

On May 2, a few days ahead of Yom HaShoah, the World Jewish Restitution Organization<<http://www.wjro.org.il>> (WJRO) will launch a grass-roots campaign to unite Jewish Holocaust survivors and younger generations in the ongoing effort for restitution of property stolen from Holocaust victims. Many people do not know that the Nazis' systematic looting of Jewish assets – of victims' every possession – was an integral component of the Holocaust, and that survivors generally did not recover their possessions and were victimized a second time under the Communist nationalization of property.

Your organization's support will significantly bolster our efforts. Therefore, we ask that on May 2 your organization share our Call to Action (described below) via Twitter, Facebook, email, and any other way you feel will most effectively reach your members and supporters. We would appreciate if you would connect us with the appropriate person in your organization who handles social media and public relations and with whom we could work on this effort.

In our Call to Action<<http://wjro.org.il/call-to-action>> survivor Jehuda Evron, an 84-year-old Nazi victim and longtime advocate for survivors and their families, asks younger generations to join the struggle for justice for survivors and their families and to ensure that their efforts continue after the last survivor has perished.

As a child, Jehuda survived the pogroms in Iași, Romania, in which approximately 15,000 Jews were murdered. Jehuda has spent decades fighting for the return of property taken by the Nazis from Jewish victims, including from his wife's family in Poland.

The Call to Action's cornerstone is the signing of a petition – an acceptance of Jehuda's plea – to be sent to the 47 countries that affirmed the importance of property restitution in their endorsement of the Terezin Declaration on Holocaust Era Assets in 2009<<http://wjro.org.il/our-work/international-declarations-resolutions/>>.

With your assistance, we hope to increase awareness of this important human rights issue among people from different generations and, through the petition, spur them into action. Our collective voice about the need for property restitution for Holocaust survivors will demonstrate to the world that this historic injustice should be remedied and urge the governments of Eastern Europe to right this historic wrong.