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PENNSYLVANIA TEENAGER DEDICATES BAR MITZVAH TO RIGHTEOUS GENTILE THROUGH THE JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS TWINNING PROGRAM

GARNET VALLEY, Pennsylvania– Noah Goldstein is dedicating his June 26th Bar Mitzvah at Robinson’s Arch in Jerusalem to Wladyslawa Dudziak, as part of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program developed by The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR). The JFR, a non-profit organization dedicated to identifying, honoring and supporting non-Jews who rescued Jews during the Holocaust, has recognized Wladyslawa, and her family, who hid Rozia Beiman, disguising her as a cousin in Kajetanowka, Poland during the Holocaust.

Noah is trying to raise \$18,000 for the JFR to help with their efforts to support righteous gentiles who saved Jews during the Holocaust. He plans to invite Beiman and her family, who reside in Israel, to join him at his Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem. For more information, or to help Noah reach his goal, please visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/NoahHelpsJFR>

Preteens who participate in the JFR’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program are given the opportunity to learn about and honor the selfless acts of these rescuers through “twinning,” a process in which the Bar/Bat Mitzvah is matched with an individual rescuer whose story he or she finds meaningful. This enables the children to learn more about, as well as recognize and appreciate the heroic deeds of rescuers. The youngster is presented with a twinning certificate and may relate the extraordinary story of heroism at the synagogue during their ceremony.

“Our bar and bat mitzvah program is a great way for young people to learn the story of very special people who risked their lives to help others. This JFR education program is popular with young people looking to add even more meaning to this special day,” said JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl. “We are proud of the work Noah has done and for allowing us to share in this special day with him and his family.”

When Germany invaded Poland in September of 1939, life changed for the Jews of Poland. Sara and Joseph Beiman lived with their six-year-old daughter, Rozia, in Lublin, Poland, and employed members of the Dudziak family as additional help in the home. In 1942 Rozia's parents left her with these housekeepers when they travelled to Krakow in order to obtain forged documents for the family to pass as Christian, but were arrested by the Nazis and presumably sent to their deaths at the nearby Majdanek concentration camp. Due to the German occupation of Lublin, the Dudziak's sent Rozia to live with their family in nearby Kajetanowka. The family told their neighbors that Rozia was a cousin from Lublin. Since Wladyslawa was the child closest in age to Rozia, she was given most of the responsibility for caring for her. In 2012 the JFR reunited Wladyslawa Dudziak with Rozia Beiman, who now lives in Israel with her family, at a ceremony in New York.

As it moves forward, the JFR continues its work of providing monthly financial assistance to more than 400 aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, living in 20 countries. Since its founding, the JFR has provided more than \$38 million to aged and needy rescuers—helping to repay a debt of gratitude on behalf of the Jewish people to these noble men and women. Its Holocaust teacher education program has become a standard for teaching the history of the Holocaust and educating teachers and students about the significance of the Righteous as moral and ethical exemplars.