

Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills Announces \$15M Gift

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The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus has been gifted \$15 million by the Zekelman family and Zekelman Industries. // Courtesy of the Holocaust Memorial Center

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The donation is the lead gift toward the Holocaust Memorial Center's \$100 million "Comprehensive Campaign," and is part of the ongoing support from the Zekelman family and Zekelman industries, who's funding now totals \$25 million.

"We are truly humbled by and grateful for the continued generosity of the Zekelman family and Zekelman Industries. This \$15-million donation is significant on its own," says Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld, CEO of the Holocaust Memorial Center.

"It is even more extraordinary as it increases their overall support of the Holocaust Memorial Center to \$25 million. This major donation will enable us to expand the important work we do to teach the lessons of the Holocaust and confront antisemitism and hatred."

The campaign was launched to establish a permanent endowment fund. This will keep the Holocaust Memorial Center sustainable far into the future. The funds from the gift — which is the largest single gift ever received by the center — will go towards maintaining facilities, boost operational funding, and expand special events, travelling exhibits, and other educational offerings.

"We've always been impressed by the positive and lasting had on millions of lives, it's truly inspiring. With antisemitis

sense of urgency to help organizations, like the Holocaust Memorial Center, that are passionately working to combat it," says Barry Zekelman, chairman and CEO of Zekelman Industries.

"As a leader in our industry, we lead from the front and encourage philanthropic activities by our employees, business peers and industry at large. In the communities where we have facilities, our employees engage deeply with their individual volunteer efforts, as well as raise and donate significant funds to a variety of causes."

Headquartered in Chicago, Zekelman Industries is the largest independent steel pipe and tube manufacturer in North America. Founded in 1877, the company has more than 2,700 employees.

The Zekelman family is a longtime supporter of the Holocaust Memorial Center, both individually and through Zekelman Industries. Alan Zekelman is treasurer and past president of the Holocaust Memorial Center board of directors and is a Director of Zekelman Industries. Clayton Zekelman is a Director of Zekelman Industries and president of MNSi Telecom, a leading telecommunications provider for home and business in Ontario, Canada.

The 55,000-square-foot museum and library archive serves over 100,000 Michiganders each year and attracts visitors from throughout Michigan, nearby states, and Windsor, Ontario. The Holocaust Memorial Center programming expanded online during the pandemic, reaching over 20,000 attendees in Michigan, throughout the U.S., and overseas.

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