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The Polish Mission
Orchard Lake Schools of Michigan
Orchard Lake, MI

On this somber occasion we commemorate both International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 69th liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. On this day we grieve, comfort, and remember. It is not easy to bring ourselves to confront this tragedy year after year. However, we do so because to not recount the lives of millions who lost their lives would be an even greater, and indeed unspeakable, tragedy.

We are grateful for the initiative of our dear colleagues at the Polish Mission of The Orchard Lake Schools for their commemorative efforts. Bringing the *Forbidden Art* exhibition, works of art made in Nazi concentration camps, is an important and poignant effort in remembrance. The Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest commends this event and exhibition. Please accept our utmost gratitude for initiating such an event, and our endorsement of such an initiative. We hope this extended exhibition serves as a reminder and educational impetus in the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Roey Gilad'.

Roey Gilad
Consul General