



Suzy Post

SUZY POST was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1933 in the depth of the Great Depression. Suzy's American-born parents, Elizabeth Wolff and Morris Kling, had three children, of which Suzy was the eldest. Suzy recalls that Jewish community and customs were a big part of her childhood, from special Shabbat dinners and blessings to attending Sunday school at a synagogue on Second Street in downtown Louisville.

Suzy was thirteen years old when World War II ended. Even today she can vividly recall the images from the concentration camps' liberation in 1945. She credits those images, viewed on the newsreel at a neighborhood movie house, with leading her to a life of social justice work

"And even today, all these years and years and years later, it just astounds me that these things happened in my lifetime, and that people I know didn't do more than they did, and don't today, to avoid that kind of thing."

Suzy came of age during the Civil Rights Movement. She began her social justice work by serving as co-chair of the United Jewish Appeal in high school and college. Her co-chair, Edward Post, would eventually become her husband. Suzy joined the NAACP while attending Indiana University and remained active in a wide variety of social justice issues upon her return to Louisville.



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The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's saw Suzy involved in the open housing laws movement that divided the city of Louisville. She was also active in the anti-war movement against the Vietnam War, the development of the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, and many other community and national social justice concerns. Well into the 1980s, Suzy continued to fight for school desegregation in Louisville.

While her minority status may have sparked her passion for serving and working for other minorities, ultimately Suzy is thankful for being able to work as a Jew integrated in a larger community. That experience has been a very enriching one.

"you don't get involved in social justice and stick with one issue, because everything affects everything else."