



ראש הממשלה  
PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Malcolm and Stephen,

I send warm greetings from Jerusalem as we celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel's independence.

The Jewish state is a modern miracle. The story of our national revival in our ancient homeland after two millennia of exile and the murder of six million of our people is unparalleled in human history. While continuously defending ourselves and fighting for our very right to exist, we have made the desert bloom and built a thriving and powerful democracy, with a strong army and a vibrant civil society – a true Light unto the Nations.

Today, Israel is a powerhouse of technology and innovation, and our discoveries and developments have helped improve the lives of millions of people across the world. Even our neighbors are increasingly recognizing Israel as a force for positive change, an ally in both the fight against terrorism and the quest for peace and prosperity.

Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary is an opportunity to express our profound gratitude for all that the Conference of Presidents does. Since its founding more than half a century ago, the Conference has presented a united front for the American Jewish community and nurtured support for Israel in the United States. The Conference has played a key advocacy role on a range of issues from Iran's nuclear program to antisemitism, and helped ensure a better future for us all. Each year as I address your annual gathering in Jerusalem, I am heartened by the depth of your commitment to the security and wellbeing of our people.

As we mark this important milestone in our nation's history, we reflect with pride on all we have achieved together and we celebrate all that unites us – our values, our history, and our commitment to realizing the promise of our common destiny.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Netanyahu