



New York, May 28, 2014

Dear Mr. Gluza,

We are writing you on behalf of the **International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation (IRWF)**, a global-reach NGO whose mission is to preserve and divulge the legacy of Raoul Wallenberg and his likes, the rescuers of victims of the Shoah.

Our dear friend, Gabriele Nissim, has told us about GARIWO's beautiful initiative in Warsaw and we congratulate you for chairing the special committee that will be in charge of the local Garden of Righteous. A member of our Foundation, Ms. Silvia Constantini will especially travel to Warsaw to attend the inauguration ceremony on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The IRWF is based in New York and has offices in Jerusalem, Berlin and Buenos Aires. Among our Honorary Members are well over 300 heads of state (former and incumbent), Nobel prize laureates and distinguished personalities from all walks of life. One of the first to join us was the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, better known today as Pope Francis.

Our main focus is educational, trying to instill the spirit of solidarity of the rescuers in the hearts and minds of the young generations. We also deal with Raoul Wallenberg, the victim. As you surely know, he was arrested by the Soviets, back on January 17, 1945, never to be seen again. Last year, in a meeting we held with the UN Secretary General, Mr Ban Ki-moon, we announced a significant reward for verifiable information as to Raoul's fate.

We have created a friendly collaborative relationship with GARIWO and among other initiatives, we promoted the Day of the Righteous Rescuers in the American Continent, emulating the European Day of Righteous.

In the research front, we have been very active, unveiling the awe-inspiring stories of several Polish rescuers. One of them, was the late Stanislaw Slawinska who saved the life of Esfira Maiman, who approached us with her story. Esfira is about to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July. As a result of our investigation, we managed to locate the living relatives of her rescuer and also we succeed in securing for her the title of Righteous among the Nations.

Back in 1997, we had the pleasure of hosting President Lech Walesa in Buenos Aires, on occasion of the inauguration of the Commemorative Mural emplaced in the Metropolitan Buenos Aires Cathedral. This is an unprecedented monument, the

first one ever to pay tribute to Jews in a Catholic Church. The Mural is an homage to the victims of the Holocaust and those of the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the Israel Embassy and the Jewish Community Center (AMIA) in the 90's in the Argentine capital. It was deployed following an initiative of the IRWF, with the support of the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires, the late Cardinal Antonio Quarracino, who was buried (per his last wishes) next to the Mural and was succeeded by Cardinal Bergoglio (Pope Francis).

Dear Mr. Gluza, rest assured that the IRWF will be at your disposal to develop further initiatives in common, together with Gabriele Nissim, including the honoring of Polish rescuers.

With best regards,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for Eduardo Eurnekian, and the signature on the right is for Baruch Tenenbaum. Both signatures are fluid and cursive.

Eduardo Eurnekian  
Chairman

Baruch Tenenbaum  
Founder