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HE Ambassador Zvi Heifetz
Israel Embassy,
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Dear Ambassador Heifetz

I am writing to express the local community's alarm at the increasingly distressing scenes and reports coming out of Israel in recent days.

British parents with children studying in Israel report that their youngsters are being abused simply for expressing their solidarity with those who are threatened with expulsion at the hands of their own army. Such freedom of expression should be respected and protected as part of Israel's democratic society, not crushed underfoot as if it were Tiananmen Square.

A democratic government of Israel must not behave in this way. To do so risks destroying the fabric of Israel's society and undermining the rule of law and respect for the authority of the armed forces and police. This is a self-defeating strategy.

I request you to urgently convey these sentiments to Jerusalem and to appeal for the cessation of this bullying of citizens and visitors. We have recently berated London's mayor for comparing a Jewish reporter to a Nazi concentration camp guard. How can we protest this when the government of our own nation state is behaving just so, and with brute force not just mere words?

All prime ministers of Israel and their local ambassadors need the support of Diaspora communities. Now is the time we need your support to intercede with the government of Israel and put a stop to these brutish and ugly scenes which are so readily exploited by the British media.

Very truly yours,

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Chairman