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To the  
Honourable **Isaac Herzog**  
President-elect of the State of Israel  
Via e-mail  
c/o Embassy of Israel in Greece

Athens, June 3, 2021

*Dear President-elect Isaac Herzog,*

On behalf of the Greek Jewry we are thrilled to congratulate you on your election as the 11<sup>th</sup> President of the State of Israel.

Having in mind your political career, your heritage, your strong leadership and insightful thinking, we are sure that your presidency will mark a new era in Israel's relations with the international community as well as with the Jewish Diaspora.

The Greek Jewish Community is an active bonding link between Greece and Israel. We are proud of and advocate for the ongoing enhancement of the strategic relations between the two countries, profoundly confident that this will only lead to a multitude of benefits for both peoples as well as for the peace and stability of the East Mediterranean region.

In this spirit, we look forward to welcoming you soon in Greece under your new role and introduce you to the rich Greek Jewish heritage.

We are also pleased to bring to your attention an additional bond we share with your family, as your parental grandfather, Rabbi Yitzhak HaLevi Herzog, was invited by the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki to assume the city's Rabbinate in the early 30's, at a time when Thessaloniki was known to the world as "*Madre d' Israel*". His choice paved the way to your family's glorious contribution to Israel. A tradition that you honor and continue.

Please accept, Dear Mr. President-elect, our most heartfelt wishes for the best of success in your new duties for the benefit of the people and the State of Israel.

Sincerely Yours,

The President



**David Saltiel**

The Secretary General



**Victor Isaak Eliezer**