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The Spirit of Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award is dedicated to the memory of the courageous Swedish diplomat who worked to save thousands of Hungarian Jews during the Second World War. It is presented to an individual, individuals or organization who/which have demonstrated a commitment to humanitarianism through acts which achieve a significant contribution, to alleviate human suffering or injustice, involved sacrifices or risks and are performed without expectation of reward or recognition.

The award will be given to Ambassador Asher Naim on October 24, 2009. While serving as Israeli Ambassador to Ethiopia in 1991, Ambassador Naim helped realize Operation Solomon, the daring rescue of thousands of Beta Israel (the indigenous Jews of Ethiopia) from persecution during that country's civil war. Following the Operation, Ambassador Naim received "the Most Distinguished Civil Servant Award" for the year 1991 by the President and Prime Minister of Israel. He continues his humanitarian work today through a non-profit organization which helps Ethiopian Jews integrate into Israeli society.

This year the award is planned as part of a 4-day celebration of Swedish America co-hosted by the Swedish Colonial Society and the Swedish Council of America, including a Sunday luncheon at the Union League and Scandinavian concert given by the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. The full program of events is available at www.swedishcouncil.org/conference.aspx.

**Spirit of Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award Presentation and Reception
Honoring Ambassador Asher Naim**

**American Swedish Historical Museum
Saturday, October 24 at 7 pm**

Individual Ticket \$50

Sponsor \$250

Two tickets to award presentation and reception
Autographed copy of Ambassador Naim's book *Saving the Lost Tribe: The Rescue
and Redemption of the Ethiopian Jews*
Recognition in the program booklet

Patron \$500

Includes all of the above plus
Two tickets for the Scandinavian concert at the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia
Sunday October 25 at 3:00

For further information, or to register for the event, please contact the American Swedish Historical Museum at 1900 Pattison Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19145; 215-389-1776.