

Embassy of Israel in the Netherlands
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Att. His Excellency Mr. Shir-On, Ambassador

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To the citizens of the State of Israel

Dear friends,

Seventy years ago the State of Israel was born in the most difficult circumstances. In spite of all the wars, in its struggle for life, a real democracy was born in the State of Israel, the likes of which was not found, and is still not to be found, in the Middle East. Here arose a homeland for millions who came home.

We would like to congratulate you all on this special jubilee, in your establishment of a state-nation. Biblically spoken, the year "seventy" has a special meaning: in 10 sabbatical years you found a way for the ingathering of your many far-flung communities, to create a solid base of solidarity with one another. From the bottom of our hearts we hope that it is granted to you to celebrate this jubilee in peace, unobstructed by those who might wish to see your enterprise fail. You have certainly earned the right to such a joyful celebration. As a gesture of our support and with lively enthusiasm, we will be sending in the beginning of September a box of 700 tulip bulbs in red, white and blue, to Jerusalem for you to plant in Holland Square

Yours sincerely,

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