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Fethullah Gülen’s Condolences Message for Bensiyon Pinto, the Honorary Chair of Turkish Jewish Community

It is with deep sadness that I have learned of the death of Bensiyon Pinto, the honorary chair of the Turkish Jewish Community. Mr. Pinto was an Istanbul gentleman and a steadfast advocate for interfaith dialogue. He served as the chair of the Turkish Jewish community for a long time and devoted himself to the service of his community. He continued to serve as the honorary chair until the end of his life. He made a lifelong effort to promote the ideal of living together in peace, and passed on his memories to younger generations with his autobiography, "My Life as a Turkish Jew."

I would like to express my condolences and my prayers for patience and perseverance to all his loved ones, especially his wife and two children.

About Fethullah Gülen

Fethullah Gülen is an Islamic scholar, preacher and social advocate, whose decades-long commitment to education, interfaith dialogue and altruism has inspired millions in Turkey and around the world. Gülen is the honorary chairman of the Rumi Forum, Washington, DC, and the Peace Islands Institute, New York.

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