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President George W. Bush Receives Friends of Zion Award from Israeli President Shimon Peres

DALLAS, March 21 – Former Israeli President Shimon Peres made a historic visit today to the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, to present former President Bush with the Friends of Zion Award. The honor was given to recognize President Bush’s longstanding and unflagging support for the Nation of Israel and the Jewish people.

“It is a great honor to present you with this prize,” Peres said upon conferring the award. “You have always demonstrated concern for the security of Israel and have worked towards peace.”

President Peres is the international chair of the Friends of Zion Heritage Center in Jerusalem, for which the award is named. This unique museum is devoted to telling the stories of non-Jewish friends and their contributions in protecting the Jewish people and establishing of the State of Israel.

The Friends of Zion Heritage Center, located in Jerusalem, features a one-hour tour informing visitors about the lives of non-Jewish friends of Zion, such as President Harry S. Truman, Oskar Schindler and others. More information about the museum’s exhibits can be found at <http://fozhc.org/en>.

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Former President George W. Bush received the Friends of Zion Award from former Israeli President Shimon Peres at the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas today. Photo provided courtesy of the Friends of Zion Heritage Center.