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To the coordinating team,
Jewish Voices for Just Peace,

Dear Friends,

Kindly accept wholeheartedly blessing for the high performance of the “Breaking down the Wall” event which was held at the Constitution Hill this last Sunday. Together with the event which was held last month in Cape Town, attended by Archbishop Tutu and Rabbi Alexander, a pattern of public activity is starting to be revealed. This is very encouraging indeed.

If we are to take seriously Madiba’s heritage, claiming that the South African liberation shall not be completed until Just peace is achieved in the Middle East, then we, the South African Jews have an extremely important role to play in bridging between the deferent voices and promoting dialogue. It is our religious duty to act in alimnt with the commandment “בְּקֶשׁ שְׁלוֹם וְרַדְּפֵהוּ”, “Seek peace and pursuit it” (Psalms 34:14). Our master sages had commented on this phrase: “Seek Peace – where you are. Pursuit it – where ever in the world it is needed”.

I’m calling you to deepen your roots in to the South African Jewish community. Many Jews are in a condition of confusment and ignorance. It is extremely important that your message will be brought to them in an open, compassionate and committed manner.

20 years ago today, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated in Tel Aviv. He used often the term “the battle for peace”. South Africa is slowly becoming one of the main fronts in this battle. The only way one can create peace is by being peace, with deep commitment to non-violence and to the dignity of all humans. We, Jews, are also committed to the sacred covenant which binds us to all of the people of Israel, in the holy land and in the many Diasporas, to past and to future generations. May the almighty grant us wisdom, perseverance and open heart to fulfil this task.

Please bring my sincere greetings to all comrades,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Sa'ar Shaked".



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