



October 28, 2013

Rabbi Arnold Saltzman
6950 Oregon Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20015

Dear Rabbi Saltzman,

On behalf of Washington Hebrew Congregation, I thank you for your participation in "A Celebration of Humanity," an unforgettable evening commemorating the 70th anniversary of the rescue of the Danish Jews. The program's powerful roster of accomplished statesmen, innovative scholars, heirs to this extraordinary history, and soul-stirring musicians left an indelible imprint on all those who were present.

Your "Rescue in Denmark Symphony" was a highlight of the event. Truly, there was no more fitting way to conclude the program than with this evocative perspective on history filtered through your own first-hand encounter with the past. Your intricate composition was matched by the orchestra's impassioned interpretation, and I was pleased that you allowed us to share an excerpt of your complete symphony with our audience.

There could be no more resonant remembrance of the Danish Rescue than a gathering of the diplomatic and interfaith communities in Washington, D.C. to rededicate ourselves to tolerance, mutual understanding, and an unwavering commitment to doing the right thing. The heroic Danish citizens whose bravery and decency moved them to save nearly 8,000 Jewish lives stand as models of righteousness for the ages. In contributing your deeply personal composition to the program, you perpetuate their legacy of acting upon principle and honoring our common humanity.

I am deeply appreciative of your key role in marking this milestone. I am fortunate to count you among my colleagues and grateful for your ongoing leadership in our community.

L'Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Bruce Lustig", written in a cursive style.

Rabbi M. Bruce Lustig