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Thanks, have gone through Chapters 1 & 6 as you suggested, but I do plan to skim through the others....but before then, my favorite portion, and a quote from a dear friend and wonderful academic, used by you on p53 under "The Importance of the Jewish Cemetery" -

Annamaria Orla-Bukowska:

“With so few direct [Jewish] heirs remaining, the physical and spiritual legacy of centuries of . . . coexistence had to be bequeathed upon the society as a whole” (p. 198). Subsequently, she determines that the Polish people became heirs of Jewish heritage, with “a right to benefit from alongside a responsibility to care for this inheritance” (p. 198). Thus, she views “the contributions of Polish non-Jews to Polish Jewish life” working in two dimensions: the first encompasses “efforts to restore and conserve the physical legacy (e.g., synagogues and cemeteries)” and the second entails “contributions of a psycho-spiritual type (e.g., tracing Jewish contributions to Poland’s history and culture, as well as commemorating Holocaust events)”

Certainly mirrors our own feelings on the topic, and of course has cross-border implications for our work in Rohatyn. Thank you for quoting her, in this passage.

Warm regards and congratulations again,
Marla

P.S. Shabbat shalom!

On Fri, Dec 6, 2019 at 5:23 PM Steven D. Reece <sdreece@matzevah.org> wrote:

Yes. A book will follow at some point! I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Blessings,

Steven

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Thank you, downloaded (429 pages, OMG) - and I will try to read this weekend!

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On Fri, Dec 6, 2019 at 5:19 PM Steven D. Reece <sdreece@matzevah.org> wrote:

Dear Jay and Marla,

You both continue to do excellent work. I am amazed at what you are doing!

I have finally finished my revisions to my dissertation following my successful defense. I have “published” it, which means that it is available electronically for you (and others) to download and read. You may access it by following the link to the [Digital Commons @ Andrews University](#). You may also find it on Google Scholar, or ProQuest. I should finish all my remaining coursework and graduate in May.

In my dissertation, I mention you both at the end of my acknowledgments. Marla, I cite you anonymously one or two times. I cite a quote from Jay using a pseudonym, Rowan (2 times). I cite one of Jay's publications/blog posts from Rohatyn Jewish Heritage regarding his observations from working in the Nasielsk Jewish cemetery and Jewish cultural heritage.

As far as reading the dissertation, I would recommend that you read Chapters 1 at the very least and then Chapter 6 which contains a discussion of the findings along with conclusions and recommendations. Chapters 2 and 3 are mechanical and deal with the academic literature and my methodology. Chapters 4 and 5 are my findings concerning my two research questions: How have Jews and Christians responded to the work of The Matzevah Foundation, and in what ways do Jews and Christians learn to dialogue? Chapter 6, consequently is my interpretation of the findings.

Please let me know what you think when you get a chance.

Shabbat Shalom,

Steven



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