPAQUA ORCHESTRA AND HAS BEEN IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN NUMEROUS TOWN ORGANIZATIONS, AND

**WHEREAS**, RICHARD AND LEE HAVE LIVED IN CHAPPAQUA FOR 49 YEARS. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN AND FOUR LOVELY GRANDCHILDREN, AND

**WHEREAS**, ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUCH AS THOSE OF THE RICHARD AND LEE LASTER SHOULD BE PROPERLY RECOGNIZED AND ACCLAIMED, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS JOIN WITH LEGISLATOR MICHAEL B. KAPLOWITZ, REPRESENTING THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT IN EXTENDING THEIR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO RICHARD AND LEE LASTER AND THANK THEM FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE, AND, BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011, BE PROCLAIMED, "RICHARD AND LEE LASTER DAY" IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, AND BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE TEXT OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE CARRIED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO FOREVER KNOW.



Given Under My Hand and Seal this 3<sup>RD</sup> Day of NOVEMBER, 2011

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The Family of Bernard J. Rosenshein salutes the important work of the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center. Bernard Rosenshein was a dedicated supporter of HHREC and we are honored to continue his important work in his beloved memory.



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*I know you will keep it going.*



*Lee and Richard Laster*

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*To Richard and Lee:*

Thank you for guiding the HHREC  
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You have been an inspiration to the Board  
through your patience, respect, and compassion.

It has been a pleasure to serve with you over the years.

Best wishes in all future endeavors.



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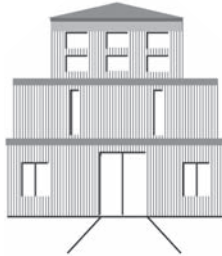
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## UPSTANDER

### *What is an Upstander?*

An upstander is a rescuer.

An upstander sees a wrong and rights it.

An upstander does the right thing.

An upstander is not a bystander.

**An upstander is YOU because you are here.**

**Thank you for BEING THE DIFFERENCE!**

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## **Our Mission**

Our mission is to enhance the teaching and learning of the lessons of the Holocaust and the right of all people to be treated with dignity and respect. Our educational programs reach nearly 12,000 middle school, high school and college students and teachers in Westchester, Putnam and Fairfield Counties each year. We encourage students to speak up and act against all forms of bigotry and prejudice.

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