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To Whom it May Concern;

As we approach the time of the distribution of funds relating to the settlement with the Swiss Banks we would like to bring to your attention the important work of our organization which for nearly two decades has been dedicated to educating the future generations of the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust and the essential need to never forget. In addition to our programs for students and youth from around the world we have always worked with the survivor community as partners in our educational mission and providing them with an avenue to voice their memories.

The March of the Living was developed in 1987 by Member of Knesset Avraham Hirschson and a consortium of leading international Jewish educators, who fearing the growing tide of Holocaust denial and the anti-Semitism that accompanied it, recognized the dire need to create an organization to educate of the need to combat these evils. Since then more than 120,000 students from over 50 countries across the globe have

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participated in leadership training missions to Poland and Israel. These missions, designed for upper level high school and university students both to educate these students and prepare them to become leaders upon return to their campuses and home communities, integrates students and survivors in a week long intensive program in Poland where they become first hand witnesses to the scenes of Nazi brutality.

The students and survivors on our programs are accompanied by our professional resource staff of Holocaust scholars and mental health professionals as they visit the sites of the concentration camps as well as the areas where Jewish life had thrived so that they are afforded a complete understanding of the scope that the Nazi crimes represent. Prior to their departure for Poland, March of the Living offers a semester of educational preparation during which participants are provided with an intensive seminar encompassing the history of the period from the rise of Nazism to the establishment of the modern State of Israel. The seminar further is designed to educate participants of what to expect on the mission as well as how they can channel their experiences into providing for their development as leaders on their campuses and in their communities. The March of the Living program throughout focuses on educating the participants of the need to embrace the memories of the Holocaust in becoming agents for change in an ever more tumultuous world. Issues like the need for a more tolerant world have become increasingly pressing as the waves of anti-Semitism and other hatreds have intensified in recent years.

Upon completion of their visit to Poland, the program continues with a week long visit to Israel, where participants experience the rebirth of a Jewish State, and the Jewish people's remarkable emergence from the ashes of Nazi Europe. The Israel experience for March participants offers them the opportunity to follow in the path of so many who emerged from the camps and ghettos of Europe to plant the seeds of the new Jewish state.

The hallmark of the March of the Living has always been its inclusion of survivors, whom we sincerely believe serve as the best possible educators to the future generations of the horrors to which they were subjected and the need to never forget. We are also confident that our program serves the welfare of the survivor community by providing them an avenue to ensure that their memories will be carried on. As time distances us further and further from that horrific era the survivors can be certain that their legacies of triumph over evil will always be remembered.

In the past March of the Living missions have been composed of groups in the range of approximately 5,000 participants. In preparation for the sixtieth anniversary of VE Day and the end of the Second World War, March of the Living International has just announced that the 2005 program to be held in May of that year, will be made up of a massive mission of 18,000 young men and women from all areas of the world, providing for what will be the largest ever public memorial for the victims of the Nazi Holocaust. In addition this historic mission will bring more than 2,500 survivors accompanied by several thousand second and third generation descendents of survivors to Poland in a

united declaration to the world of the spirit of renewal and survival which their lives have come to represent.

As you can well understand while we are strongly committed to bringing this massive dream to reality, it brings with it many financial obstacles. With our overall budget for bringing a program like this to fruition being approximately thirty million dollars, we hope that the Swiss Bank fund would be available to aid in this crucial and historic mission with an allocation of ten million dollars. We would apply half of this grant to subsidize survivors and their descendents that will be participating in the 2005 program. The remaining five million dollars from this allocation would be used to enlarge our endowment fund primarily dedicated to subsidizing future program participants. These funds would ensure that our mission of educating young people of the need to never forget would be able to continue in the years and decades to come.

It is well understood that the funds which became available as a result of the suit involving the Swiss banks are intended to provide for the direct welfare of survivors, allowing them to live out the remainder of their lives in peace and prosperity. We at March of the Living applaud your success in freeing up these funds and achieving a true victory for the survivor community. We are also confident that our organization, which serves to fulfill the wishes of survivors-to keep their memories alive even as they are no longer able to continue as mentors in our program - would serve as a fitting and deserving body to receive a portion of the residual funds which would be available following their distribution to the survivors.

While the destruction and losses that were caused by Nazism are irreplaceable it is our vision that future generations will be educated to understand the dangers of hatred and the evil it can produce. Our program inspires participants to believe in the power of individuals to make a difference in the ongoing effort to eradicate injustice and bigotry. We believe that with the continued generosity of funds like yours we will be able to educate many thousands of youth from around the world so that we can ensure that the voices of the survivor community will never be silenced and that the world never again need to serve witness to such a dark period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Machlis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Steven T. Katz, Director

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:****Re: March of the Living Program**

It is a pleasure to support the application of the March of the Living program. This unique program, which has literally transformed the lives of tens of thousands of young people and the adults who work with them, is one of the most imaginative and creative programs that has been constructed to teach the lessons of the Holocaust. By taking young people to the Death Camps and other Holocaust sites in Poland it brings home, with an unparalleled immediacy and power, the evil done by Nazi Germany and her allies during World World II. Those terrible years, which are so distant to today's young people, suddenly become real and compelling and the evil they embodied becomes palpable and contemporary. People of all religions and ethnic backgrounds come away from this confrontation with radical evil changed individuals. Anyone able to support the continuation of this program should, therefore, as a moral imperative, do so.

There is a particular feature of the March of the Living program that should be explicitly noted: the role of Holocaust survivors. Each group of participants is assigned a Holocaust survivor in addition to a guide and the normal group leader. Over the week or so of the program the survivor shares his or her experience with the group. This personal and immediate dialogue with someone who was actually there puts the students in direct contact with the existential reality that was the Holocaust. It is no longer history in a book but a living relation with those who know first hand the deep meaning of the event. I can report from my own participation in the March that the bond created between the survivors and the young participants is extraordinary — for both the survivors and the young people. For the survivors, knowing that young people care makes their lives meaningful; for the young people, the presence — as much as the stories — of the survivors means both that evil need not triumph and that they are now "heirs" of the survivors and must work to make the world a place in which Holocaust-like acts are not possible.

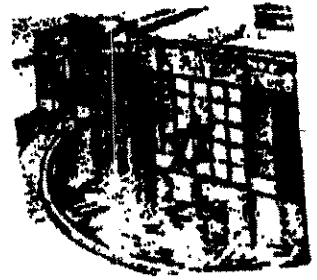
In sum, this is a marvelous, very special, program.

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## To Whom It May Concern


As an educator and the Director of the Holocaust Resource Center-Temple Judea of Manhasset I am obligated to impart the horrific events that befell the Jewish people of Europe during WWII. It is however, my sacred mission as a survivor of the Shoah to be the voice of the million and a half Jewish children whose dreams were never fulfilled and whose contributions we will miss eternally. Their voices must resonate across the centuries for generations to come. The students of today must become the bearers of our message to their children, they to their children and they to another generation. This cannot be accomplished by only listening to a lecture, reading a biography or by viewing some taped testimony.

However, by standing next to a survivor on the selection platform in Auschwitz, in the presence of the barbed wire fences and the ruins of the gas chamber-crematoria, the reflective voice of a survivor penetrates into the soul of the participants. By focusing on the holes in the bare concrete slab, which served as a latrine to thousands of Jewish woman in Birkenau, the student can see and hear the frail wails of pain and humiliation that they endured.

It is the convergence of the physical remnants, the wrinkled faces and crackling voices of the Holocaust survivor that indelibly imprints Auschwitz into the mind, body and soul of the participant. Together they experience Auschwitz.

The "March of the Living and the March of Hope and Remembrance" provide an ideal setting for students and survivors to bond. The students who participated in past "Marches" have become the nucleus and form the leadership of Holocaust education and remembrance programs in their respective schools.

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The March of the Living is a program without parallel in the area of Holocaust education. It is the only international, inter-demoninational program designed to bring college, university and professional school students, together with survivors of the Holocaust, to sites of mass extermination in Poland. The experience is a life-changing one for the students and a life-affirming one for the survivors. It enable the survivors to have an impact on the minds and hearts of mature young men and women. It gives those same young men and women an insight into and a link to a world destroyed by hatred and bigotry. The hope of the program is that they, the students, will not only remember what they have experienced, but will, in turn, bring that memory to the next generation.

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