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Jerusalem's World Tolerance Center Is On Its Way

January 26, 2012 – Jerusalem, Israel: Jerusalem is one step closer to the creation of the World Tolerance Center, thanks to Aleksander Gudzowaty of Poland and the Jerusalem Foundation, who jointly signed the by-laws creating the non profit institution that will have an impact in Jerusalem and around the world, bringing together partners and supporters in this important initiative.

The World Tolerance Center in Jerusalem was Mr. Gudzowaty's brainchild. "I waited for a long time to build a place like this, especially in Jerusalem, the center of the world's three monotheistic faiths," said Gudzowaty at the signing ceremony. "As a city that is close to God, the message of peace and tolerance should emanate from Jerusalem."

Gudzowaty is a long time friend of the Jerusalem Foundation. He initiated, inspired and funded the Tolerance Park and Monument that is situated between the Jewish neighborhood of Armon Hanastiv and the Palestinian neighborhood of Jabel Mukaber, and for the past three years he has funded the annual Interfaith Tolerance Symposium where religious leaders gather to discuss how the faithful and their leaders can take an active role in bringing mutual respect and understanding to the world.

Gudzowaty is the recipient of the 2011 Teddy Kollek Award for significant contribution to Jerusalem, awarded in the Knesset in May 2011, and he continues to work tirelessly to advance the cause of tolerance through the Jerusalem Impulse Movement which seeks to disseminate the message of tolerance around the world. The message emanates from Jerusalem, the eternal city which means so much to people around the world and stands as a symbol of hope and peace. The heart of the message is that tolerance makes coexistence possible and is the most necessary and basic requirement of humanity.

The World Tolerance Center in Jerusalem will focus on spreading the message of tolerance especially to young people, but also religious leaders, governments, public institutions and other not-for profit organizations.

"It's my hope that, as a result of this Center and its work, Jerusalem will no longer be a source of conflict but will become a beacon of peace and tolerance not only for itself, but for all mankind."

The bylaws were signed by Mr. Gudzowaty, Honorary President of the World Tolerance Center and by Jerusalem Foundation President Mark Sofer, and former president Ruth Cheshin.