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Judy Feld Carr

The Humanitarian Award of Merit

Prime Minister

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Dear Judy,

Now that, for all practical purposes, the entire Syrian Jewish community has left Syria, the time for thanks is here - first and foremost to you.

Words cannot express my gratitude to you for 23 years of hard and dangerous work, during which you devoted your time and your life to the Jewish community in Syria. To list all your varied activities for the rescue of this oppressed and tormented community would require a book. Very few people, if any, have contributed as greatly as you have. The Jews of Syria who were rescued and the State of Israel owe you so much, and will never be able to reward you as you deserve.

This letter is not a summary of 23 years of extraordinary work for the Jewish people and the Syrian Jewish community. This is just to say that our gratitude knows no bounds.

And the rest will be told in history books.

Judy, the State of Israel salutes you.

Sincerely yours,

Yitzhak Rabin

Ms. Judy Feld Carr
Chairman
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Canadian Jewish Congress
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Canada

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Chairperson of a Canadian Jewish Congress National Task Force on behalf of Syrian Jewry, she labored with devotion for more than two decades to attain the rescue of this community.

Born in Montreal, Judy Carr gained both her B.A. and M.A. degrees in music education from the University of Toronto, where she later served as a lecturer. She was a visiting lecturer at Yeshiva University. She has also been engaged in youth work as well as in wide-ranging community service together with her husband Donald Carr, Q.C., who together with Ray D. Wolfe established the Canadian Friends of Haifa University.

Among her activities, Judy Carr was president of Beth Tzedec Congregation, the Toronto synagogue that is the largest in North America, and vice chair of the Ontario region of the Canadian Jewish Congress. She is a member of the International Board of the Joint Distribution Committee, the Canadian National Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, and the National Executive and the Ontario Region Executive of the CJC. She serves as director of the Beth Tzedec Congregation's Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands and is a founding member of the World Organization for Jews from Arab Countries.

In addition to her many speeches at various forums in Canada and the United States about the Jews of Syria, she has also authored articles and other publications on the subject.

Her wide-ranging activity, part of it confidential and clandestine, has earned her citations and awards, as well as admiration, from Jewish organizations in Israel and abroad, including the State of Israel itself.

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is hereby presented to

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for her devoted, indefatigable, clandestine activity that brought about the rescue of Syrian Jewry and their transport to safe shores, and for her educational and social contribution to the Jewish people.

Awarded this day,
Tuesday, November 7, 1995
at Haifa, Israel

Prof. Yehuda Hayuth
President

