

Dear Friends,

We wish once again to express our heartfelt thanks for your expressions of solidarity and support since the beginning of this terrible war that has claimed more than 1,300 innocent Israeli lives. We stand together in the fight for freedom, not only in Israel, but everywhere in the world.

We are pleased to send you a video link (*see attached*) and image of the Israeli flag (*below*) projected onto the Shrine of the Book – we hope you will pass it onto your members, friends, and acquaintances as an inspiring symbol of the country's pride and resolve. We are also attaching a link to an article from *The Jerusalem Post* about some of the on-site and online activities that our Youth Wing is organizing for children and their families.  
<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/culture/article-767835>



As previously reported to you, we are extending the closure of the Museum to visitors on a day-to-day basis.

Our foremost responsibility continues to be for the safety and wellbeing of the Museum's staff and their families, especially those with loved ones in the army. So far, we are all well and pray that this continues.

The Board and management are monitoring the broader situation and responding promptly to any changes in the overall situation. We have established protected areas in the Museum for those who choose or who need to come into work, and are available around the clock for anyone in the Israel Museum family who needs assistance of any kind.

We also continue to safeguard our treasures, and in this respect, we would like to share with you a story which illustrates the sympathy we are receiving from our colleagues worldwide: there is a rare and important ancient artifact in the

exhibition *The Feast*, on loan from the British Museum. When we requested permission from the BM, as required, to move it down to storage for safekeeping, the response was positive “so long as it does not endanger any of the staff.”

The closure of the Museum, and many other factors, such as the loss of tourism and self-generated income, just when we were getting back on our feet after the pandemic, will undoubtedly have long-term financial repercussions that must be overcome, and we are certain that you will stand by us in this task.

We are proud of the enormous bravery, dedication, and volunteering spirit shown by our staff and by all the people of Israel.

Until this threat to the citizens of Israel is swiftly and decisively removed, let us stand united in our compassion and determination.

When the war is finally over, the role of the Israel Museum as a place of peace, tranquility, tolerance, coexistence, and freedom of expression will be more important than ever.

We ask for your financial and emotional support in making this possible.

Many of you have kindly asked what the Museum needs and how to show their solidarity at this difficult time. It would be especially beneficial and meaningful for us if you would kindly consider making a donation now as a gesture of solidarity with the Museum and its staff. Please contact the German Friends for transfer of payment.

Warm regards



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