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Subject: RE: Our meeting in Oswiecim
Attachments: N1 29 4 42 The Hanging in Crzanow.jpg; N2 29 4 42 The Hanging in Crzanow.jpg; N3 29 4 42 The Hanging in Chrzanow.jpg; N4 29 04 42 The Hanging in Chrzanow.jpg; O4 New Obelisque With Hebrew Names.jpg

Dear Caroline and Steven,

<http://jewish.pl/pl/2017/11/24/pomnik-upamietniajacy-zamordowanych-zydow-zniknie-z-chrzanowa/>

https://www.jta.org/2017/11/27/news-opinion/world/landowner-asks-polish-town-to-remove-monument-to-jews-killed-by-nazis?utm_content=buffer21d0f&utm_medium=social&utm_source=jtafacebook&utm_campaign=social

How are you and how are your projects progressing?
How was the trip to Chrzanow? I hope it was a successful one.
Do you have any future travel plans to either Oswiecim or Chrzanow or both?

We received lately bad and sad news from Chrzanow.
Please see the attached links (Polis and English).
The monument that is mentioned in the article, is commemorating 7 Jews who were publically hanged by the Nazis, on 29 April 1942.
3 of the victims are from my family
Israel Gerstner who is the Grandfather of my mother and my father (my parents are cousins) and eventually, my Great Grandfather.
Chaim Gerstner who is my mother's Father and my father's Uncle and eventually my Grandfather and my first name is his Shimshon Gerstner who is the Uncle of both my father and mother.
The monument is now placed where the hanging took place, right under the hanging trees. I attach photos from this notorious event

Caroline and Steven, please let me know if you have any contacts in Chrzanow that may potentially help us to keep the monument where it is now.

I already told my family that I will not agree to any confiscation of private property in order not to move the monument. I have no doubt that we will need to negotiate with the legal owners of the property although, the city that built the monument (right at the site where it should be placed) did it over 30 years ago.

Thank you both and good luck!

Also, I wish you and your families, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Successful and full with Achievements New Year.

Haim

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