



THE PRESIDENT

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Dear friends,

As we approach Rosh Hashana I send you all warmest greetings from Jerusalem.

שלום מירושלים!

Another year has passed and a new year starts. In our prayers, we say 'let the new year and its blessings begin.' And our children sing 'Let the new year that is beginning today be better and different'. After a difficult year for the safety of Jewish communities and relations between Israel and the Jewish world, let the new year be better and different.

Over the last year I have been honored to meet so many of you from across the Jewish world. Your commitment to the future of the Jewish people and to the State of Israel is inspiring.

Despite the differences and the disagreements between us, we must take care to protect our relations and ensure they are strong and resilient. I believe our bonds are stronger than any difference.

We know that Israel faces many security challenges. We take care that the IDF is strong and the strong IDF takes care of us.

Israel has achieved amazing things this year. We got to the moon, even if the landing was not entirely successful. We hosted the Eurovision, we printed an artificial heart and we have a Judo world champion.

Many of those achievements are shared with you. I want to thank you for your partnership and for standing with the people and the State of Israel. Israel was and will remain your home, the home of all Jewish people.

Happy New Year!

שנה טובה ומבורכת!

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