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Churchill Comes to Jerusalem

Bust of Sir Winston Churchill, the only one in Israel, will be unveiled in Mishkenot Sha'nanim, in the presence of Churchill's great-grandson, Randolph Churchill

November 4, 2012 – *Jerusalem Israel*: A long overdue recognition of Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom during the second World War, will finally take place on November 4, 2012, at Misheknot Sha'nanim.

A bust of Churchill will be unveiled in Mishkenot in the presence of his great-grandson, Randolph Churchill who is arriving from London for the event. The bust's sculptor Oscar Nemon (1906-1985) was commissioned for a number of Churchill busts that are located throughout the world with one now settling in Jerusalem.

The project was the brain child of Member of Knesset Isaac Herzog and Anthony Rosenfelder, a trustee of the Jerusalem Foundation in the United Kingdom. Both were moved by Sir Martin Gilbert's prolific and deep historical work "Churchill and the Jews," which describes Churchill's empathy for the Jewish cause and his overwhelming support for the Jews and a Jewish homeland.

The unveiling ceremony, scheduled for 3 PM on Sunday, 4 November 2012, will include a number of dignitaries: Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat, President of the Jerusalem Foundation Mark Sofer, the Consul General of the United Kingdom in Jerusalem, Sir Vincent Fean, the British Ambassador to Israel Matthew Gould, the Israeli Ambassador to Britain Daniel Taub and other distinguished guests.

Mishkenot will also exhibit some never seen before in Israel documents from Churchill's various archives which clearly demonstrate his affinity for Jews and their cause.

"In today's world where the Iranian nuclear threat and global terrorism poses a significant threat to freedom-seeking nations, it is fitting that we commemorate and honor Churchill here in Jerusalem, a city of peace and freedom, for his role in leading the world to victory against the Nazis," said MK Herzog.

"Winston Churchill, a lifelong admirer of the Jewish people and vigorous advocate of the establishment of an independent State, dating back to the Balfour Declaration, continuing throughout his career and later by his Family, deserves full recognition by the State of Israel. The location of the statue, from a cast made by his official Sculptor, Oscar Nemon, in the heart of Israel's capital, facing the Old City, is a perfect choice," said Anthony Rosenfelder.

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