



THE WHITE HOUSE
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I send greetings to those gathered to honor Martha and Waitstill Sharp, the first American woman and second American man named Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem. This event is a fitting tribute to these remarkable citizens and their bold efforts to save others during the Holocaust.

As we look back on the somber days of the Holocaust, we remember the courage of the victims, the compassion of those who reached out to others in need, and the power of good to overcome the darkness of evil. During World War II, the brave efforts of Martha and Waitstill Sharp helped many people escape cruelty and injustice and brought hope in the midst of violence and persecution. Their story of strength and sacrifice continues to inspire people around the world and reminds us of our responsibility to oppose hatred, aggression, and murderous ambitions wherever they exist. This event is an opportunity to pay tribute to the Sharps' great compassion and decency and helps ensure that the heroism of these great Americans is never forgotten.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, and may we always remember.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.