

LILI KSHENSKY BAXTER, PhD

biography

A child of Holocaust survivors, Lili Baxter has been at the forefront of social change since her first anti-fascism march in Paris at age three. She grew up in New York and is a graduate of the Workers Circle middle and high schools. Lili's activism is rooted in the new left, civil rights, antiwar, student and women's movements. She began teaching women's studies in 1970 at the University of Pittsburgh and nonviolence in 1979 in Atlanta when she was hired by Mrs. Coretta Scott King to serve as director of Nonviolence Research and Studies at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. She returned to the Center in 2018 as Senior Nonviolence Trainer and Expert-in-Residence. Between her two stints with The King Center, Lili served for over a decade as director of the Weinberg Center for Holocaust Education, also in Atlanta.

Lili Baxter holds a PhD from Emory University in Women's Studies and Human Development and has served on national and international boards of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), the world's oldest pacifist interfaith social justice organization. She has taught nonviolence around the world, including Russia, Japan and Germany, and Yiddish when she gets the chance.