

The Light From The Jewish Foundation For The Righteous

In a world shrouded by dark shadows, we need light.

The sun must not be eclipsed by the darkness of the moon.

We need light to live

Without light we are enveloped by suffocating despair and choking cynicism

We need faith in the existence of goodness.

In this room, we sense a glimmer of hope in the possibility of a gentler and kinder world

For we have come together to celebrate the light that did not fail, the flame of human dignity that was not extinguished.

I find light in the presence of a rescuer and a survivor we honor tonight, who teach us that humanity is not dead and human decency has not been extinguished.

We need light for the sake of our children and our children's children. We want our children and our children's children to know the truth, the unspeakable atrocities that have been visited upon our people and upon other peoples during the Holocaust.

But may they never forget the moral heroism, the courage, compassion and conscience of Christians, those heroic souls who came from another faith to rescue people of our faith. They sacrificed fortune, position and possessions. They defied threats of punishment and death itself to rescue the lives of our people, pursued by the extinguishers of the light.

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous is a sacred candle lit to illuminate the darkest edges of our universe.

Let there be light.

