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**DECLARATION OF TWINNING RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL, POMONA, CALIFORNIA  
AND BEIT WARSZAWA, WARSAW, POLAND  
JULY 26, 2013**

Temple Beth Israel of Pomona, California, USA, a member of the Union for Reform Judaism, and Beit Warszawa in Warsaw, Poland, the flagship congregation of both Beit Polska (National Jewish Organization of Poland for Progressive and Conservative Congregations) and the World Union for Progressive Judaism, will engage in a "twinning relationship" which recognizes a historic and mutually beneficial opportunity to participate in the renewal of Jewish life in Poland.

Our common goals involve:

- Supporting Jewish renewal in Poland as a religious and historic imperative;
- Increasing communications and educational exchanges between the two congregations; and
- Developing common programs when possible.

Our relationship and coordination of efforts will serve as a model for other congregations in the United States, in Poland and in the rest of Europe to engage in similar activities.

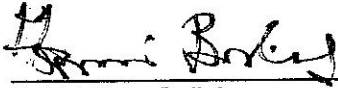
Most of our congregants were born after World II. They did not experience the worst Jewish catastrophe during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Shoah, or the greatest achievement during the 20<sup>th</sup> century – the establishment of the State of Israel. Many Jews have little awareness of the suffering of Poles from both the Russian (Soviet) and Nazi onslaughts, and it is important to encourage that awareness.

We dedicate ourselves to the goal of counteracting the effects of the Shoah through the rebirth of Judaism in Poland and Europe.

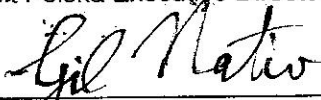
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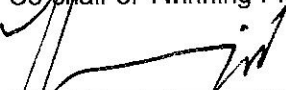


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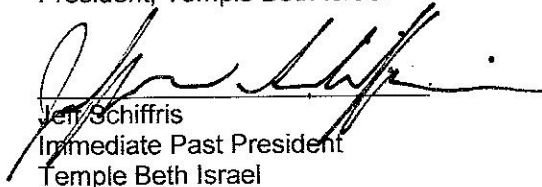
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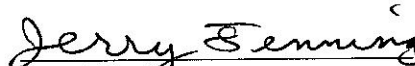
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