



3 ביוני 2020
י"א בסיון תש"פ

לכבוד
ד"ר שולה רקנאטי
מר נמרוד דותן
עמותת חינוך לפסגות

שלום רב,

תודה רבה על המילים החמות וברכת הדרך.

אני מודה לכם על פועלכם החשוב לקידום וצמצום הפערים החברתיים, מוביליות חברתיות ומתן שוויון הזדמנויות לילדים ובני נוער בפריפריה.

אנו מעומדים בפני תקופה מאתגרת וחשובה וצמצום הפערים החברתיים והכלכליים הינם אחד ממשימות היעד של הממשלה בכלל ומפלגת כחול לבן בפרט.

ישר כוח.

בברכה,

גב' אשכנזי
שר החוץ



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תא"ל במיל' מוטי בר דגן, יו"ר

תא"ל במיל' דן נדיב, מנכ"ל

"צוות" ארגון גמלאי צה"ל

מוטי בר דגן

שלום רב,

תודה על המילים החמות וברכת הדרך.

אני מודה לכם על פועלכם החשוב והמשמעותי למען גמלאי צה"ל.

ישר כוח.

בברכה,

גב' אשכנזי

שר החוץ



3 ביוני 2020

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הרב אייל גריינר

הרב חיים דרוקמן

הרב שמואל הבר

הרב אריה הנדלר

הרב יהושע ויצמן

הרב יואל מנוביץ

הרב דוד פנדל

הרב צבי קוסטינר

הרב שלמה רוזנפלד

איגוד ישיבות ההסדר

שלום רב,

תודה רבה על המילים החמות וברכת הדרך.

כרמטכ"ל לשעבר אני רואה חשיבות רבה במוסד ישיבות ההסדר.

אני מודה לכם על פועלכם המשמעותי אותו אתם מקיימים בישיבות ההסדר לחיזוק האחדות,
הערבות הדדית ערכים של אהבת המולדת ושירות המדינה.

אשמח שתהיו בקשר עם לשכתי לבחינת שיתוף פעולה אפשרי.

יישר כוח.

בברכה,

גבי אשכנזי

שר החוץ



3 ביוני 2020
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לכבוד

פרופ' יהודה דנון, נשיא
מר בובי בראון, המשנה לנשיא
אוניברסיטת אריאל בשומרון

'קני'

יהודה שלום רב,

תודה על המילים החמות וברכת הדרך.

אתם מוזמנים להיות בקשר עם לשכתי לבחינת שיתוף פעלה אפשרי.

בברכה,

גבי אשכנזי

שר החוץ



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1 September 2020

Dear Minister,

Please accept my warmest congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

I am confident that our continued cooperation in the fields of innovation, economy, energy and culture as well as regional security and the fight against terrorism, will help strengthen the bonds between our countries.

I look forward to working with you in Europe, and in the international arena, on the wide range of issues in which Israel and Poland share common interests.

As your new government begins its work, I look forward to working with you to increase cooperation and partnership in areas of mutual benefit.

I wish you every success in your new duties in these challenging global times and look forward to our meeting in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

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Gabi Ashkenazi

H.E. Professor Zbigniew Rau
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Krakow, Republic of Poland



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Honorable Péter Szijjártó
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Budapest, Hungary

29 September 2020

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your warm letter of greetings for Rosh Hashanah, it is very much appreciated.

I was very pleased to host you on your recent visit to Jerusalem, a visit that served to further strengthen the relations between Israel and Hungary. I am confident that the education and science agreements that we signed will lead to further cooperation between our governments and our peoples.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you personally, as well as the government of Prime Minister Orban, for the continued support of Hungary for Israel in international fora, in particular the European Union and the United Nations. It is yet another sign of the ongoing alliance between our countries.

I wish you and all the people of Hungary good health, and I look forward to being able to meet again soon.

Sincerely yours,

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Gabi Ashkenazi



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

H.E. María Aránzazu González Laya
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Madrid, Kingdom of Spain

12 October 2020

Your Excellency,

I would like to congratulate you and all of the people of Spain on the occasion of the Fiesta Nacional de España. I wish you and all the people of Spain continued success, prosperity and good health.

Israel and Spain have enjoyed growing cooperation ever since diplomatic relations were established in 1986, and next year we will celebrate their 35th anniversary.

The Jewish people and Spain, or "Sefarad", have many centuries of joint history. Some of the greatest Jewish thinkers, poets and philosophers lived and worked in Spain including Maimonides, Judah Halevi and Ibn Gvirol, whose birth 1000 years ago we will celebrate next year.

I would like to thank you for the Spanish government's recent decision to adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism, a decision that takes on even greater significance as we witness outbreaks of antisemitism in Europe and in small parts of Spanish society.

This year, Israel and Spain have dealt with the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our citizens. A global problem such as Coronavirus demands a global response and our joint response led to greater dialogue, cooperation and coordination in this and many areas.

Over 350,000 Israelis visited Spain annually before the Corona crisis, and I hope that the situation will soon allow us to restart flights and tourism between our countries.

I was disappointed that we had to postpone your recently scheduled visit, but am pleased that our teams are working on a date in the near future for us to meet.

Sincerely yours,



Gabi Ashkenazi



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Honorable Sophie Wilmès
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs,
European Affairs and Foreign Trade
Brussels, Belgium

12 October 2020

Your Excellency,

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Belgian Foreign Minister and on the establishment of your new government. On behalf of myself, and the government of Israel, I wish you and the new government much success.

Israel and Belgium have benefitted from over 70 years of diplomatic relations between our countries and I hope that we will continue to have an open and constructive dialogue.

The global COVID-19 pandemic requires global solutions and innovative scientific and medical answers, and since both Israel and Belgium have well known expertise in these areas, I would be pleased to see joint cooperation and collaboration in this field.

I would like to thank you for your firm and uncompromising stance on the issue of antisemitism in Belgium, it is an issue that is important not only to the Jewish community, but to all those who reject intolerance and racism, and requires action from across the political spectrum.

Finally, I would like to invite you to visit Israel, when the situation allows, so that we may discuss the many opportunities and challenges facing the Middle East at this time.

Sincerely yours,

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Gabi Ashkenazi



שר החוץ

לי תשרי תשפ"א
18 באוקטובר 2020

עמי ידידי שלום רב,

מבקש להודות לך, לצוות המרכז ולאוניברסיטת חיפה, על המאמר המרתק בנושא המורכב של מושג הניצחון. נא העבר תודתי לכל העוסקים במלאכת המחקר המקצועי ותרומתם לשיח האקדמי, המדיני והצבאי/בטחוני.

יישר כח!

בברכה,

רא"ל (במיל') גבי אשכנזי
שר החוץ



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

H.E. Pekka Haavisto
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Helsinki, Finland

21 October 2020

Your Excellency,

It is my pleasure to send you, and all the people of Finland, greetings as we celebrate 70 years of bilateral relations between our countries. Although formal relations were only declared on 14th November 1950, the Finnish government announced de facto recognition just a month after our establishment, in June 1948.

Israel and Finland have much in common, from our small size and sharing the same colors on our flags, to our innovative and advanced economies, as well as our national resilience. In addition, Finland serves as an example of gender equality at the highest levels of government.

I attach great importance to the ties between our countries and peoples. Over the years our relationship has blossomed, and what started with the export of oranges has today developed into cooperation in digital health, smart transportation, high tech, and security. I look forward to working with you to expand our collaboration in these fields and also to further develop our work in the areas of ecological sustainability, culture, education and tourism.

Over the next 70 years and beyond, I hope we will continue to strengthen and develop the friendship between us, our people to people ties and an open and close dialogue.

Finally, I wish you and the Finnish people prosperity, success and good health.

Sincerely yours,

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Gabi Ashkenazi



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa,
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem,
Apostolic Nunciature in Israel

28 October 2020

Dear Archbishop Pizzaballa,

I send you my warmest congratulations on your appointment as the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and my best wishes for your success in this important position.

In your previous roles as both Custos of the Holy Land and Apostolic Administrator you have been dedicated to the well-being of the Catholic community in Israel and the Middle East. You have worked to bring members of the various religious communities in Israel and the Middle East closer, and worked for greater understanding, brotherhood and peace in our region.

Your appointment by Pope Francis is an opportunity to deepen ties and strengthen relationships with the Catholic world and I wish you and the Catholic community that you lead prosperity, health and well-being.

Today we celebrate the 55th anniversary of the publication of the *Nostra Aetate*, adopted by the Second Vatican Council in 1965, which caused a theological revolution in Jewish-Catholic relations and paved the way for the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel in 1994.

I look forward to working with you to further deepen the dialogue between the Vatican and the State of Israel.

Yours faithfully,

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Gabi Ashkenazi



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

3 November 2020

H.E. Nikola Selakovic
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Belgrade, Republic of Serbia

Dear Minister,

Please accept my warmest congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The relations between Israel and Serbia are as close as they have been, and are based on collaboration in numerous fields, including deepening economic relations and an increase in the number of direct flights between our countries.

The significant actions being taken by your government to restore property and constitute memory of the Holocaust serve as an example to many other countries. Serbia paid a heavy price in World War II, and your decision to teach the history of the Holocaust is important and appreciated.

I look forward to working with you to deepen and expand our relationship, and am eager to discuss our cooperation, and in particular I look forward to Serbia opening an official diplomatic office in Jerusalem in advance of the opening of your embassy in our capital city.

While our cultural and academic ties have slowed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, new opportunities in the fields of innovation, and particular in medicine, have presented themselves, and I am eager that we move forward in these and the many other areas that exist for potential cooperation.

I wish you every success in your new duties in these challenging global times and would like to invite you to visit Israel when the situation allows.

Sincerely yours,

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Gabi Ashkenazi



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

22 November 2020

H.E. Sylvestre Radegonde
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism
Victoria, Republic of Seychelles

Your Excellency,

I send my warmest congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and on the formation of a new government in the Republic of Seychelles. I wish you success in this challenging and important post.

The Republic of Seychelles and the State of Israel enjoy good relations across a number of different fields and I look forward to working with you to increase cooperation between our countries.

In 2019 we initiated the first direct flights between our countries, and I am pleased that following the decision of your Department of Health, flights will resume in the coming days. We continue to work towards the successful conclusion of the visa waiver agreement that will give a significant boost to tourism and allow our peoples to see the beauty that both of our countries have to offer.

The global COVID-19 pandemic requires global solutions and innovative scientific and medical answers and I hope that we will be able to develop further cooperation between Israel and the Republic of Seychelles in dealing with the pandemic and other wider issues.

Finally, I would like to invite you to visit Israel, when the situation allows.

Yours faithfully,



Gabi Ashkenazi



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1 December 2020

H.E. Bogdan Aurescu
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Bucharest, Romania

Dear Minister,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you and the people of Romania on the occasion of Great Union Day.

The historic ties between our countries date back to the very establishment of Israel. Romania is a close ally and our relations are reflected in many different and varied fields.

The close relationship was especially evident this past year when numerous senior officials of the Romanian government visited Israel. I was particularly happy to welcome you twice to Jerusalem.

The global COVID-19 pandemic requires global solutions and innovative scientific and medical answers and I hope that we will be able to develop further cooperation between Israel and the Romania in dealing with the pandemic and other wider issues. I look forward to the skies opening between Israel and Romania, so that once again our people may get to know the beauty of our respective countries.

Once again, I congratulate you and the people of Romania on this festive occasion.

Sincerely yours,

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Gabi Ashkenazi



שר החוץ

8 דצמבר 2020
כ"ב כסלו תשפ"א

לכבוד:
השגריר, יצחק אלדן
נשיא מועדון השגרירים בישראל

הנדון: טקס "דיפלומט השנה 2020"

מר אלדן היקר,

שמחתי לשמוע שמועדון השגרירים בישראל ממשיך גם בימי קורונה, במסורת של טקס שנתי להבעת הוקרה והערכה לדיפלומטים מצטיינים. מקצוע הדיפלומטיה הוא כידוע מורכב וחשוב והמועדון שלכם ראוי לשבח על פעילותו הענפה בקרב הקהילה הדיפלומטית הפועלת בישראל, הן בקרב הסגל הדיפלומטי והן בקרב קונסולי הכבוד.

לצערי אין באפשרותי לקחת חלק בטקס אך ברצוני לברך בהזדמנות זו את הזוכה באות "ההצטיינות בדיפלומטיה" – כבוד שגרירת נפאל בישראל ד"ר אנגיין שאקייה. שגרירת נפאל פועלת ללא מנוחה לחיזוק הקשרים בין ישראל לנפאל וראויה בהחלט לתואר שגרירת השנה בישראל לשנת 2020. במהלך כהונתי כשר החוץ נפגשתי עמה ואף חתמנו יחדיו על הסכמים חשובים בין שתי המדינות בתחומי סיעוד ופיתוח תקלאות.

מבקש לנצל הזדמנות זו ולשגר לכם חברי מועדון השגרירים ולנשיא המועדון יצחק אלדן, איחולי בריאות והמשך פעילות מבורכת, התורמת למאמץ לחיזוק הקשרים ושיתופי הפעולה בין ישראל ואומות העולם.

בברכה,

גבי אשכנזי