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Wall of Tears Foundation Launches 5 Towns Holocaust Memorial Project in Cedarhurst; Community Support Needed to Fund \$360,000 Memorial

[January 4, 2026 West Hempstead, NY] The Wall of Tears Foundation has announced the launch of the **5 Towns Holocaust Memorial Project**, a permanent public memorial to honor the six million Jewish lives lost in the Holocaust and to confront the growing threat of antisemitism today.

The **Village of Cedarhurst** has generously committed to providing the land for the memorial, marking a major milestone for the project. The Foundation is now seeking community support to raise **\$360,000** to design and construct the memorial, which will serve as a place of remembrance, education, and reflection for generations to come.

“This memorial is long overdue,” said Norm Kaish, Executive Director of the Wall of Tears Foundation. “As antisemitism continues to rise both nationally and locally, we believe it is essential to create a permanent space in our own community that honors history, educates future generations, and sends a clear message that hatred has no place here.”

A Memorial Rooted in Remembrance — and Responsibility

The 5 Towns Holocaust Memorial is envisioned as more than a monument. It will be a lasting symbol of memory and moral responsibility connecting the lessons of the Holocaust to the present day.

The memorial will:

- Honor Holocaust victims and survivors
- Serve as an educational resource for students and families
- Stand as a visible statement against antisemitism and intolerance
- Provide a dignified place for reflection, ceremonies, and community gatherings

The project is being led by the Wall of Tears Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to Holocaust remembrance and addressing antisemitism through education, memorialization, and community engagement.

Community Support Is Essential

With the land secured through the Village of Cedarhurst, the Foundation is now focused on fundraising to bring the memorial to life. Contributions of **any size** are welcome and meaningful.

“Every donation whether large or small helps build something permanent for our community,” said Norm Kaish. “This memorial will belong to the people of the Five Towns and stand for generations.”

Residents, families, organizations, and local businesses are encouraged to participate in the effort and help ensure the memorial becomes a reality.

How to Support the Project

As antisemitism continues to rise locally and globally, the memorial will serve as both a tribute to victims and survivors and a clear statement of vigilance and responsibility for future generations.

Donations of any size are welcomed and encouraged.

Donations can be made directly through the Foundation’s website:

<https://www.walloftears.org/5-towns-holocaust-project.html>

Supporters will have opportunities to leave a lasting legacy through contributions that help fund the construction of the memorial.

About the Wall of Tears Foundation

The Wall of Tears Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to Holocaust remembrance and confronting antisemitism through education, memorial projects, and community initiatives. Its mission is to ensure that the lessons of history are preserved and passed on, so that “Never Forget. Never Again. Never Is Now.” remains more than words.

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