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To whom it may concern:

What I especially valued about the two talks that you arranged for me to give in the Boston area was the opportunity to reach young people – grade school, high school, college. The story I had for them was my survival story (and that of my mother) in the Holocaust, in the same part of the world where the founders of RememberUs come from and where you do the good work you are doing. It is so important that young people here (and in the Ukraine, and everywhere) know these stories – yes, stories of terrible times, when men and women were faced with terrible choices. But also times when some people chose for the good, as the Ukrainian couple who hid us in the last fifteen months of the war did. You found the audience, and they listened.

The work RememberUs is doing in Ukraine is very, very important. There once was a vibrant Jewish community in the region, and now so few are left. You have helped to memorialize the great human losses of our people under the Nazis, especially in communities where little has been done to put up memorials. And you are moving past remembrance of death to remember Jewish life, to introduce young people in Ukraine and here to Jewish culture and identity.

I thank you and your able volunteers for making my visit (and that of my wife) a comfortable one, but most of all for all the good work you are doing.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roald Hoffmann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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