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Dear Forum Members,

Less than two weeks ago I had the privilege this year of receiving the Jewish Rescuers Citation for my father, the late Chaskel Tydor, during this years Heroism of Jewish Rescuers ceremony that took place on Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Martyrs and Remembrance Day (April 18, 2023) at the B'nai B'rith Martyr's Forest at the Scroll of Fire Plaza, an impressive sculpture shaped like two connected scrolls with Holocaust martyrs and survivor motifs, located on a hilltop outside Jerusalem.

The ceremony is held annually by the B'nai B'rith World Center - Jerusalem and the Jewish National Fund (JNF - Keren Kayemet LeYisrael) to honor Jewish individuals who risked their lives during the Holocaust to save their fellow Jews. It was an incredibly moving ceremony attended by young and old, members of the diplomatic corps, soldiers, government and other functionaries. Speakers included Rabbi Amihai Eliyahu (Minister of Heritage), Sar Shalom Jerby (JNF Director of Education), Daniel Mariaschin (CEO B'nai B'rith International), Brigadier General Meir Eliyahu (Police Border Guard), and a representative of H.E. Eric Danon (Ambassador of France to Israel). Kaddish was recited by Andy Kadar and the Torch of Remembrance was lit by Alex Turner. I had the honor of speaking in the name of the late recipients of the award, including my father.

The ceremony began exactly at 10 AM as the memorial siren sounded and everyone stood in respect. While family members or representatives of each of the 18 award recipients spoke about them, pictures of the award recipients were projected onto a large screen behind them with their names, years and places of birth and death, and a line about where they were during the war when they saved Jews. I'm attaching a picture of myself speaking where one can see the screen and the type of picture and information that was shown, giving "life" to the recipients so that the audience could envision who they were.

It was a warm day in the Judean Hills and the organizers made sure to have a very large tent roof so that participants and their families, dignitaries, students and other attendees would have shelter from the sun. But the true warmth was that which was felt by those attending the ceremonies as they heard about the daring and life-saving activities of those Jews receiving the prize.

Special credit goes to our friend, the initiator and coordinator of this forum Alan Schneider, for organizing this meaningful and important event, to the initiators and members of the Committee to Recognize the Heroism of Jews During the Holocaust, and especially to the Founding Chairman of the Committee, Haim Roet and Arie Barnea the current chairman.

Here is the link to the recording:

<https://www.facebook.com/100066826663579/videos/150096808015773>

Wishing us all a healthy spring and summer ahead,

Judy