

To: JewishBikersCouncil:

In the past Ride to Remember proposals, we placed emphasis on the venue instead of the charity. With the location of 2012 Ride to Remember being only 4 hours from Oswego, New York, we urge everyone to look closely at the charity here, The Safe Haven Museum and Education Center. After you read the little known story and digest what happened in this small town in Upstate New York, and combine that with the incredible riding roads in this rural area, we think you will agree that we have a really great opportunity for the 2013 Ride to Remember. Safe Haven was brought to our attention by the daughter of one of the Hillel's Angels, whose friend recalled seeing what appeared to be some very interesting Holocaust exhibits in the basement of the SUNY Undergraduate School campus in Oswego, N.Y., collecting dust and spider webs. After only a single inquire call to the Safe Haven, we were immediately welcomed with open arms and have experienced non-stop cooperation on the 110% level. They rely on and are presently operating totally on donations and are SO EXCITED about the possibility to be the recipient of a Ride to Remember event that they are pulling out all the stops and making every accommodation possible as you will see.

As a result of our efforts to prepare this proposal, together with the Board of Directors of the museum, we have obtained pledges of support from the entire State of New York, from the Governor all the way down to the recently elected Mayor and local police of Oswego. These efforts alone may have significantly raised awareness in others of the needs of Safe Haven Museum and Education Center, a good thing, but we need to act quickly.

Right now, we are the most significant organization to show an interest in Safe Haven. If we put this off another year, it is possible that some other organization may pick up Safe Haven as a cause and thereby interfere with our opportunity to be the first to really "showcase" what Safe Haven is about. We can really, really have a profound and lasting effect, not only to them, but to us as well.

JMA.....Oswego is ready to roll out the Red Carpet for us.....Let's go

Thanking you in advance for your consideration



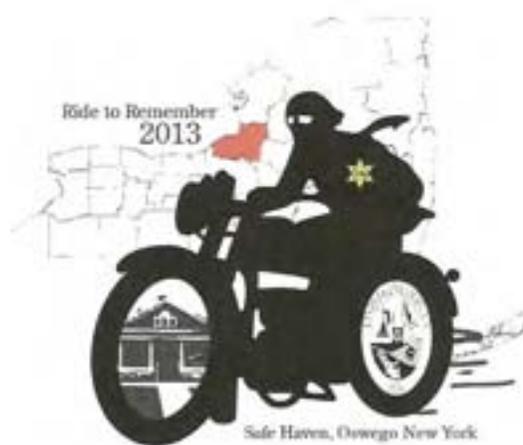
RIDE TO REMEMBER 2013

SAFE HAVEN MUSEUM

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EDUCATION CENTER

OSWEGO, NEW YORK



JUNE 21-23, 2013

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WHY OSWEGO? WHAT IS SAFE HAVEN MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER?

From all that I learned at school, the title of a book by Saul Friedman summed it up nicely: *No Haven for the Oppressed: United States Policy Toward Jewish Refugees, 1938-1945*. However, there is a little known, but very significant event that occurred during this time period that is NOT taught in the schools, I suppose because it is just another example of the familiar adage, “too little, too late”, and thus, in some ways, an embarrassment. However, The Safe Haven Museum and Education Center chronicles this unique event in history, and is an excellent teaching resource that offers us the opportunity to learn from it.

In 1944, with the tide of the war turning the Allies' way, President Franklin Roosevelt made a symbolic gesture. His Secretary of the Interior, Harold Ickes, sent Special Assistant Ruth Gruber to Italy to bring back nearly 1,000 war refugees to America. The refugees, men, women and children (mostly Jewish) had been specially selected for the trip. Said Gruber, "The government officials making the selection chose families and survivors with skills that could help run a camp in America. Their first priority was refugees who had been in concentration camps and escaped", as well as those that had helped in the Allied war effort and those that had lost relatives in the Holocaust.

Under Roosevelt's plan, 982 refugees from eighteen different countries in war torn Europe were liberated from the persecutions of Naziism by being transported from Italy to what was officially called an emergency shelter but was actually an "internment camp" (and surrounded by barbed wire fences) at Fort Ontario, NY. President Roosevelt circumvented the rigid immigration quotas by identifying these refugees as his "guests," but that status gave them no legal standing. In fact his plan required their return to Europe once conditions permitted their repatriation, and the refugees had to sign a document agreeing to this condition.



It took the group two weeks to cross the ocean, fighting limited space conditions, seasickness, and extreme heat. But spirits lifted as the ship pulled into New York harbor, and cheers greeted the sight of the Statue of Liberty. Said refugee Ivo Lederer, "If you're coming from war-time, war-damaged Europe, to see this enormous sight, lower Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty - I don't think there was a dry eye on deck."

After that symbol of freedom, however, there were other symbols awaiting them. A train, reminder of the ones bound for Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, carried the refugees north to their new home, a decommissioned military base at Fort Ontario. Once there, barbed wire fences and military personnel greeted them. The camp was run by Joseph Smart, who had previously worked at a Japanese internment camp on the West Coast. Their stay at the shelter was to become an emotional event for the community of Oswego and a political conundrum for the nation.

Because of their undefined immigrant status, the refugees were not permitted to leave Fort Ontario, even to work or to visit family members already settled in the United States. They struggled to create a community within the camp, but the close quarters and their uncertain futures made for tense relations. Fortunately, the people of Oswego were exceptionally welcoming to these "guests". Children were soon permitted to attend Oswego schools. Men helped with the upkeep and daily running of the camp. They also learned a few skills such as woodworking. The women learned skills such as hairdressing and sewing, to make needed items for the home. Everyone was very eager

to learn English and religiously attended the classes held in the fort. In time, the refugees were allowed daily access into the city of Oswego but no further.



Advocates for the refugees continually lobbied Congress and the President to allow them to stay in America. Finally, after eighteen months in the camp, while Congress was on Christmas break, President Harry Truman signed an executive order allowing the refugees to remain in the county under existing immigration quotas. In order to gain their citizenship the refugees had to leave the country and return. In January and February of 1946, they went in busloads to the Rainbow Bridge near Niagara Falls, crossed into Canada to receive their immigration visas, and then returned to the United States.

Although the shelter closed in February 1946, the lives saved and stories retold serve as an example of human struggle and accomplishment in the face of adversity.



Thus, the Safe Haven Museum and Education Center, a memorial to suffering and the triumph of the human spirit, was created in the old Administration Building at the refugee shelter and dedicated on October 6, 2002. It does NOT receive any federal or state funding and desperately needs our help to continue its mission to preserve and re-tell this unique and largely unknown story. To learn more visit:

<http://www.safehavenmuseum.com/> and

http://www.ushmm.org/research/library/bibliography/?content=fort_ontario

Wish List for Safe Haven: Onsite Artifacts Storage Infrastructure---\$50,000

Computer Database of Reugees and their Stories-----\$15,000

Reflection Garden-----\$15,000

Reprinting of Books on Safe Haven-----\$ 5,000

Subsidize Visits for School Groups-----\$10,000

SOME OSWEGO FACTS

The City of Oswego is located in New York State on the southeastern shore of Lake Ontario. Its beautiful waterfront offers a panoramic view of the lake and breathtaking sunsets.

The Oswego River, one of the only rivers in the country to run north, divides the city and provides a scenic venue for boaters and walkers along the East and West Linear Park, as well as from the window of our hotel!. As the first U. S. port of call on the Great Lakes, Oswego is a leading international port.

Oswego County, including the city of Oswego, is rich in history. Fort Ontario played a prominent role in nine colonial and American wars including the French and Indian War, the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The fort has been restored to its appearance in 1868-1869 and brings military life of that time alive for visitors.

Along with the Safe Haven Museum and Education Center, various other pieces of history are highlighted at the H. Lee White Marine Museum with collections of 400 years of Oswego County's maritime history. The Richard-Bates House Museum, owned and administered by the Oswego County Historical Society, is one of the most intact house museums in New York State, containing almost 90 percent of the original 19th century furnishings. The county is also home to several Underground Railroad sites.

The natural beauty of Oswego County provides a backdrop for a variety of activities. Miles of outdoor trails for hiking and biking, a world-class fishery for the avid angler and miles of open road to showcase all the area has to offer.

You will find wonderful specialty shops such as Lakeside Artisans, River's End Bookstore, Taste the World Gourmet Foods, Your House Your Home, Andrews Wine Cellar and Man in the Moon Candies in the downtown area. Oswego also boasts fine river-front dining, delis, cafés, and traditional fare within a few blocks.

Oswego, population of 18,000 people, is centrally located in New York State, making it convenient to all markets in the northeast United States and Canada. Equally distant from New York City and Philadelphia at approximately 300 miles, Oswego is 410 miles from Washington, DC. For our Canadian visitors, Toronto and Montreal are equally distant at about 240 miles.

HOST HOTELS

Best Western...Captain's Quarters
26 E. First Street
Oswego, N.Y.

Quality Inn
70 E. First Street
Oswego, N.Y.

The hotels are next door to each other with covered parking directly across from the Quality Inn that will be available to the JMA.

The Best Western will have a convention center opening in the Spring of 2012 that will accommodate the Thursday night BBQ and the Saturday Farewell BBQ with a terrace and covered deck and a facility for Friday night Shabbos Dinner



The hotels sit on the Oswego River. The Broadwell Group owns both and has agreed to **donate \$5.00 from every room night to the JMA**. They will block 70 rooms at the Quality Inn and 60 at the Best Western to start. There will be a Hospitality Room available and a separate room for services. The rates are as follows:

Quality Inn.....\$130.00 + 11% Tax
Best Western..... \$155.00 + 11% Tax

The BBQ's will be held on the terrace on the river and the covered deck. The hotel has agreed to buy a new grill and utensils that will be kashured by Rabbi Madvig. The hotel will also fully cater the BBQ for \$16.00 per person, tax and service charge included. This includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drink, condiments, paper products and cleanup. Part of this may be subsidized by the JMA (TBD). If registrants are charged \$10.00, JMA will be responsible for \$900.00. Lunch will be a boxed lunch, also Kosher, catered by the hotel. Shabbos Dinner will be held at the convention center; fully Kosher catered by the hotel and will be a buffet. Cost is \$65.00 per person tax and service

charge included. The Saturday Farewell Dinner will a BBQ at the Best Western. It will be Kosher. Chicken and all the fixins' and a DJ provided by the Broadwell group for your listening and dancing pleasure. Price for this \$35.00 per person, tax and service charge included. Cash bars available at all 3 functions.

All Kosher meals will be under the strict supervision of Rabbi Yossi Madvig of Chabad Oswego

The Friday Breakfast will be fully funded by Kimberly Steele of the Steele Law Firm in Oswego.

The Friday Lunch will be sponsored by Safe Haven.

We are looking to combine the R2R with the 69th reunion of Safe Haven with as many refugees as possible returning to Safe Haven. The participating refugees will be joining us in the presentation at Safe Haven on Friday afternoon and for Shabbos dinner Friday night.

For our Guest speaker on Friday, one of the refugees will speak of their experience in coming to Safe Haven

JMA Expenses

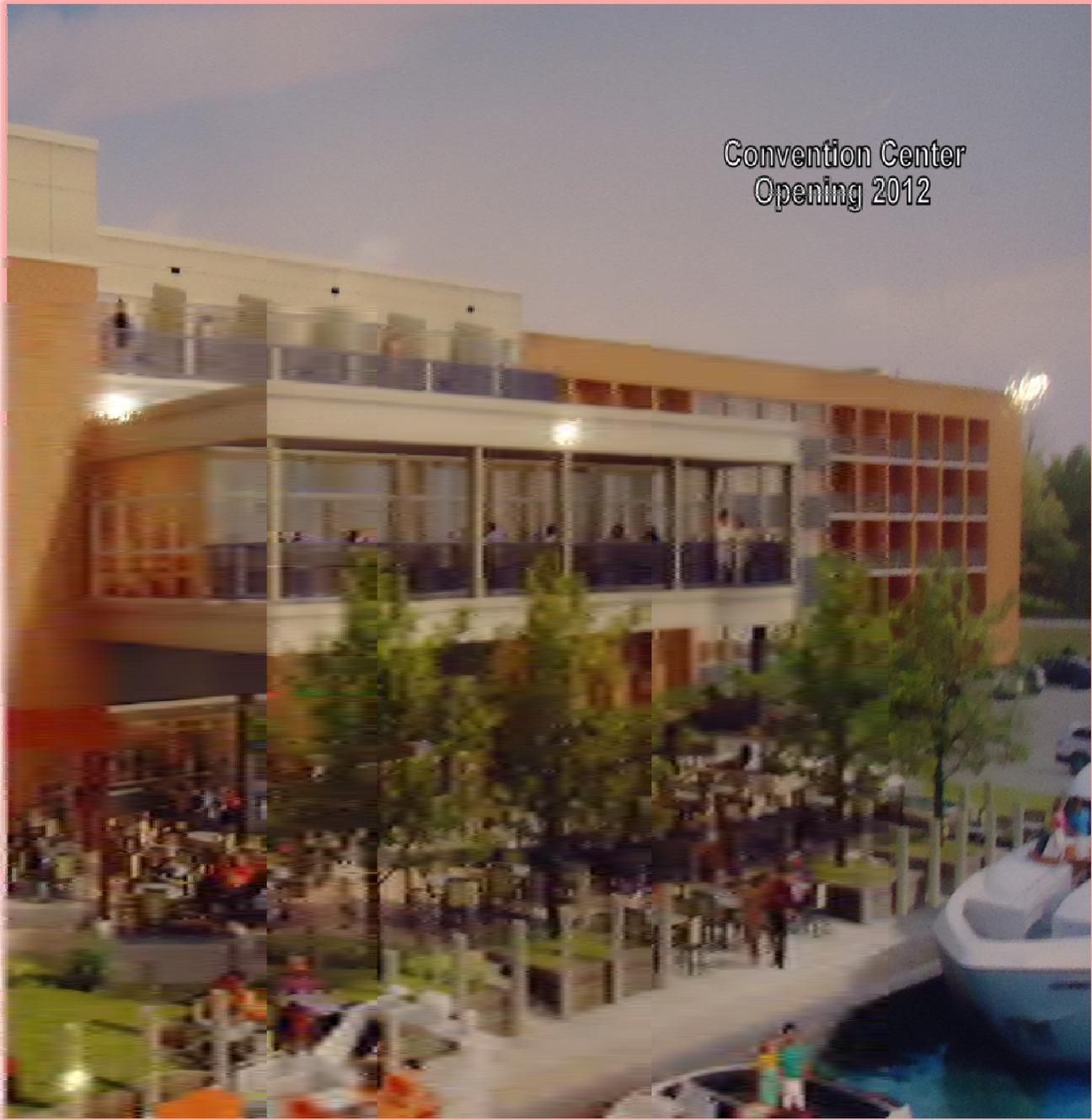
Pins to be included in the registration package.....Approximately \$ 500.00

Patches to be included in the registration package....Approximately \$300.00

Subsidize the BBQ (TBD)\$900.00

TBD....Shirts..... Experience from past R2R's is to only buy what is pre-ordered in the registration packet and make it known there will no shirts available at the event. We have always bought way more than we need and lost money.

Convention Center
Opening 2012





Breakfast will be held at Bayshore on Lake Ontario

The Ride to Remember will leave from Bayshore and ride 60-70 miles through the beautiful upstate New York countryside under the direction of Bob Davidson and we will have a police escort on the entire ride. The R2R will end at Safe Haven Museum and Fort Ontario where the presentation will take place. Following the presentation, a boxed lunch will be served and tours of the museum and Fort will be given.

Hillel's Angels with the help of Bob Davidson will led the Saturday Rides. Looking at the Seaway Trail, Adirondack Ride and Finger Lakes Ride. There will also be 30+/- unguided rides with maps and GPS coordinates available.



January 28, 2012
Michael Reuveni
492 Fordham P.
Paramus, NJ 07652

Dear JMA Board,

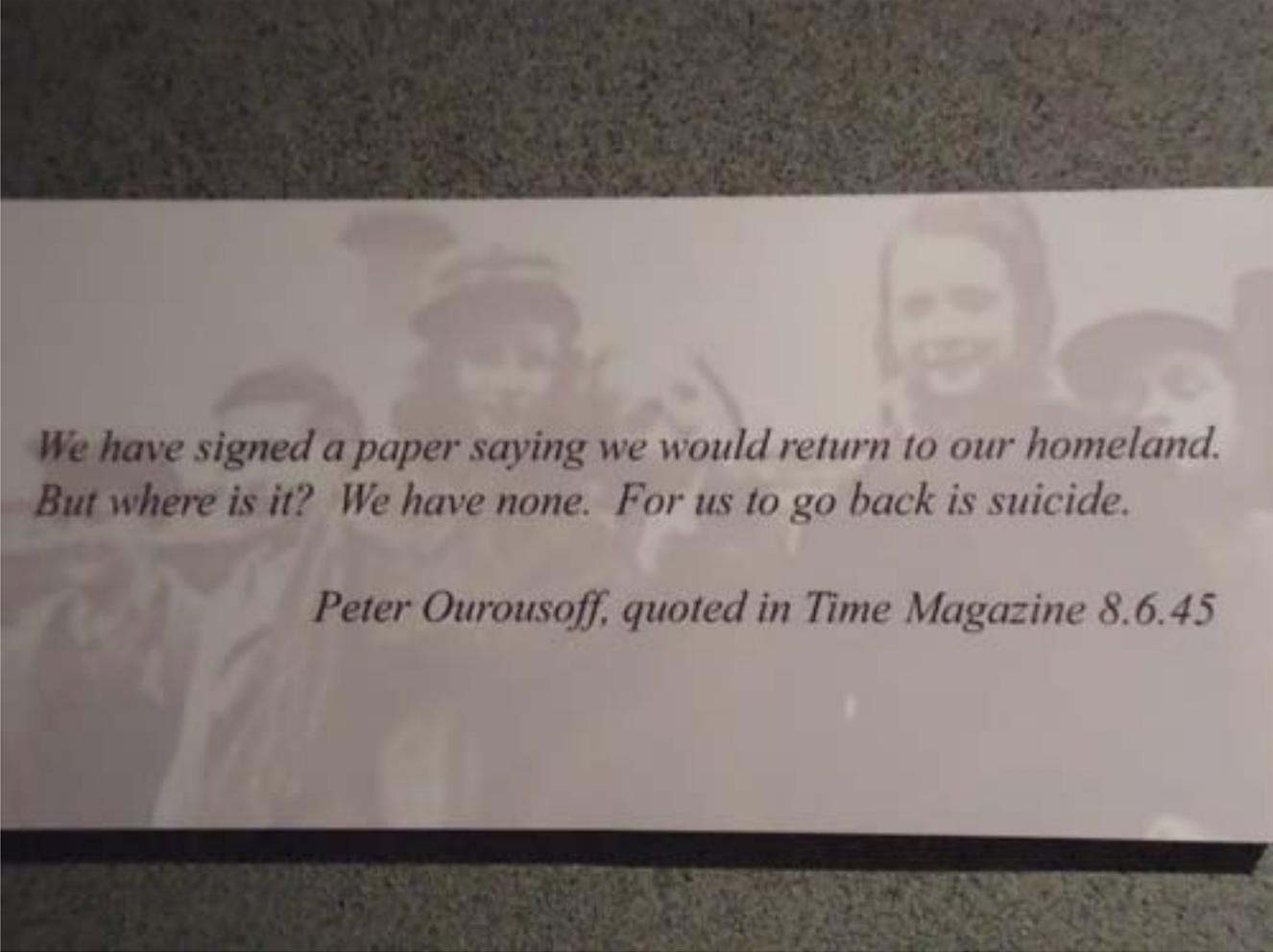
As you know the Hillel's Angels Motorcycle Club have been members and supporters of the JMA since it's inception. We are proud and honored to finally help host an R2R event.

The Hillel's Angels are supportive and passionate about the Safe Haven cause. It was our member and Board Secretary Larry Edelman who discovered this little treasure in Oswego New York. We believe Safe Haven brings together a worth while cause with a small town charm. This Fort and Museum celebrate a town that helped harbor Jewish lives, and saved generations to come.

We are committed to work with the JMA to make this event a great success. We will strive to raise funds for the museum that receives no federal or state financial support. Imagine bringing Jewish Bikers from around the world to Save Haven in Oswego New York to remember the past, teach the future NEVER AGAIN, and this time we can also celebrate life saved.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Reuveni
President Hillel's Angels Motorcycle Club



*We have signed a paper saying we would return to our homeland.
But where is it? We have none. For us to go back is suicide.*

Peter Ourousoff, quoted in Time Magazine 8.6.45

THIS IS PART OF THE EXHIBIT AT SAFE HAVEN. THESE 25 WORDS
QUOTED BY ONE OF THE REFUGEES BROUGHT TO SAFE HAVEN SAYS
IT ALL.



STATE OF NEW YORK
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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

December 16, 2011

Ron Wynne, President
Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance
4525 East Kings Point Circle
Dunwoody, GA 30338

Dear Mr. Wynne:

I am proud to offer my strong recommendation for Oswego, New York, as a future location for the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance's Ride to Remember event.

Celebrated for its natural beauty and stunning lakeside vistas, Oswego has a proud, distinguished legacy as a welcoming sanctuary and touchstone for Jewish history. As America's sole haven for Jewish refugees during World War II, Oswego has long symbolized the cultural acceptance and religious freedom that help define our state's greatness. The city's Safe Haven Museum and Education Center serves as a critical, enduring resource for promoting tolerance and ensuring that the stories and lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten.

I believe Oswego's unique history would provide an ideal backdrop for Ride to Remember's mission to inspire remembrance, unity, and awareness of the Holocaust. I thank you for your consideration and look forward to once again welcoming the JMA and Ride to Remember to the Empire State.

Sincerely,

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ANDREW M. CUOMO



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9th District, New York

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November 11, 2011

Dear Friends,

I am honored to have been invited to take part in today's event. It is with regret that I am unable to be there to join you. I would, however, like to welcome you all to Oswego, New York, and thank you for taking the time to visit this wonderful community.

Oswego is a beautiful Port City on Lake Ontario, known for its welcoming shorelines, expansive parks, and history. It is a city that boasts many museums, quaint storefronts, and family businesses. It is also home to the famous Fort Ontario, whose extensive past includes the United States' only attempt to shelter Jewish refugees during World War II.

I would like to thank all those involved with the Jewish Motorcycle Alliance for taking the time to tour the city today. I wish you all the best, and if my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open.

Sincerely,

Bill Owens
Member of Congress

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BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE
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167 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
FULTON, NEW YORK 13069 - 1899

December 6, 2011

Hillel Angels
Lawrence C. Edelman, Esq.
3 Buffalo Run
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Dear Mr. Edelman:

I am writing in support of the Safe Haven Museum and Education Center in Oswego, New York. As Superintendent of the Fulton City School District and as an educator, I believe that it is critical for the history of the World War II refugees and holocaust survivors to be kept alive.

I would strongly encourage the assistance of your organization to support this cause through either your time or resources. It would be beneficial for Safe Haven to raise funds for transportation to the museum to learn more about holocaust history.

Sincerely,



William R. Lynch
Superintendent of Schools

WRL/vc



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 2, 2011

Dear members of the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance:

I am writing to you to invite you to visit the City of Oswego on one of your yearly rides. Oswego and our college share a long history — SUNY Oswego is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. A notable episode in that history is the experience of Safe Haven at Oswego's Fort Ontario. Safe Haven holds special significance in the hearts of all who understand its unique place in the Jewish experience in the period around World War II.

We are proud of the actions of our community during this period and invite you to share in the story during your visit. In addition to the Safe Haven museum, the community has much more to offer from its rich history, having been the site of historic battles during the birth of our country in the eighteenth century and of stops on the Underground Railroad in the nineteenth century.

Oswego also is home to a wonderful natural setting on Lake Ontario with dreamlike sunsets and abundant recreational opportunities on the lake and rivers. We also offer a broad range of cultural experiences in the performing and visual arts and a variety of restaurants to satisfy a diversity of palates.

We would love to have JMA visit us in Oswego, and are prepared to support your visit through our Office of Business and Community Relations and its contacts to make your stay memorable.

Sincerely,

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Deborah F. Stanley
President

CHARLES E. SCHUMER
NEW YORK

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 8, 2011

Mr. Ron Wynne, President
Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance

Dear Mr. Wynne:

It is with great pride that I support Oswego, New York as the future site of the annual Ride to Remember event. I cannot think of a more perfect location to host the Jewish Motorcycle Alliance. From the thriving Port City to the scenic shorelines, Oswego is the ideal city to welcome your alliance and is central to accessing the rest of what our great state has to offer.

In addition, Oswego exists as an important cultural and historic area in our state, notably home to Fort Ontario, one of the only places in the United States to have provided shelter to Jewish refugees during World War II. The memories and stories of the refugee families are an important part of the community, and have shaped the rich history of the area. Oswego is a celebrated city complete with important local resources like the Safe Haven Museum, where the stories of the refugees are brought to life.

I sincerely thank all those involved with the Jewish Motorcycle Alliance for considering Oswego to be the location of your next Ride to Remember. If I ever can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3205

December 20, 2011

Ms. Betsy Ahrens
Jewish Motorcycle Alliance
10657 Tattersall Drive
Manassas, VA 20112-2413

Dear Ms. Ahrens,

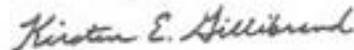
I am writing to support Safe Haven Museum and Education Center's request to bring the Jewish Motorcycle's Ride 2 Remember to Oswego. In honor of Holocaust Remembrance and Holocaust Education, Oswego would be an ideal destination as the Safe Haven Museum and Education Center is dedicated to keeping alive the stories of the 982 refugees from World War II who were placed at the Fort Ontario site, the only refugee shelter located in the United States at that time.

The City of Oswego is located on the beautiful shoreline of Lake Ontario and is home to the well-known annual Harborfest regional event, numerous local businesses as well as the State University of New York at Oswego. Oswego County offers world class fishing on the Salmon River and is home to the Lake Ontario Bird Festival, all of which shows that the area can easily accommodate large events like the Ride 2 Remember.

Bringing Ride 2 Remember to Oswego will put on full display the positive work the Safe Haven Museum and Education Center has done and continues to do for the Central New York community. The Ride 2 Remember event will bring together and reunite former refugees and will hold a memorial for those who lost their lives during the Holocaust.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Andrew Usyk at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senator

Thomas Gillen
Mayor Elect,
City of Oswego, New York

December 1, 2011

Ron Wynne
President
Jewish Motorcyclists Association

Dear Mr. Wynne:

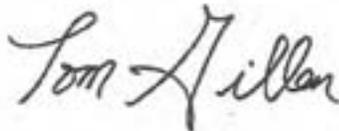
It was a pleasure meeting with Larry and Betsey last month at the Safe Haven Museum. I am a new admirer of the outstanding work that your organization has done to promote the concerns of the Jewish community and in particular, the "Ride 2 Remember" event.

It would be a pleasure to work with your organization to make this event a wonderful experience for all. It would also be an honor to remember and celebrate the Safe Haven site with your members and guests. The people of Oswego opened their homes and their hearts to the refugee families during the Second World War. It is something that the Oswego community will always cherish.

As the newly elected Mayor of Oswego, I and my administration will personally commit to making your stay in our city a memorable and truly enjoyable experience. We offer a beautiful location in which to enjoy your visit. The history, culture and recreational activities that our city offers will compliment your stay. We share the same common bond that Safe Haven provided so many years ago. We would like the opportunity to renew and grow our mutual friendship and look forward to celebrating with you in the future.

Please know that I and my staff are available to meet with you at any time to discuss specifically how we can achieve this reunion.

Sincerely,

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Tom Gillen

WE ALSO HAVE LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM THE FOLLOWING

Barry Leeman.....Oswego County Legislature
Beacon Hotel
Beth Hilton.....Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce
Kimberly Steele.....The Steele Law Firm and Safe Haven Board Member
Tory DeCaire.....Chief of Police, Oswego, N.Y.
Jonathon Daniels.....Exec. Director, Port of Oswego
Reuel Todd.....Sheriff, Oswego County
Philip Church.....Oswego County Administrator
David Turner.....Director, Oswego County Tourism
William Barclay.....Assembly, State of New York
Patricia Ritchie.....Senate, State of New York





January 2, 2012

Dear Members of the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance:

Another year has passed and Safe Haven Museum and Education Center through its Board of Directors and volunteers are working diligently, as with other not-for-profits, to cut costs and raise funds. This economy-driven initiative has led Safe Haven to collaborate with similarly-situated entities and organizations to develop a mutual-benefited relationship. This directive has been quite successful in not only saving money, but also furthering Safe Haven's mission of preserving and sharing the stories of those refugees who found safe haven here in Oswego. Safe Haven, with other local museums who in some form or fashion have contributed to the history of Safe Haven, have created a museum passport so that anyone may have access to the variety of museums and not-for-profits in the Oswego community for one low price. This museum passport will draw those who may be familiar with some organizations to other organizations that perhaps are not as popular or are less known. Safe Haven anticipates that the museum passport will bring new faces to Safe Haven who will passionately retell our story, and hopefully become new donors for this incredible gem.

Additionally, our Board Members have been actively pursuing funding and sharing the story of Safe Haven. Board Members Quinn Etchie and Fulton School Superintendent Bill Lynch, with an English class at the State University of New York at Oswego, are spearheading the "Worlds in the World" campaign, petitioning Safe Haven's story to the New York State Education Department. If successful, the Safe Haven story will become part of the mainstream curriculum in the State of New York. Sadly, the story of Safe Haven barely finds its way even into our local school teachings. Board Member Judge David Roman has partnered with Sharon Lowenstein who wrote "*Token Refuge: The Story of the Jewish Refugee Shelter at Oswego, 1944-1946*", to have this amazing book that recounts one refuge's story at Safe Haven, available for sale after many years of being out of print. The Board is also seeking to reprint the memory book "*Don't Fence Me In: Memories of the Fort Ontario Refugees and Their Friends*". Board Member Mel Barbeau and with her incredible contacts on the County and State tourism level, continues to campaign for Safe Haven and its recognition in various tourist publications, brochures, online advertisements and websites. Board Member Kimberly A. Steele, Esq. is again chairing our spring fundraiser. Last year, more than one hundred community members and donors attended our spring fundraiser in the form of a Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony at Safe Haven. In addition to financial gifts, attendees brought flowers, shrub and bulbs for planting at the Museum in honor and in memory of all of those who have lost their lives in the fight for religious, social and ethnic freedoms. Equally exciting is the formation of our 69 year reunion celebration committee for 2013. Rolf Manfred, a surviving refugee, leads the remaining refugees and their families in assisting in the organization of the 69th year reunion to be held in Oswego. We are striving to have both the Ride 2 Remember and the 69th Reunion together as a joint event in 2013 so that everyone can share in the moving experience brought together by both groups. These are just a snapshot of several exciting events planned over the next two years.

The story of Safe Haven resides with all of the remaining refugees and their families. As time passes on, direct memories of the Holocaust and the trials of our refugees sadly fade into history as individuals pass on. It is therefore all the more reason why now, at the juncture, that Safe Haven must step up to the need and to the calling, and ensure that the story is told and told again to new generations. To that initiative, the Museum with its Board of Directors and volunteers has undertaken to update our infrastructure at the Museum, improve exhibits, increase artifacts in our possession and to bring those artifacts to public display at the Museum and in the form of traveling exhibits.

Our story is not unique to just WWII, but is seen repeatedly throughout history with persecution of other groups of individuals. The more we share our story, the more others will learn the repercussions that such actions have upon the world. In order to continue sharing this story, we need your support now more than ever. It is in no small part to previous member contributions and the City of Oswego's large investment in rehabilitating the museum that the museum is a living, viable facility. Membership revenues and the museums endowment have declined in recent years due to the economy. Yet Safe Haven has been able to withstand with **no Federal or State funding**, to remain the World's only testament to the American effort to provide shelter for refugees during the Holocaust.

We look forward to your generous support to help us continue to tell this remarkable story of human sacrifice, courage, community, love and hope.

Very truly yours,

Judy Coe Rapaport
President of Safe Haven Museum and Education Center

Kimberly A. Steele, Esq.
Board Member of Safe Haven Museum and Chair, Ride 2 Remember

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