

# TOM LEWINSOHN

Dear Children of the Future:

My name is Tom Lewinsohn. I came to the Kansas City area in the year 1950 because my parents, who came to the United States in 1950, had settled in Osawatomie, Kansas, where my Dad was employed as a Psychiatric Physician at the State Hospital. I enrolled at the University of Kansas and lived in Lawrence.

My proudest accomplishments since coming to the United States are serving in the Armed Forces during the Korean War, becoming a citizen as a result of serving in the military, and graduating from KU with a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Political Science. Raising a family, serving as Director of Personnel for the City of Kansas City, Missouri for 29 years, and being on the faculty of Baker University are also major accomplishments.

The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education is important for Kansas City because it honors and preserves the memory of the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust and perpetuates that awareness to all persons to never forget, as well as the responsibility to say "never again."

From studying the Holocaust, you should learn to be vigilant and not be silent but to speak out and act whenever there are people who are either overtly or covertly promoting racism, bigotry, antisemitism, or any discrimination based on minority status. We need to unite, not separate.

My message for you, our future generation, is get the best education that you can and never stop. Learn from the mistakes and accomplishments of your elders. Be an active contributor to community causes promoting peace and civil liberties. Be proud of who you are.

Very truly,

Tom Lewinsohn  
Berlin, Germany  
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