

Eva Kor

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Personal

January 31, 1934: Born in Portz, Romania. Her parents, grandparents, two older sisters, uncles, aunts, and cousins – over 100 family members – were killed in the Holocaust

1945-50: Lived in communist Romania

1950-60: Lived in Israel and served in the Israeli army

1960: Married an American tourist named Michael “Mickey” Kor, a survivor of four years in labor camps who was liberated by an American Lieutenant Colonel from Terre Haute, IN. Mickey moved to Terre Haute in 1946 to be close to his liberator. Eva met and married Mickey in Tel-Aviv, Israel in April 1960 and joined Mickey in Terre Haute in June 1960

1961: Son Alex Kor was born

1963: Daughter Rina Kor was born

1965: Became proud U.S. citizen

1984: Established the non-profit organization CANDLES, Inc.

1987: Donated kidney to her twin sister, Miriam, who died from cancer in 1993

1977-2009: Employed as a real estate sales person

1995: Established CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center

Specialty Topics

Eva regularly speaks on the following topics:

- The Mengele Twins
- Survival at Auschwitz
- Forgiveness
- Medical Ethics
- Helping to Heal Victims

Experience

Eva has given over 5,000 lectures since 1978 at schools, universities, conferences, synagogues, medical organizations, and civic groups, including:

- 7th Circuit Bar Association
- Anti-Defamation League's 34th Governor's Holocaust Remembrance Program in Denver
- Butler University
- Gunzburg, Germany, the former home of Josef Mengele
- 10th Anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Conference in Cape Town, S. Africa
- Max Planck Institute; the former Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Germany
- Ethics in Medicine Global Conference at Haifa University, Israel
- Association of Clinical Research Professionals' Global Conference in the United States



Honors & Awards

2017

- Sachem Award, presented by IN Governor Eric Holcomb
- Grand Marshal - Indianapolis 500 Parade
- Indiana State University Distinguished Alumni Award
- DePauw University Honorary Doctorate in Public Service

2016

- Daughters of WWII, The Bush Institute
- Make a Difference Award, WTHI-TV

2015

- Mid-America Regional Emmy for a story about Eva—“Forgiving the Nazis: Life Lessons from the Holocaust” by Patrick Fazio
- Wabash Valley Woman of Influence
- Anne Frank Change the World Award
- Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Butler University
- The Mike Vogel Humanitarian Award
- Indiana Hero Award presented by Indiana Wesleyan University
- Honorary Eagle Award from Florida Gulf Coast University
- FOLCS: Forum on Law, Culture & Society—second place International Short Film

2014

- Community Global Engagement Award

2013

- Sagamore of the Wabash Award, presented by IN Governor Mike Pence

2012

- Indiana’s Distinguished Hoosier Award, presented by IN Governor Mitch Daniels

2008

- Forgiveness Hero Award
- Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

2006

- Hoosier Heroes Award
- Indiana Dollars for Scholars

2005

- Keeper of the Light—Women’s Torchbearer Award
- Sagamore of the Wabash Award, presented by IN Governor Joe Kernan

2004

- Martin Luther King Spirit of Justice Award



- Gibault Excellence in Education Award
- DAR Americanism Award

1996

- Woman of Valor—local Jewish community

1991

- Regional Emmy Award—co-producer of the video “CANDLES”

1985

- Newswoman of the Year—Israeli Press
- Jewish Activism Award—Jewish Radio, New York

Community Service

- Organized and directed the memorial return to Auschwitz observing 70th Anniversary of the liberation of the camp—January 27, 2015
- Organized and directed the memorial return to Auschwitz observing 65th Anniversary of the liberation of the camp—January 27, 2010
- Directed two forgiveness conferences—2007; 2009
- Conference director for the Mengele inquest—1985; 1989
- Organized and directed the memorial return to Auschwitz observing 40th anniversary of the liberation of the camp—January 27, 1985
- Director of the Holocaust Conference in Terre Haute, IN—March 27, 1982
- President of the Federation of Jewish Women in Terre Haute, IN—1978-1980
- President of Hadassah—a Jewish women’s organization—1976-1978
- Organized, sponsored, and ran a nursery school for underprivileged children at the Hyte Community Center in Terre Haute, IN—1968-1969
- Little League Baseball Mother’s Club—1971-1974
- YMCA Mother’s Club for Basketball—1971-1974



Media Coverage

Highlighted Media Coverage Includes:

- [Keynote speaker for the 66th annual meeting of the 7th Circuit Bar Association](#), May 2017
- [Grand Marshal of the 2017 IPL 500 Festival Parade](#), April 2017
- [2017 Sachem award recipient, Indiana highest honor](#), April 2017
- [CNN “My Hero” nomination by Max Foster](#), January 2017
- [BBC Radio 5 Live, “How I Forgave the Nazis.”](#) October 2016
- [Worldwide media coverage for participation in the trial of former SS Oskar Groening](#), April 2015
- Top contributor on [Quora](#) and Reddit, 2015
- Cover story in The London Observer, November 1989
- ABC, CBS, NBC news coverage of the return to Auschwitz, 1985
- Mengele Mock Trial in Jerusalem, January/February 1985
- Front page, New York Times and other major papers worldwide, January 28, 1985
- Cover story in Parade Magazine, August 2, 1984

Highlighted Television Appearances Include:

- British documentary titled “The Girl Who Forgave the Nazis” produced by Testimony Films and Steve Humphries, January 2016
- [CNN special documentary “Voices of Auschwitz.”](#) January 2015
- An award-winning documentary “Forgiving Dr. Mengele” produced by MPG with Bob Hercules, 2006
- “The Oprah Winfrey Show”
- “The Geraldo Rivera Show”
- “Good Morning America”
- “20/20” with John Stossel
- “60 Minutes” with Leslie Stahl
- “Larry King Live”



Publications

- *Die Macht Des Vergebens (The Power of Forgiveness)*, Benevento, 2016
- A Chapter in *Human Subjects Research After the Holocaust*, Springer, 2014
- [*Surviving the Angel of Death*](#), Tanglewood Press, 2009
- A Chapter in *19 Stars of Indiana: Exceptional Hoosier Women*, Michael S. Maurer, 2009
- *Echoes from Auschwitz*, CANDLES, 1995
- *Little Eva and Miriam in First Grade*, CANDLES, 1995
- A Chapter in *When Medicine Went Mad*, Humana Press, 1991
- A Chapter in *The Nazi Doctors and the Nuremberg Code*, Oxford Press, 1991
- Contributor for *Children of the Flames: Mengele Twin Stories*, William Morrow, 1990

