## **Support Holocaust Education**

The Maureen and Robert Freedland Funds for Studies of the Shoah (Holocaust) at La Crosse Community Foundation

### HISTORY

Maureen and Robert Freedland established their first fund for studies for the Shoah (Holocaust) in 2007 to support Holocaust education in the School District of La Crosse. A second fund was added in 2015 to make Holocaust education available through the region including private schools. Applicants to either fund may be educators, students or community members.

The two funds are:

Maureen and Robert Freedland - La Crosse Public Education Foundation Fund for Studies of the Shoah (2007)

Maureen and Robert Freedland Community Fund for Studies of the Shoah (Holocaust) (2015)



Robert and Maureen Freedland are pictured with Maureen's father, Fred Feran, a Holocaust survivor



Fred Feran holds a photo of his family lost in the Holocaust

### VISION

"Through these funds we can help educate about the tragedy of the Holocaust so that when questions of refugees worldwide, issues of dehumanization of people, and hate and prejudice arise, they shall be confronted with a more tolerant and understanding perspective."

- Maureen and Robert Freedland

### WHAT WE SUPPORT

The Maureen and Robert Freedland Shoah funds support community or school projects that provide Holocaust education



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### WHAT IS THE SHOAH?

Shoah is a Hebrew word used since the late 1940s to describe the genocide of approximately six million European Jews and other "undesirable" people during the era of World War II. After the Holocaust, people worldwide agreed that this must never happen again. We must never allow any groups to suffer the fate of these Jews and other targeted groups murdered by the Nazi regime and its supporters because they didn't consider them human and worthy of life. Through education, we are best able to say:



Drawing by Logan Middle School student Austin



School District of La Crosse teachers received a grant to coordinate Holocaust curriculum in the district

### HOLOCAUST FUND GOALS:

• Expose students and the community to the history of the Holocaust and related topics

• Teach students and the community to recognize the historical events and beliefs that made the Holocaust possible and to relate them to the present

• Assist students and the community to understand the impact of the Holocaust and the potential for genocide today

### PLEASE HELP US LEARN FROM THIS TRAGEDY

#### What can you do?

 Create a project that furthers knowledge of the Holocaust and related topics. For information on funding opportunities, call or email the La Crosse Community Foundation: Phone: 608-782-3223 ext. 23 Email: info@laxcommfoundation.com Address: 401 Main Street, Suite 205, La Crosse, WI 54601

2. Make a tax deductible gift to a Freedland Shoah fund at La Crosse Community Foundation. Website: https://www.laxcommfoundation.com/donate/ Designate your gift to the Freedland Holocaust fund of your choice. Thank you for your contribution!

