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**FRIENDS OF SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES  
TAKES HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO POLAND:  
MISSION TO BECOME A FIVE PART MINISERIES OF THIS EXCLUSIVE  
JOURNEY**

**Toronto- March 22, 2010, -** The Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies (FSWC) is leading a high level delegation of community leaders on the historic “From Compassion to Action: Glassman Tools for Tolerance ® Mission to Poland” journey of honour, remembrance and learning about the necessity of tolerance and acceptance.

Among the many government officials, educators, media, activists and private individuals joining the Mission are Toronto Chief of Police William Blair, York Region Chief of Police Armand LaBarge, Barrie Mayor David Aspden, Vaughan Mayor Linda Jackson, journalist and political activist Tarek Fatah, Canadian Museum of Human Rights Board of Trustee member Gail Asper, author Marina Nemat, Liberal MP Anita Neville and NDP MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

“As antisemitic attitudes creep back into everyday life in both Europe and North America, and Holocaust deniers continue to find accepting audiences on the internet, it is crucial to bear witness to the horrors of the Nazi era,” explains Avi Benlolo, President & CEO of FSWC and leader of the trip. “We hope the leaders joining us on this journey will be moved by this experience and help us in our efforts to stand against hatred, wherever we find it,” he adds.

During the week-long trip the delegation will visit several concentration camps including Auschwitz-Birkenau - in which more than one million Jews and many others were slaughtered, Jewish Synagogues, graveyards and other former centers of Jewish life prior to WWII, as well as the factory owned by Oskar Schindler, whose story was portrayed in the film “Schindler’s List.” /A\ Channel News from Barrie will accompany the delegation and plans to document the journey in a five-part miniseries upon returning to Canada.

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