

## **The declaration of friendship with Karlsruhe, Germany, Nov 13th 2008**

We are signing today the document of partnership between our two councils. This is an ordinary event in our little global village. But, we are not a regular "two partners". Our two nations experienced terrible events in the very close past.

It is common to say that while the Jews have paid the price of the horrible Hitlerian Regime, the Germans are who should learn the lesson of the dramatic events.

I found our relationships very important because, as far as I think, the reality is much more complicated: also the Germans were victims of the terrorist regime and the Jews are not free from learning the lesson.

During our visit, we have studied more about the heavy price the German civilians have paid in World War 2.

The evil is hiding in all of us, no body know how would he act as a citizen under a totalitarian situation.

All of us should take the 30's and the 40' as historian red lights, as an example for the necessity to cooperate against the evil.

Our main target by signing the document today and by implementing the joint projects we have talked about this week is to make a clear declaration:

"We are partners in the same party, the party of the mankind, the party that encourage the variety be twin people and be twin nations, the party that appreciate pluralistic society and democratic organizations."

On one hand, as a son and grand son of many generations Germans Jews that had to leave their beloved homeland just after the "Cristal Night" 70 years ago, I demand from my self and from all my Friends to learn as more as we can about the facts that leads to the catastrophe. On the other hand, as a child of survives, I define those kind of efforts we are doing together, as of the most significant deeds people who are well aware to the risky obstacles we have should do right now.

We must be like the trees we wish to plant in the Shikma Valley: our legs should be strong connected to the past while our hands and eyes should build the best world we can.

We deserve it, our children and grand children deserve it.

They will be the first generation to live in a world without any survivor. It is our duty to give them the best tools to bit the evil while there will be no life documentation to its consequences; it is our commitment to give our children the braveness to live like human been.

Thank you for the wonderful hospitality, I am proud to be your partner in shaping our joint future.

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