



July 30, 2017

Dear Mr. Saliel,

Thank you for the warm and generous hospitality you and the Jewish community showed me and my delegation during our recent visit to Thessaloniki.

Our visit to the stunning synagogue of Monastiriotas, which was so beautifully restored in great part thanks to your drive and commitment, was a high point of my visit. I was moved to see the vitality of the Jewish community of Thessaloniki, which rebuilt itself after being nearly entirely destroyed during World War II.

Although we only had the opportunity to meet briefly when we unveiled the plaque marking the construction of the Holocaust museum, I hope to have the opportunity to speak again, perhaps at the opening of the museum.

Allow me to take this opportunity to commend you on your important work commemorating the victims of the Holocaust from Thessaloniki and all you do on behalf of your local community.

Sincerely,

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