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From: Steven D. Reece <sdreece@matzevah.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 06:43
To: 'Haim Horowitz'
Subject: RE: Thank you!!!!!!
Attachments: Chaim House_v_2.docx

Shalom Haim,

Our board meeting went very well. We have nearly everything in place for the first group of projects and are working to finalize everything on the second group of projects.

I am forwarding to you an updated version of "Chaim's House" for your consideration. The idea is still in its early stages, but this is a better version. Please take your time as you consider this and please tend to the most important matter at hand, which is your upcoming trip to Poland.

We will be praying for G-d's will to be done and that your meeting with the owner will go well.

Blessings and peace on your journey.

Yours,

Steven

From: Haim Horowitz <Haim.Horowitz@dspg.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 15, 2018 05:30
To: sdreece@matzevah.org
Subject: RE: Thank you!!!!!!

Shalom Steven,

Thank you so much for your warm and encouraging words. Thank you for all that you are doing for me! I'll definitely tell you the story of Sarah Horowitz, I'll do it in our next meeting . Hopefully, it will happen soon!

As I already told you, I'll be travelling to Poland (23-26 April) to meet with the owners of the land on which the memorial stands. It happened so quickly after receiving the astonishing news from my lawyer. I already updated you on this.

I'll get back to you re "Chaim's House" after my return from Chrzanow. Of course I'll update you re any developments...

Yours,

Haim

From: Steven D. Reece <sdreece@matzevah.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Haim Horowitz <Haim.Horowitz@dspg.com>
Subject: RE: Thank you!!!!!!

Shalom Haim,

Thank you! I am thinking about you, your family, and your family's story today on Yom Ha'Shoah. It is a blessing for me to know you personally and to have walked with you along this pathway—even if it has been for such a short time. I would like to hear one day the short story of Sarah Horowitz. Meeting you and hearing your story connects me very deeply to the importance of what you and now I am doing with you. May the memory of the family that you lost in the Shoah be a blessing to us today and every day.

Please let me know when you learn something more from the lawyer. Also, if you have any response, or thoughts about the ideas that I have shared with you about "Chaim's House" please let me know.

Blessings on your day today. Peace be with you.

Steven

From: Haim Horowitz <Haim.Horowitz@dspg.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 00:05

To: sdreece@matzevah.org

Subject: RE: Thank you!!!!!!

Shalom Steven,

Enjoy your stay with your family.

As of yet I did not hear from my lawyer.

I'll wait for another day before sending a reminder.

Tomorrow (Thursday) we will mark in Israel "The Holocaust and Heroism Day"

I'm going to tell, in my workplace, the short story of Sarah Horowitz, my father's sister. She was sent from Chrzanow (Krenau) to Birkenau when she was three years and two months old.

Haim

From: Steven D. Reece <sdreece@matzevah.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 4:57 PM

To: Haim Horowitz <Haim.Horowitz@dspg.com>

Subject: RE: Thank you!!!!!!

Dear Haim,

Thank you for your expression of kindness. It is good to be home once more with my family. My granddaughter tells me frequently, "I'm so glad that your home from Poland." It is truly special to be home, but it is also important at times to be away.

I am glad that you have contacted the lawyer and that things are moving forward in contacting the mayor and the owners.

The mayor may have mentioned their celebration of Israel's 70th anniversary. I do not remember as so much was discussed that day during our meeting with the mayor. The events that they have planned are a very exceptional observance for a Polish city. It speaks to a special connection that they apparently share with the Jewish community that once resided among them. I hope that you are able to attend.

Please keep me posted and let me know how I might assist you moving forward.

Blessings,

Steven

From: Haim Horowitz <Haim.Horowitz@dspg.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 23:47

To: sdreece@matzevah.org

Subject: RE: Thank you!!!!!!

Dear Steven,

I wish you a pleasant and fruitful time at home.

The lawyer wrote to me that in few days he will call the Mayor and the owners. Of course I'll update you.

Meanwhile, a I was exposed to some surprising news (see the attached link).

I really wonder why the Mayor did not mention this specific event. May be he did but I was too excited to realize what he meant.

I'll do my best to return to Chrzanow to attend the 25 April prayers and candles lighting by the memorial.

I'll update you on this too...

Yours with tons of thanks,

<http://www.muzeum.chrzanow.pl/index.php?id=1&p=news,8,show,668>

Haim

From: Steven D. Reece <sdreece@matzevah.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 11:05 PM

To: Haim Horowitz <Haim.Horowitz@dspg.com>

Subject: RE: Thank you!!!!!!

Dear Haim,

Thank you for sharing your heartfelt words. I understand your language limitations as a non-native speaker of English. I appreciate greatly your appreciation and words of encouragement. I will share your note with our board very soon.

I am glad to serve you and I look forward to our next meeting in PL. Thank you for your hospitality and paying for my stay in Chrzanów! Please keep me posted and let me know what you learn from the lawyer.

I have spent the past two day taking some time off and I am returning to work today. I am glad to be home with my family but I look forward to what lies ahead.

Grace and Peace to you and your family!

Blessings,

Steven

From: Haim Horowitz <Haim.Horowitz@dspg.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 07:13

To: sdreece@matzevah.org

Subject: Thank you!!!!!!

Dear Steven,

I'll start with apologies for not being able to fully express my gratitude to you. I'll do my best with the limitation of my "poor" English.

One of my luckiest days, throughout my 70 years on earth, was the day I met you, Caroline and Joann at the Jewish Cemetery in Oswiecim.

You gave me a precious gift (to my soul) by asking me, to take you and your whole team to my family's house in Oswiecim,

and to tell you there, about the tragic fate of my family. The chance you gave me to "revive" my family was priceless and I'll cherish it

as long as I'll be capable of thinking and feeling...

Few months ago, I became aware of the fact that the memorial in Chrzanow, commemorating 7 Jews (3 of them my close family members),

who were hanged by the Nazis on 29 April 1942, is in danger of being dismantled (or relocated) from where it stands.

You visited with me

the site that is located under the trees on which the victims were hanged. Reason was that the memorial stands (since 1962!) on a privately

owned property. It was very depressing news for my family and myself and of course I needed friends to support me and assist me in my

journey for trying to find ways for saving the memorial, without the need to confiscate the piece of land on which it stands.

Well, the first person whom I felt, will be able to escort me along this emotionally heavy journey, was you dear Steven.

Your reaction was quick and you tied yourself to this "mission" immediately and without hesitations. This is not self-evident. This is very

special and encouraging. For people like you, I use the Yiddish term "Mentch" (מענטש). This word embeds in it so many "superlatives" that

are rightly yours but, I lack the ability to spell them out in English. With people like you, the world will definitely be a better place to live on!

Thanks to you, the meeting we had in Chrzanow Poland on 29 March 2018, with the Mayor of the town and two of his staff members

was, besides being extremely emotional for me, very successful and I'm now much more optimistic regarding the fate of the memorial

that for me (and my family) is a Grave Stone. The Nazis refused to let Jews in Chrzanow, who were forced to attend the notorious hanging,

to bury the 7 victims and rather, sent the bodies to the crematorium in Auschwitz.

As the meeting progressed (it was about 2 hours long!) I realized that you are much more than a friend. You are part of my family....

You helped me to define my obsession in handling the cases of the house in Oswiecim and the memorial in Chrzanow. It is all condensed

into three precious words: **Remembering**, **Restoring** and **Reconciling**!

When I tried to thank you with my dull language (but from the bottom of my heart...) you kept telling me that it is the other way round.

You thanked me for the opportunity I gave you, to do things that are the essence of your existence. You are a special and unique person.

As I dared telling you, the reflection of your merits clarified to me what real Judaism should be!

You told me a lot about "The Matzevah Foundation" and about the dear people who are so dedicated for the three "R" commandments.

These commandments are now added to the ten I learned about from the Bible, since I was 6 years old.

Please thank, on my behalf, your colleagues at TMF for what TMF is representing and doing for the Jews and the world.

I hope to meet with you soon!

Good Luck, and enjoy the short Timeout you have, with your family.

Yours, Haim

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