

Prof. Tadeusz Truskolaski
President of the City of Białystok

Dear Prof. Tadeusz Truskolaski,

Re: “Urbi Meritus - for services to the City” distinction

As the President of the Association of Former Jewish Residents of Białystok and its Surroundings in Israel, I am deeply honored and feel privileged to accept on behalf of my organization your “*Urbi Meritus - for services to the City*” distinction.

We were deeply moved by your distinctive honor bestowed on our organization.

For me personally, it is a special occasion to commemorate not only my late father who was born in Białystok, but also all those Białystokers that have lived in Israel and had roots and culture ties with Białystok which were transferred to the second generation.

Our organization has for many years maintained, commemorated, nourished and cultivated the contacts and partnership relations between former residents of Białystok living in Israel with the City of Białystok residents in Poland demonstrating the unique cultural and emotional ties of the older generation while simultaneously contributing to enhance our mutual relations also with the younger generations.

Your “Urbi Meritus” distinction award shows clearly that our efforts were successful in creating new avenues for partnerships, collaboration, recognition, leadership and friendship that stood the test of time and successfully flourished. I am fully convinced that we were successful to attract and offered the chance to network and connect by sharing similar heritage that will be also a cornerstone for future generations as well.

Our deepest gratitude and appreciation to you as the President of the City of Białystok, and to all the citizens of Białystok.

Sincerely,

Ron London

President

Association of Former Jewish Residents of Białystok and its Surroundings in Israel