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For the last five years, the U.S. Embassy has had the pleasure of working with Lucy Lisowska and the Poland-Israel Citizen Education Center on the Zachor Festival of Jewish Culture in Białystok. Thanks to their tireless efforts and the generous support of local authorities, partners and sponsors, Polish audiences of all ages and musical preferences have enjoyed a unique opportunity to experience a rich variety of cultural programs.

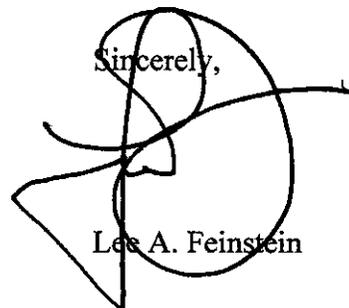
The programs at the Zachor Festival recall the vibrant art, music and culture of Białystok's once flourishing Jewish community. It plays a vital role in honoring and preserving the region's Jewish cultural heritage, while promoting stronger cultural connections between Poland and the United States. Its survivors and descendants from around the world, many of whom live in the United States, remember their roots in Białystok to this day.

I am proud that the United States will be represented this evening at the Festival's opening concert by the internationally renowned music of clarinetist David Krakauer, performing with the Podlaski Philharmonic in Białystok's marvelous new concert hall.

As an honorary patron of this festival, I regret that I will be unable to join you this evening. However, I am convinced that tonight's concert will be an ideal start to yet another inspiring and successful Festival. My congratulations again to Lucy Lisowska, the City of Białystok, and all the organizers and supporters of the Zachor Festival.

Życzę Państwu wielu wrażeń.

Sincerely,



Lee A. Feinstein