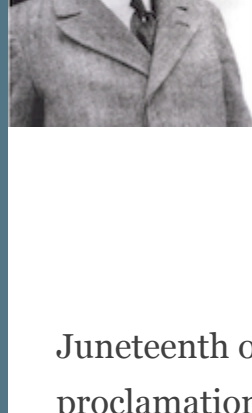


Creating the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park



"All the other pleasures of life seem to wear out, but the pleasure of helping others in distress never does."
JULIUS ROSENWALD



Celebrating Juneteenth

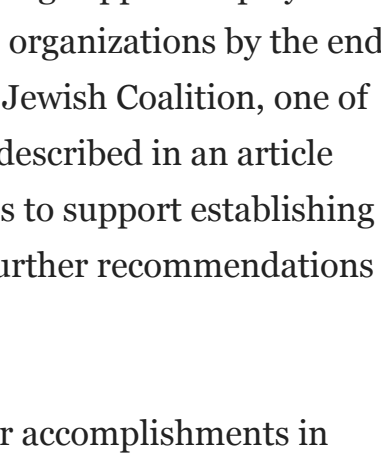
Juneteenth originated in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, when General Granger read a proclamation that all former slaves were freed. It is the day that as a nation we officially commemorate the freedom of African Americans.

It is a time for reflection and honor, as well as for recognizing the work that still needs to be done to create an inclusive and equitable society. This was of utmost importance to Julius Rosenwald, and the Campaign is working to promote his beliefs and preserve his legacy. The late Congressman John Lewis, a graduate of a Rosenwald School in Alabama, said the following about Juneteenth:

"You must never, ever give out. We must keep the faith because we are one people. We are brothers and sisters. We all live in the same house: The American house."

President's Message

Once again, there is exciting news to share about the Campaign. As detailed below, the National Park Service has launched a website for the Special Resource Study (SRS) that it started in April and has scheduled two virtual public hearings in July about potential sites in Illinois and a number of Rosenwald Schools being considered for inclusion in the Park. The Campaign appreciates the NPS commitment to conducting the SRS as quickly as possible. This is important progress toward the Campaign's mission of creating a Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park.



Dorothy Canter,
President Rosenwald Campaign

As of June 13, 146 nonprofit organizations had expressed official support for creating the National Historical Park, up from 136 at the beginning of May. Based upon the strong support displayed this year, the Campaign has increased its goal from 160 to 175 supporting organizations by the end of 2022. One of the organizations that just signed on was the Richmond Jewish Coalition, one of the sponsors of the May 17 event at the Second Union Rosenwald School described in an article below. A number of dedicated volunteers continue to solicit organizations to support establishing the National Park. We appreciate their sustained support and welcome further recommendations of organizations at info@rosenwaldpark.org.

The Campaign's 2021 Annual Report has been completed. It describes our accomplishments in 2021 and outlines our plans for 2022, a number of which are well underway. It also contains a useful timeline of the life of Julius Rosenwald and lists the 109 nonprofit organizations that had expressed support for creating the National Park as of December 31, 2021. The Annual Report is available on our website at the following link:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5bb4f2797f742bb3f1f662/t/62a8db5d8c07ee7cf65dc6fe/1655233376207/Rosenwald+Campaign+Annual+Report+06-02-22.pdf>

This year marks two important events -- the 160th anniversary of the birth of Julius Rosenwald on August 12 and the 110th anniversary of the start of the Rosenwald Schools Building Program following his donations to Tuskegee and other organizations in celebration of his 50th birthday. The Campaign is planning events in several states in the late summer and fall to commemorate this 160/110 connection. We would be happy to coordinate with other groups on additional programs. I can be reached at dorothycenter@rosenwaldpark.org.

The Campaign is enlarging its organizational capabilities and hired two new consultants this year to achieve that goal. They are Barri Sue Black, who is providing important expertise in communications and development, and Diana Matlock, who is providing key design expertise. Both collaborated on the 2021 Annual Report. And ongoing thanks go to Steve Pittleman, our longstanding IT consultant, who is responsible for assembling and issuing the Campaign's newsletters, maintaining our website and subscriber list, compensating for my many IT inadequacies, and so much more.

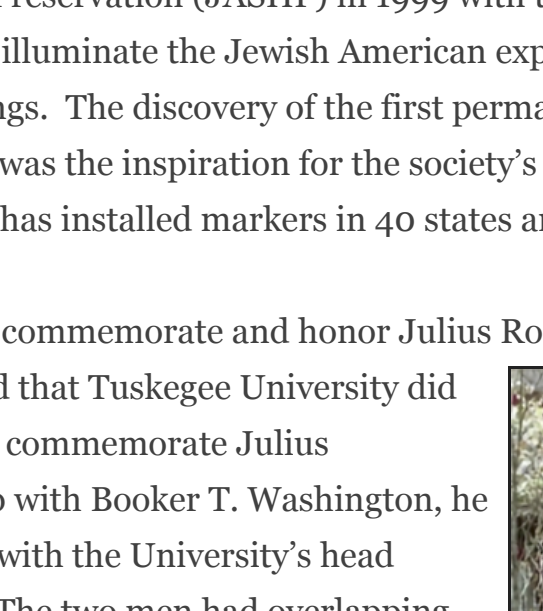
Together we WILL create a NEW National Park!

More Good News On National Park Service Special Resource Study!

The National Park Service (NPS) informed the Campaign on June 9 that it established a website for the special resource study (SRS) of the sites associated with the Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools, which is available at the following link:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=109936>

The SRS will focus on the four sites in Illinois associated with Rosenwald's life and legacy and 10 Rosenwald Schools in eight states listed in the legislation (Public Law 116-336), which became law on January 13, 2021.



Two virtual online public meetings will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 pm EDT on July 6 and 7. The first will address the four sites in Illinois and the second the 10 Rosenwald Schools. The purpose is to provide information about the study and study process, and answer questions from the public. **Information on registering for the meetings will be posted on the NPS website at a later date.**

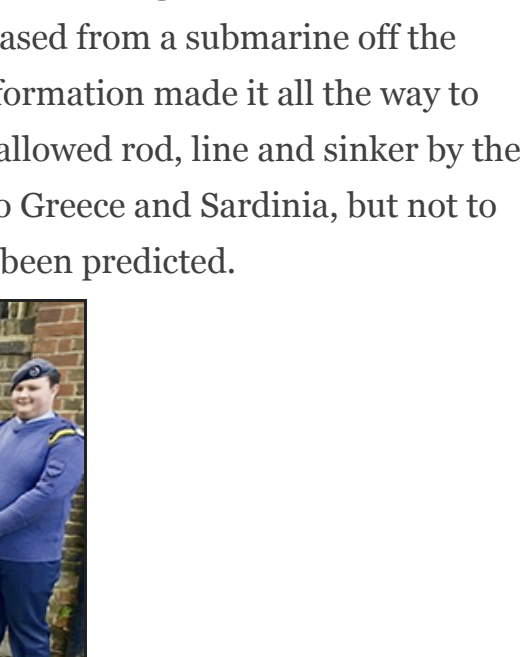
A Campaign representative will attend both meetings. We suggest that interested parties consider attending one or both of the meetings.

The Campaign appreciates the progress that the NPS is making on the SRS, a key step in the process leading to the planned legislation to create the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park. We are also grateful for NPS staff keeping the Campaign updated on its activities and responding to our inquiries.

The Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation: Shaping the Future by Remembering the Past

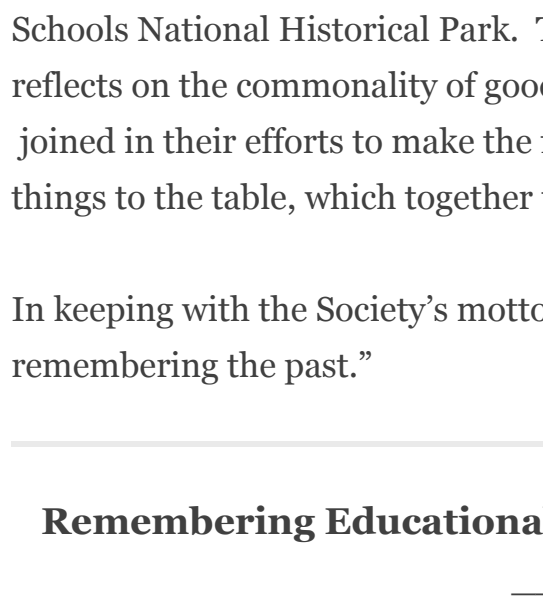
Jerry Klinger, the son of survivors of Buchenwald and Bergen Belsen, founded the Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation (JASHP) in 1999 with the goal of placing interpretive historical markers at sites that illuminate the Jewish American experience and reflect the commonality of all human beings. The discovery of the first permanent Jewish house of worship in the territory of New Mexico was the inspiration for the society's creation. Through Klinger's continuing leadership, JASHP has installed markers in 40 states and six countries.

One major goal of JASHP is to commemorate and honor Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools. When Klinger learned that Tuskegee University did not have a historical marker to commemorate Julius Rosenwald and his partnership with Booker T. Washington, he travelled to Tuskegee and met with the university's head archivist, Dr. Dana Chandler. The two men had overlapping goals – for Klinger a marker for Rosenwald on the campus and for Chandler a 13-marker, Civil Rights Trail system for Tuskegee. They struck a deal. Klinger agreed to fund the entire trail system that would include a marker on Rosenwald as a key part of it. That trail was dedicated in September 2019.



Rosenwald Marker on Tuskegee Trail

JASHP has created or has in production 10 historical markers commemorating either individual Rosenwald Schools or groups of them. The Campaign has

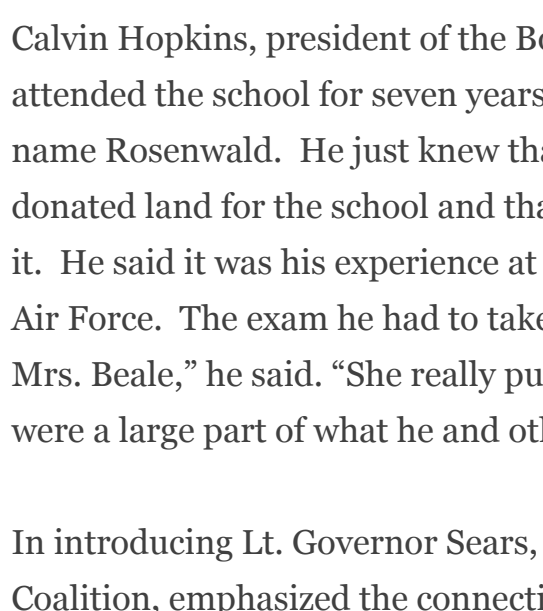


Stephanie Deutsch and Family at Okahumpka School Marker

connected JASHP with support groups for several Rosenwald Schools that did not have historical markers. A recent marker that resulted from that interaction was for the Okahumpka Rosenwald School in Lake County, FL, which was dedicated on November 13, 2021. Stephanie Deutsch, a member of the Campaign Board and editor of this newsletter, was able to be there. The event was especially meaningful to her because her daughter-in-law's mother, Dianne Lasher Cogburn, had grown up in Okahumpka. She attended with several members of her family including Ms. Cogburn, and her grandsons, Julius and William Deutsch, great-great-great grandsons of Julius Rosenwald.

Also working with JASHP are the new owners of the Eleanor Roosevelt School in Warm Springs, GA, the last Rosenwald School to be built. Through Klinger's persuasiveness, the JASHP has already installed an interpretive panel in President Franklin Roosevelt's "Little White House," which is not far from the school. Roosevelt advocated for the school while he was Governor of New York and assured that it was built after he became President. Although the Rosenwald School Building Program had ended by then, the Rosenwald Fund contributed toward its construction.

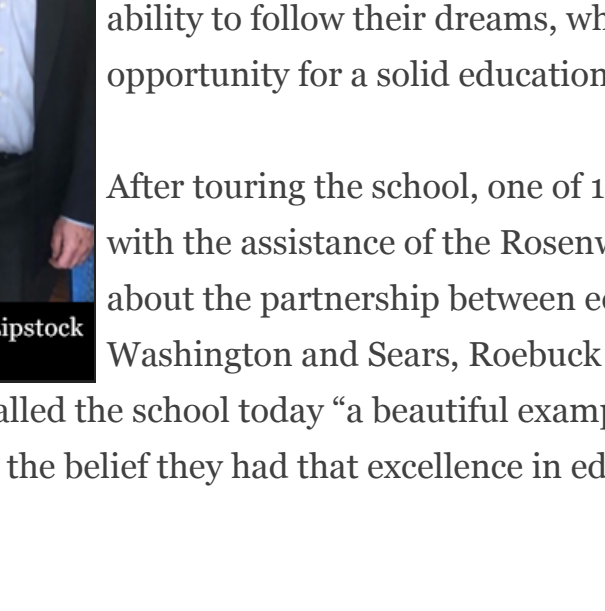
The most recent dedication of a JASHP historical marker took place on April 24, 2022, not in the United States, but in Hackney, London. It commemorates Operation Mincemeat, a top-secret British operation in World War II to disguise the July 1943 Allied invasion of Sicily. It was developed and carried out jointly by Montagu, a Jewish intelligence officer Charles Cholmondeley and Ewen



Klinger by Interpretive Panel at Little White House

Montagu, a Jewish lawyer working in the Naval Intelligence Division. The audacious plan was approved first by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and then by General Dwight Eisenhower.

Operation Mincemeat was judged to be the most successful deception of World War II. It involved placing on the corpse of a homeless man dressed as an officer in the Royal Marines fake correspondence between British generals that the Allies planned to invade Greece and Sardinia, rather than Sicily. Released from a submarine off the southern coast of Spain, the body was retrieved, and its false information made it all the way to Hitler. A subsequent message to Churchill read "Mincemeat swallowed rod, line and sinker by the right people..." Thereafter, the Germans sent reinforcements to Greece and Sardinia, but not to Sicily. The Allied invasion was much more successful than had been predicted.



Dedication of Operation Mincemeat Marker

The JASHP is one of the 146 nonprofit supporters of creating the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park. The Rosenwald story in particular attracts Klinger because it reflects on the commonality of good. He stated, "Booker T Washington and Julius Rosenwald joined in their efforts to make the future better for all Americans. They each brought different things to the table, which together they were setting for a banquet for all Americans.

In keeping with the Society's motto, JASHP and Jerry Klinger are "shaping the future by remembering the past."

Remembering Educational Experiences at Second Union Rosenwald School

On the warm sunny morning of May 17th the Second Union Rosenwald School Museum in Goochland County, about 20 miles west of Richmond, and the Richmond Jewish Coalition cosponsored a program on the significance of the educational experience at the former Rosenwald School. Lieutenant Governor Winsome Sears of Virginia was the keynote speaker. In attendance were school alumni, one former teacher, visitors from Richmond and others. I was pleased to be there too.

It was moving to hear from Gail Smith, who attended Second Union from 1953 until it closed in 1959, describe her time there as "the best years of my life." Pointing out the fields across from the school that she had to walk across to get there, she said she loved going to school, adding, "Everybody wanted to come to school." They loved their teacher, Mrs. Beale, with her emphasis on hard work, discipline and shared responsibility. The boys, Smith remembered, used to gather sticks as kindling for the pot-bellied stove that warmed the rooms on cold mornings and go to a nearby spring to fill a bucket with water for them to drink during the day.

Gail Smith speaking at event (Courtesy of S. Deutsch)

Calvin Hopkins, president of the Board of Second Union, attended the school for seven years without ever hearing the name Rosenwald. He just knew that the church next door had donated land for the school and that parents helped maintain it. He said it was his experience at Second Union that ensured his success when he enlisted in the Air Force. The exam he had to take involved reading comprehension. "I could do that thanks to Mrs. Beale," he said. "She really pushed reading." He too emphasized that discipline and respect were a large part of what he and others learned there.

In introducing Lt. Governor Sears, Dr. Ken Lipstock, a co-founder of the Richmond Jewish Coalition, emphasized the connection between the experiences of Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald. "I am certain that Mr. Washington, a former slave living in the bitterly racist South, and Mr. Rosenwald, a Jew living in an age when antisemitism ran rampant, didn't look on themselves as victims but as victors in their own lives. And they believed that everyone has the ability to follow their dreams, whatever they are, if given the opportunity for a solid education."

After touring the school, one of 10 in Goochland County built with the assistance of the Rosenwald Fund, and learning more about the partnership between educator Booker T. Washington and Sears, Roebuck president Julius Rosenwald that produced it, Ms. Sears called the school today "a beautiful example of what can come out of this partnership." She shares the belief they had that excellence in education is essential to democratic government.

I drove home in brilliant spring sunshine reflecting, as I have so often before, on how powerful the story of Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools is and how grateful I am for the way it has enriched my life. I look forward to the story reaching even more people when the National Historical Park is established.

By Stephanie Deutsch

It is a crime to pile up money after one has accumulated all that he needs for himself and his family. There is a stage where acquisition becomes a vice.

Julius Rosenwald

Stephanie Deutsch, editor

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