



פתח תקווה
PETACH TIKVA

לשכת ראש העיר | Mayor's office

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To:

Mr. Sanford Weiner, Chair Board of Trustees of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston
Mr. Lee Wunsch, President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston
Residents of Houston

Our friends and family in the Houston Jewish Community,

As the mayor of the Israeli city of Petach Tikvah, I want to let the residents of Houston know that our prayers and best wishes are with you at this time of your city's devastation. The scenes of the flooding and the destruction are heartbreaking and while our hearts go out to all of Houston's residents, this message is meant especially for the Jewish community whom we know, and who have become our friends and colleagues in a partnership of more than 30 years.

Just as you have sent messages of solidarity to Israel in times of our tragedies, so too do I want to send this message of support to you now in this time of your disaster. I hope that it is somewhat comforting for you to know that people in Petach Tikvah and all over Israel are concerned, worried, distraught, and greatly sympathetic to your situation.

Your Jewish Federation has given much to the residents of the Yoseftal-Dado neighborhoods of Petach Tikvah. I have heard that our residents now have offered, to anyone from your community, hospitality in their homes where you can enjoy the warmth, friendship, delicious food, and a real Israeli experience for a week or more that might help you temporarily forget about the hardships that you have endured. They have also begun a campaign to raise funds for your Federation to take care of those most in need.

The residents of Yoseftal-Dado are not the most affluent. They will be contributing much less than what you donate to Israel every year, but their intentions are to give you a sign that you are not alone.

We pray for your recovery and hope that your lives will as rapidly as possible return to one of safety, comfort, and good health. Be strong in facing the challenges ahead and know that the people of Petach Tikvah and indeed all of Israel stand at your side.

Sincerely,


Itzik Braverman

Mayor of Petach Tikvah, Israel