

Daniel Pearl FOUNDATION

Remarks at ADL/MOSS Award

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----- Judea Pearl -----

Ruth and I are extremely grateful to ADL and to the Moss family for establishing this prize in honor of our son, his ideals, and his contributions to a better world.

We are deeply honored to see this prize going to Rabbi Harold Schulweis, a champion of border-less humanity, who also played a pivotal role in our personal lives.

Rabbi Schulweis was the one who convinced us, during the darkest hours of our lives that some beautiful music can be played with a two-string violin.

As a first note on that violin, he signed on the Brith mila certificate of Adam, Danny's son, and advised us to establish the Daniel Pearl Foundation.

I think it is fair to say that it is to Rabbi Schulweis credit that today, almost seven years after Danny's murder, we no longer ask God to apologize for over-sleeping his watch, in Karachi Pakistan, on that terrible morning of January 2002.

We ask him instead to show us another Jewish youngster to be empowered by the legacy of Daniel Pearl.

We ask him to show us another Muslim community that need be supported in their fight against terrorism or be enlightened by the amazing story of the Jewish people,

or another leftist campus that need be reminded of the heroic story of Israel and the beauty of the West.

In short, we are now asking God, through the Daniel Pearl Foundation, to give us the opportunity to use Daniel's legacy as a weapon in the army of decency, to restore this planet to an orbit sanity and humanity.

Thank you Rabbi Schulweis for teaching us the wisdom of asking God for gifts that He can deliver.

We know that Danny approves of this Award. and especially of its recipient.

Thank you all for having us on this special occasion.