
The Israel Museum, Jerusalem

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to let you know about last week's visit to the Israel Museum of no less than nine world leaders – including heir to the British throne, HRH Charles, Prince of Wales – who were in Jerusalem to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and to attend the Fifth World Holocaust Forum on 23 January, 2020.

We are deeply honored that on the same day as the official ceremony at Yad Vashem, so many heads of state chose to spend time at the Israel Museum, sending an important message to the world about the international standing of the Israel Museum and its significance as a must-see on the agenda of visiting dignitaries.

The nine world leaders – in the order of their arrival – were:

HE the President of Portugal, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa
HE the President of Iceland, Guoni Thorlacius Johannesson His Majesty King Philippe of Belgium
HRH Grand Duke Henri of Luxemburg HE the President of Hungary, Janos Ader
HE Mr. Viktoras Pranckietis, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania
HRH Charles, Prince of Wales
HE Zeljka Komsic, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
HE Alexander Van der Bellen, President of Austria.

This was a complex security and logistic undertaking of immense proportions and I wish to express my gratitude to the Museum's management and staff who organized and carried out the visits with great aplomb.

The visits – especially that of HRH Prince Charles who met with two Holocaust survivors in the Museum's Wing for Jewish Art and Life – garnered broad international coverage, and I am pleased to enclose some photographs from the visits. I hope that you share our pride at seeing our Museum in so prominent a position on the world stage. With warmest wishes,

Isaac Molho
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Below are links to some of the international press articles that mention the Israel Museum:

[Daily Mail](#)

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HRH Prince Charles with Holocaust Survivors in the Jewish Art and Life Wing



HRH Prince Charles and Chief Rabbi of England, Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis



HRH Prince Charles and his delegation at the Shrine of the Book



HRH Prince Charles who was guided in the Suriname Synagogue by Senior Curator in the Wing for Jewish Art and Life Dr. Rachel Sarfati



His Majesty King Philippe of Belgium (right) and HRH Henri, the Grand Duke of Luxemburg at the Shrine of the Book with Curator of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Head of the Shrine of the Book Dr. Adolfo Roitman



His Majesty the King of Belgium and HRH the Grand Duke of Luxemburg who were guided in the Archaeology Wing by Senior Advisor to the Director and Chairman Susan Strul



HE the President of Austria Alexander Van der Bellen in the Jewish Art and Life Wing with the Ambassador of Austria to Israel and the Israeli Ambassador to Austria



HE the President of Austria and his delegation at the Shrine of the Book



HE the President of Iceland Guoni Thorlaciuss Johannesson at the Shrine of the Book who was guided by Adolfo Roitman and met by Lea Rotstein, Executive Director of the Association of Israeli Friends



HE the President of Hungary Janos Ader (left) with Josh Schwarcz, a member of the IMJ Board of Directors, and Shlomit Steinberg, Hans Dichand Senior Curator of European Art, in the exhibition *Fateful Choices: Art from the Gurlitt Trove*



HE the President of Hungary at the Shrine of the Book with Josh Schwarcz and Hagit Maoz, Curator of the Dead Sea Scrolls



HE the President of Portugal Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa at the entrance to the Edmond and Lily Safra Fine Arts Wing



HE the President of Portugal in the Suriname Synagogue with Chief Curator Daisy Raccach-Djivre (left), and Associate Curator Efrat Assaf-Shapira in the Wing for Jewish Art and Life



HE Zeljko Komsic, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the Horb Synagogue with Deputy Director Yoav Mark, and Gioia Perugia, Collection Manager in the Wing for Jewish Art and Life