THE PRESIDENT

Jerusalem, January 11, 2016

Dear Friends,

It is now over seventy years since the Nazis carried out their attempt at the spiritual and physical annihilation of the Jewish People with the brutal murder of six million of our brothers and sisters. Since that time, the Jewish People has gone from strength to strength. Not only do we have a strong and thriving Jewish State, but there are vibrant Jewish communities throughout the world, including the re-emerging communities in the countries of Eastern Europe.

But as we look ahead with pride and optimism, we must ensure that those terrible times are never forgotten; we must continue to extend support to the ever-diminishing number of survivors and must remember the millions whose lives were interrupted and taken from them. We must remember those millions of individuals, many of whose names are recorded at Yad Vashem. By observing the ceremony known as “Unto Every Person There is a Name” on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, we give back to the victims the human face stolen from them by the German Nazis.

As we in Israel and members of Jewish communities around the world read out names of Holocaust victims, we remember the individual men, women and children who suffered and lost their lives during the Holocaust, with each one of whom a whole world was destroyed.

I call upon you to join with me and the citizens of the State of Israel, and with members of world-wide Jewish communities, in carrying out the ceremony known as “Unto Every Person There is a Name”.

Reuven (Ruvi) Rivlin