Dear Friends of the Robert H. Jackson Center,

It is an honor to serve as Executive Director of this exceptional organization that envisions a global society where the universal principles of equality, fairness, and justice prevail. The Jackson Center invites and engages students of all ages, scholars, educators, national officials, and international dignitaries to analyze contemporary issues of peace and justice through the continuing relevance of Justice Jackson’s comprehensive body of work.

With an engaged board, a talented and hard-working staff, and a conscientious community, the Jackson Center has accomplished much over its 15 year history. And with your support, we can reach the broadest possible audience and achieve even greater heights in dynamic exhibit and program offerings, informed scholarship and research, educated discourse, and innovative collaborations. It is my pleasure to share with each of you across these pages the important work accomplished by the Robert H. Jackson Center in recent months and planned for the future, and to ask for your philanthropic support in 2016. Your gift will make a meaningful impact, today and tomorrow.

Susan Moran Murphy
Executive Director

Visit the Jackson Center’s Current Exhibit!
Justice Matters: The Road to Nuremberg
Open for tours Monday-Friday 10 am-2 pm, Saturdays by appointment.

Justice Jackson’s work as the Chief U.S. Prosecutor and architect of the Nuremberg Trials solidified his commitment to justice and the rule of law. Opened in December 2015, our current exhibit, “Justice Matters: The Road to Nuremberg,” is the Jackson Center’s testament to this commitment.

WHAT IS IN THE JACKSON CENTER ARCHIVES?

While the bulk of Jackson’s professional and personal papers are housed in the Library of Congress, the Jackson Center archives are home to a variety of materials related to the life and career of Justice Jackson. As part of the current exhibit, “Justice Matters,” archival collections related to Nuremberg were pulled from our own archives for display. One item is a newspaper, dated June 7, 1945. The headline reads: “War Guilty Must Be Punished -- Jackson.” Newspapers across the world published Justice Jackson’s report to President Truman on the progress of prosecution plans for Nazi war criminals.
LIVING VOICES PROGRAM

The Jackson Center brings a new program to Jamestown for elementary and middle school students this year with the Theatreworks USA Living Voices series. Living Voices uses the power of theatre by creating dynamic, interactive multi-media performances to bring history to life for today's youth. Three performances of "Island of Hope" and one performance of "Through the Eyes of a Friend" will be presented at the Jackson Center. "Island of Hope" tells the gripping story of a ten-year-old girl who escapes with her family from a shtetl -- across Russia, Germany, and the Atlantic Ocean -- to Ellis Island in New York, where she is detained and in fear of being sent back to Russia. "Through the Eyes of a Friend" is a poignant portrait of friendship and survival, brought to life through the eyes of Anne Frank's fictional "best friend," Sarah.

The response from area educators for this program, which includes curricula and lesson plans to augment the performances, has been phenomenal. We have already registered 642 students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 from five Jamestown public schools, and inquiries continue. Elementary age students are at a critical point in their development to learn about and understand the underlying issues that made Justice Jackson's work so vitally important. A primary objective of the Jackson Center is demonstration of the relevance and applicability of Justice Jackson's ideas to present and future generations. To that end, special emphasis is made on educating youth on issues of justice and the rule of law. This program is one of many efforts underway to achieve this objective.

JUDGE JUDITH KAYE – A LIFE IN FULL

The Jackson Center staff and Board of Directors joined a chorus of communities which felt they lost a hero and a friend with the passing of Judge Kaye on January 7, 2016. Judge Kaye, who joined our board in 2011, was an important participant in the leadership and work of the Jackson Center. Judge Kaye was a significant presence for the Jackson Center's initiatives in New York City. Through her enormous warmth, Judge Kaye provided personal connections for the Jackson Center throughout the court system; and, she was instrumental to our progress in key priority areas.

Judge Kaye was a role model to countless individuals. In 1993, she became the first woman to serve as Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, the highest judicial office in the state, and the longest serving chief judge in New York history. Judge Kaye's legacy is enormous and we were fortunate to have her share her energy and wisdom with us.

2016 YOUNG READERS PROGRAM

The Jackson Center has worked to complement educators’ teaching efforts each year with our Young Readers Program. The Jackson Center recently welcomed our 2016 featured author Linda Sue Park to Jamestown, where she addressed over 1400 area students in person and 1000+ students at more than 20 New York and Pennsylvania schools via live streaming. Her book, based on the life of Salva Dut, one of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan, is part of the New York State English and Language Arts curriculum. Ms. Park spoke on her life, writing process and career, her book "A Long Walk to Water," and the importance of reading. Here is one example of the feedback we heard from educators:

I want to thank you and the Jackson Center for allowing WCSD students to have this fantastic experience. I hope that this will be continued for years to come. We have so many rural students that never have the chance to have experiences like this, but today it was possible! Today they were able to experience a new world. Again, thank you so much!

The Young Readers Program uses literature to engage young people with the world by inspiring them to read and hone their analytical skills and writing ability. The program's annual essay contest, co-sponsored by the New York State Bar Association's Law, Youth, and Citizen Program, received more than 90 student submissions this year. Three winners were selected, and these honorees, their families, teachers, and special guests joined Linda Sue Park, sponsors, and Jackson Center staff for a reception, award ceremony, and dinner at the Jackson Center.
As part of our commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trial, the Jackson Center developed a unique program, entitled “The Ethics of Spiritual Care for the Incarcerated,” presented on March 9. Leading with the story that inspired author Tim Townsend’s book “Mission at Nuremberg,” Jackson Center co-founder and board member Greg Peterson provided a case study on the Lutheran pastor and the Catholic priest who ministered (under the provisions of the Geneva Convention) to the Nazi defendants awaiting trial in Nuremberg. The assignment was controversial in 1945 and continues to be a source of disquiet for some today. The Jackson Center invited members of the three Abrahamic faiths to discuss how each religion addresses the notion of forgiveness and redemption. The evening’s dialogue continues to enlighten discussions in our community and beyond.

**Volunteer Spotlight: Anne Kohl**

Anne Kohl has volunteered at the Robert H. Jackson Center for 10 years. Anne is instrumental in the training of our Jackson Center docents. She gives tours, works on archival projects, collects and organizes the center’s news stories and event photographs, advises on development opportunities, and provides general office support. She enjoys meeting visitors from all over the world, and attending Jackson Center events and programs. Anne’s husband, Ron, is also a dedicated supporter of the Jackson Center.

We could not do all that we do without our fabulous volunteers! We are thankful for each and every one, and especially for the enduring dedication Anne and her colleagues continue to provide. If you are interested in volunteering and sharing with us your talents and interests, please call the center at 716.483.6646 to let us know and learn more about how you can become involved.

**Warren Day**

Mr. Gay presented his lecture, “Prosecuting Infamy,” to an audience of rapt listeners in the Justice Robert H. Jackson Courtroom of the Warren County Courthouse. Using the mind’s eye of famous wartime correspondents, including Walter Cronkite, Andy Rooney, and Eric Severeid, Gay recounted the hopes, skepticism, and expectations Justice Jackson faced as the architect of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg and its Chief Prosecutor for the United States. Mr. Gay, who also grew up in Warren, returned earlier in the day to his former high school to be interviewed in front of history and journalism students.

An audience of over 500 students from four Warren area high schools learned about the importance of Justice Jackson’s work as the architect of the Nuremberg Trials, and how his efforts set the standard for International Military Tribunals prosecuting war crimes today. James Johnson recounted his experiences as Chief of Prosecutions for the Special Court for Sierra Leone prosecuting war criminal Charles Taylor. He shared historical information, photographs, and personal stories to relate the importance and relevance of Justice Jackson’s work to today’s issues and challenges. Jim’s presentation was part of the Jackson Center’s annual Warren Day events.
COLLABORATIONS

Community collaborations are a hugely important part of the Jackson Center’s efforts and we work with and support partner organizations whenever possible.

Our Spring 2016 Continuing Legal Education seminar titled "Security: The Next Frontier" featured Anthony R. Palermo, who was appointed Special Attorney in 1957 to prosecute Soviet master spy “Rudolf Ivanovich Abel” for espionage. Abel is featured in the Academy Award nominated film, “Bridge of Spies,” starring Tom Hanks as attorney James B. Donovan. In partnership with the Jackson Center, the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts screened the film the evening before the seminar. Additionally, L.A. Theatre Works will perform the Abby Mann play, “Judgment at Nuremberg”, at the Reg this coming October to mark the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of the Nuremberg Trial against the major Nazi defendants.

In 2012, we started a partnership with Allegheny College to provide summer internship opportunities at the Jackson Center for undergraduate students. Interns participate in study, research, and programs related to Jackson’s legacy and the relevance of his life’s work to contemporary issues and challenges.

St. Bonaventure University and the Robert H. Jackson Center have signed an agreement to take advantage of each institution’s resources by forming an educational partnership. The collaboration aims to enhance scholarly research, educational opportunities, advocacy, and expansion of Jackson’s legacy. This partnership significantly augments our ability to initiate dynamic program and exhibit offerings, informed scholarship and research, educated discourse, and innovative collaborations. We are thrilled at this opportunity to share resources and work together with St. Bonaventure.

A bronze statue of Justice Robert H. Jackson, by renowned sculptor Dexter Benedict, has been relocated to the Jackson Center property and installed at the corner of Fourth Street and Prendergast Avenue. The statue is a focal point of the Jackson Center’s streetscape and serves as a beacon to visitors. We thank the many people and entities involved in making this project a reality to provide a home at the Jackson Center for this magnificent bronze portrait of our namesake.


Our documentary brings Justice Jackson’s legacy to life in a vivid and compelling way, thanks to support received from foundations, organizations, and individual donors. The film aired on PBS stations in Toronto, Canada, Buffalo, New York, and Erie and University Park, Pennsylvania. The Erie County Bar Association and Jefferson Educational Society hosted events surrounding the showing of the documentary and audiences have responded enthusiastically. We look forward to future local, regional, and national broadcasts and screenings.
JACKSON CENTER HONORED IN MEMORY OF JUSTICE ROBERT H. JACKSON

On May 4, 2016, the Robert H. Jackson Center was presented with a shofar to honor the center for promoting Justice Jackson’s memory and legacy, and for perpetuating his legendary work in implementing justice with fairness and decency as architect and Chief U.S. Prosecutor of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. The shofar symbolizes the Jackson Center’s enduring call to action for liberty under law and never forgetting injustices of the past. International March of the Living Vice Chairman Dr. David Machlis and President Phyllis Greenberg Heideman made the presentation in memory of Justice Jackson. Jackson Center board member and co-founder, Gregory L. Peterson accepted the honor on behalf of the Robert H. Jackson Center.

The presentation was made during MOTL's 2016 Nuremberg Symposium - "The Double Entendre of Nuremberg: The Nuremberg of Hate & The Nuremberg of Justice," held in The Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. The International March of the Living is an annual educational program, which brings individuals from all over the world to Poland and Israel, to study the history of the Holocaust and to examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hate.

Intern Spotlight: Kelsey Strom

Kelsey Strom is a student at Jamestown Community College pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. Placed through JCC’s Office of Experiential Learning, she has been working in the Jackson Center archives, assisting with collection management and data entry. Kelsey is also researching a law case Robert H. Jackson was a part of in 1914. Her research has lead to a fascinating paper on the history of child advocacy laws, and parental rights. The Jackson Center’s support of our local area undergraduates is an important part of our efforts to fulfill our educational objectives. We are happy to support these young scholars on their educational journey.

Jackson Spotlight: 100th Wedding Anniversary

Robert H. Jackson and Irene A. Gerhardt celebrated their marriage on April 24, 1916. Bob met Irene during his year of study at Albany Law School. Irene was from Kingston, NY, and worked as a stenographer in the New York State excise department. Bob Jackson returned to Jamestown, NY after his year in Albany, but he continued to court Irene. They were married at St. Peter’s Protestant Episcopal Church in Albany. After their marriage, the Jacksons lived in Buffalo, NY until they returned to Jamestown in the fall of 1918. Bob and Irene had two children, William Eldred and Mary Margaret. Below is an excerpt from a letter that Bob Jackson's beloved high school English teacher Mary R. Willard wrote to Irene before her wedding.

"My Dear Little Irene: A last bit of a letter to Bob's sweet bride, a last loving message before I see her as his wife, his precious helpmate as long as they both shall live. The wedding! Can you realize that it is so near? I pray God's blessing on the day and in the happy years that shall follow it. Say "amen," my dear. --Mary"
Dear Friends,

Your gifts to the Robert H. Jackson Center’s 2016 Annual Fund have enabled us to begin the calendar year with real optimism. As you can see in our newsletter, the Jackson Center staff pursues its programming and initiatives at full throttle; but, we are only halfway there. The Jackson Center has earned a stellar reputation because we do not compromise on our commitment to bring excellent programming, exhibits and educational opportunities to our audiences in the region, across the United States and overseas. "Now, More Than Ever", is not just a catchphrase for our 2016 annual fund campaign, but a call to action that depends on your support to give voice to Justice Jackson’s caution that: “We can afford no liberty with liberty itself.”

Join us in sustaining the Jackson Center to perpetuate the great work being accomplished. Make your impact with your continued commitment. Please step forward now and in the future. Together we can do this!

David M. Crane, Immediate Past Chair
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