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The following is the transcript of the speech given by the Israeli Ambassador to Poland, Professor Shevach Weiss:

I would like to say something face to face to the family of the righteous among the nations. Please let me to use my Polish, my Polish from my childhood as a Holocaust survivor from here.

[Speaking in Polish] I left Poland at age ten after the war. I was also saved by a Polish family and therefore I love you. Because I know exactly what it means to be "Righteous Among the Nations." It's more than just an expression. I am talking about real people, open hearted, courageous people. Courage, daily courage. I personally know that for you it meant the death penalty. And such heroes are very rare in the world. Such humanity.

I would like to thank you personally from the bottom of my heart. This is on behalf of your family, because family is the most important thing. And here we have the members of the family that was saved.

The second speech was given by one of Menachem Daum's sons, Tzvi Dovid:

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. We have three generations of the Federman family with us today who have come from various cities in Israel and the United States to be here and pay tribute to a very special family. Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf* that conscience is a Jewish invention. By eradicating the Jews, Hitler sought to eradicate humanity's collective sense of conscience. The Holocaust was an extreme time; it turned some people into angels and others into animals. Mr. and Mrs. Mucha, you and your in-laws Mr. and Mrs. Stanislav Maryanov Matusik of blessed memory were four of those angels and for this we are eternally grateful. We know it's a thank you that has been late in coming. Please don't think for a moment that our parents and grandparents' lack of communication was due to a lack of gratitude. How do you repay somebody that put everything on the line for you? There's such an overwhelming sense of insurmountable debt that my grandfather has literally become paralyzed to act upon it. The question of how to recognize your heroic efforts has certainly been on our conscience. My grandfather and his brother Pincha have decided they would like to set up a fund for your...your grandchildren's education. There is no way that we could certainly repay what we owe you but we hope that you accept our expression of gratitude and may G-d bless you and repay the rest of this debt in full. Thank you.