



# B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL

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June 2, 2017

His Excellency Milos Zeman  
President of the Republic  
Prague, Czech Republic

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of B'nai B'rith International's more than 100,000 members and supporters around the world, we urge the Czech Republic to formally recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, pursuant to a recent Chamber of Deputies resolution affirming Jerusalem's status.

Mr. President, you have distinguished yourself as one of Israel's most vocal allies in Europe. We applaud the remarks you gave at your official residence on Jerusalem Day, when you said, "It was the Czechoslovak Republic that gave the helping hand to Israel in difficult times. And in exchange, Israel, with its vitality and pride, encourages us in Europe where we face the evil of terrorism."

The Czech Republic can extend Israel such a helping hand by recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital at a time when Israel, and Jewish communities, are under assault throughout Europe. Moreover, the Jewish state's opponents are waging a campaign against Israel at the United Nations, where resolutions that seek to diminish the Jewish legacy in Jerusalem and other parts of Israel are gaining currency. Against such a backdrop, support for Israel "is all the more valuable when the poisonous shoots of anti-Semitism once again started to take root on the European continent," as you stated in your speech at the Castle.

Mr. President, we thank you for the friendship you have demonstrated toward Israel and the Jewish community and hope that you can further cement the Czech-Israeli alliance by formally recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Respectfully,

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President

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