

# למען ציון לא אחשה ולמען ירושלים לא אשקוט...

"For Zion's sake I will not be silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be still..." ISAIAH 62:1

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Hon. Ehud Olmert  
Prime Minister, State of Israel

Dear Prime Minister Olmert,

We write on behalf of our organization and our many synagogues and members throughout North America to express our deepest concern over recent statements by senior members of your cabinet that your Government is prepared to divide the holy city of *Yerushalayim* and cede portions of it to the Palestinian Authority.

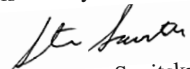
The position of the Orthodox Union and its constituents on this most critical issue is clear. As stated most recently in a Resolution adopted at our 2006 Biennial Convention which, as you know from your own participation, was held in *Yerushalayim*:

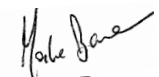
Our relationship to *Yerushalayim* is one that transcends time, space and other physical constraints, and our attachment to this holy city remains constant in our psyche, spirit and practices, wherever we may be. . . . Israel's miraculous liberation of the Old City in 1967 and unification of *Yerushalayim* brought with it a guaranty that people of all religions could freely access all of the city's holy sites. . . . *Yerushalayim* must forever remain the spiritual, cultural and political center of the Jewish people and the State of Israel, and the Orthodox Union is mandated to undertake all efforts that are necessary to secure and maintain *Yerushalayim* as the eternal and undivided capital of the State of Israel.

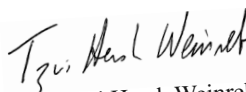
**Mr. Prime Minister, we cannot state strongly enough our belief that the Government and people of the State of Israel hold *Yerushalayim* in trust for the Jewish People no matter where they may live, for we all have a share in the holy city.**


We insist that you remain faithful to this trust and do not undertake what would be unthinkable to the millions of Jews who, for centuries, could not set foot in *Yerushalayim*, yet raised their voices at the end of innumerable *Yemei Kippur* gone by to say, as we all did last week, with full conviction and deep longing *la-shana ha-ba'a bi-Yerushalayim*.

With wishes to you for a *chag same'ach*,

  
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