



December 10, 2010

Att;
Mr. Jacob Kellenberger
President of the International Committee of the Red Cross
Via Mr. Juan Pedrp Schaerer
Head of ICRC Delegation in Tel-Aviv, Israel

An Appeal of Conscience

It is in flagrant violation of all accepted principles of International Law that **Gilad Shalit** has been held captive by the Hamas terrorist organization. Despite unabated international pressure, no representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross has been permitted to visit him. Hamas' wanton disregard for the norms of international conduct is unacceptable, and serves to damage the cause of the Red Cross.

As members of The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, and faithful to the legacy of President Rene Cassin, Justice Arthur Goldberg and Justice Haim Cohen (founders of this organization) we appeal to you to take any and all possible human measures to visit Gilad Shalit.

Aware of the outstanding devotion of your organization to the cause of saving human lives we hope that under your leadership the International Committee of the Red Cross will hear this appeal.

It is the actualization of the *raison d'être* of your organization, and our moral imperative as members of the human race to ensure that Gilad Shalit, a kidnapped Israeli soldier, enjoys the right to life and is reunited with his family. Time must not erode our resolve, for Gilad's fate. Where silence equals acquiescence, let our protest be heard.

He who saves a life it is as if he saved a whole world.

Please act now – before it is too late....