



THE PRESIDENT

Jerusalem, January 12, 2010

Your Majesty,

I bow my head in mourning and deep respect for Miep Gies, who has passed away today at age 100.

A Righteous Gentile whose name has been connected with the legendary Anne Frank, she has won the hearts of us all by her heroic efforts to save Anne Frank and her family, and for recovering Anne's diary. This enabled the world at large to identify with the dreams and hopes of a young girl, whose life was tragically truncated by the Nazis, but whose spirit lived on for ever.

Miep's selfless humanitarian deed inspires us to continue believing in the goodness and integrity of human beings in the face of unfathomable evil, and is an example to emulate. She holds a special place in our hearts, and we shall remember her always.

May she rest in peace.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shimon Peres". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shimon" and the last name "Peres" clearly distinguishable.

Shimon Peres

Her Majesty
Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands