



ראש הממשלה
PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister, *dem Kyriakos,*

Congratulations to you and the people of Greece as you celebrate 200 years of independence.

Not only was ancient Greece the cradle of democracy, its philosophers, scientists and artists built the foundations which continue to serve as the bedrock for Western civilization. Since winning independence 200 years ago, and despite many challenges, the modern Hellenic Republic has successfully established itself as a vital part of both the European and Mediterranean regions, allowing Greece to be a crucial bridge between nations, while always cherishing your own unique spirit and rich heritage of which you are justifiably proud.

The Jewish community has been an important part of Greece for millennia and contributed much to the prosperity of modern Greece. I know you that you value Greek Jewry and I applaud your government's emphasis on the importance of Holocaust remembrance.

Israeli-Greek relations have developed greatly over the decades and have now reached new and unprecedented levels of cooperation. As the representatives of two countries who can trace their roots in the region back to antiquity and who share the values of democracy and freedom, I look forward to continuing to work closely together with you to expand even further the already excellent ties of friendship between our governments and peoples.

As ever, Sincerely,



Benjamin Netanyahu

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