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NEW PAYMENT FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

The German government has introduced a new directive which significantly improves the entitlements of Holocaust survivors who worked in Nazi-controlled ghettos during the Second World War.

Previously, former ghetto workers could receive either a ghetto pension (known in German by the acronym ZRBG) or a one-time payment of €2,000 (approximately £1,700) from the Ghetto Fund. Under the terms of the new directive it is now possible to receive both payments.

The Ghetto Fund was originally introduced in October 2007 because of long delays in processing applications for a ghetto pension. It was estimated that 50,000 Holocaust survivors worldwide were eligible to apply. Of the 70,000 claims submitted for a ZRBG pension, 61,000 were originally rejected.

Because the Ghetto Fund provides compensation for work voluntarily performed in a ghetto, survivors who received awards from slave labour compensation from the German Foundation: Remembrance, Responsibility and Future are also entitled to apply.

Survivors who applied for a ghetto pension will automatically receive information about how to claim the Ghetto Fund.

Having already helped many Holocaust survivors to successfully claim payments in respect of work performed in ghettos, the Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) is assisting with the completing and notarising of the Ghetto Fund application forms. The AJR can be contacted on 020 8385 3070 or enquiries@ajr.org.uk

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The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) provides comprehensive social and welfare services and grants financial assistance to victims of Nazi persecution living in Great Britain.

The AJR has produced the ground-breaking audio-visual testimony archive, *Refugee Voices*. This collection of 150 filmed interviews creates a legacy of the experiences of the refugees and will advance and enhance Holocaust research for future generations. *Refugee Voices* enables Holocaust researchers and scholars to watch up to 450 hours of film and read fully edited and transcribed accounts. For the first time, researchers will also be assisted by time-codes that, together with a summary sheet and key words section, direct users to specific sections of the films. Details of Refugee Voices are at www.refugeevoices.co.uk

In conjunction with the Jewish Museum in London, the AJR produced the exhibition, *Continental Britons - Jewish Refugees from Nazi Europe*, which relates the remarkable and compelling story of the Jewish refugees who fled Nazi persecution in the German-speaking countries before World War II and came to Britain. The exhibition can be seen online at <http://www.ajr.org.uk/continental-britons>

Through a unique survey entitled the AJR has recorded the Continental background, journey to Britain, reception and subsequent experiences and lives of some 1,500 Jewish children of the Kindertransport. *Making New Lives in Britain* can be seen at <http://www.ajr.org.uk/kindersurvey>

The AJR is part of the UK delegation to the [Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research \(ITF\)](#), which brings together governments and non-governmental organisations to raise awareness of the Holocaust and places political and social leaders' support behind the need for Holocaust education, remembrance, and research both nationally and internationally.