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### **GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS, SCHOLARS TO RECOGNIZE 14 REMAINING POLISH HOLOCAUST RESCUERS**

### **RANGING FROM 80-100 YEARS IN AGE, EVENT IS LIKELY LAST FOR GROUP**

WARSAW, Poland – The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) will honor the sacrifices of Polish rescuers of Jews living in Warsaw in one of the largest gatherings of Holocaust rescuers on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m., at the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jewry, at 6 Mordechaja Anielewicz Street here in Warsaw. Since these remaining righteous gentiles range in age from late 80s to 100 the JFR luncheon is likely to be the last of such commemorations.

The annual JFR program has historically been one of the largest and most prestigious ceremony honoring rescuers in Poland and this year marks its return since 2019 following a hiatus due to international COVID restrictions.

In addition to some 14 rescuers, the event will be attended by foreign diplomats, religious, and community leaders, who will speak to the gathering. Notable attendees will include; Israel Ambassador Dr. Yacov Livne and Poland's Chief Rabbi Michael Schudrich.

Other attendees will include a delegation of 12 middle and high school teachers and Holocaust center personnel from across five of the United States who are active in the JFR's educational programming.

“These are heroic people of exceptional character who risked their lives and often the lives of their families to save Jews during the Holocaust. This special event is designed to recognize them and give them the proper honor they deserve,” said Executive Vice President of the JFR Stanlee Stahl. “COVID was challenging for everyone, especially these rescuers who

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were homebound and many living alone for the duration of the pandemic. It is nice to be able to gather together again and to pay tribute to them and their heroism. But because of their advanced ages and for many of them health issues, this is most likely going to be our last gathering for them.”

The JFR continues its work of providing monthly financial assistance to 100 aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, living in 11 countries. Since its founding, the JFR has provided more than \$44 million to aged and needy rescuers. 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. For more information, visit <https://www.jfr.org/>.