March 4, 2004

Special Master Judah Gribetz
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Dear Special Master Gribetz:

We write on behalf of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) to support fully the proposal submitted by United Jewish Communities (UJC) for the allocation of possible residual funds from the Swiss Bank Settlement Fund. We endorse the UJC’s recommendation that any and all available money from this fund be allocations for humanitarian purposes benefiting victims of the Nazi regime. We also support Judge Korman’s earlier directive that fund distributions augment and not substitute support from other sources.

Last year, as delegates from JCPA’s 13 national and 122 local Jewish community relations councils gathered at our annual Plenum, we studied and debated the needs of Holocaust Survivors. We became keenly aware of the vulnerability of this population which has suffered so much. The Plenum overwhelmingly adopted a groundbreaking resolution, stating as the consensus position of the organized American Jewish community, that all appropriately available unrestricted Holocaust Related Funds should be disbursed to assist Holocaust survivors anywhere in the world as long as any live in need.

The UJC has put forward a compelling case that a dramatic number of Holocaust survivors in the United States are unable to afford vital home and health care, transportation, emergency and other necessary human services. We are grateful for your diligent stewardship of the settlement fund and your careful consideration of the UJC proposal.

Sincerely,

Marie Abrams
Chair

Hannah Rosenthal
Executive Director

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