

Israeli Minister of Science, Technology and Space Travels to Houston

The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston was honored to recently welcome Israeli Minister of Science, Technology and Space Ofir Akunis for a special visit. On July 24, Minister Akunis traveled to the city to meet with Federation and community leaders about the status of Houston's Jewish community one year after Hurricane Harvey.



Minister Akunis' visit follows an unprecedented \$1 million gift that the State of Israel provided Houston following the storm to help rebuild our local Jewish institutions.

Joined by Consul General Gilad Katz, Minister Akunis, was given a comprehensive tour of the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston, the rebuilding of which was largely funded by Israel's gift. Here, a

plaque was unveiled to in commemoration of the Jewish State's generous contribution.

During his visit, Minister Akunis met with leaders of the JCC and other benefitting institutions to hear first-hand what the contribution meant to them.

He also participated in an open-table discussion, where Federation CEO Avital Ingber provided an overview of the devastation the community faced, the challenges overcome in the past year, the amazing accomplishments achieved by this resilient community, and the Federation's future plans to make the Jewish community of Houston even stronger than it was before Hurricane Harvey.



We sincerely thank the Minister for his visit and are forever grateful to the State of Israel for their invaluable assistance, which is a testament to the unbreakable connection that Israel has to Jewish communities across the world. Kol Israel Arevim Zeh la Zeh.