

PM: End the Exile!

Dear Mr. Netanyahu:

During my three week incarceration in Jerusalem's Russian Compound before being unjustly deported (due to false allegations of involvement in a plot to blow up the Al-Aksa mosque - never brought to trial since security sources confessed they lacked hard evidence!), I couldn't help but notice throughout the corrupt compound was a contrasting picture of Jerusalem with the hopeful words: *"Zion shall be redeemed with justice."*

May you help hasten Zion's deliverance by ensuring justice reigns during your tenor as Israel's Prime Minister. Recently Senator DeWine (R. Ohio) interceded on my behalf to return to Zion and received an unjust response from the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. that stated, without explanation or accusation: "We have been informed that Mr. Ben-Ariel will not be eligible to be granted such a visa until 2005."

Is it a crime to have an abiding love for Israel? To believe what's written in the Law and the Prophets concerning the Temple and our responsibility to construct it? To mourn that it hasn't been done yet? As the Jerusalem Talmud states: "Every generation in which the Temple has not been built is as if the Temple were destroyed in it..."

Aren't you on record as well for writing: "The right of the Jewish people to its holy place - the Temple Mount - cannot be questioned... I believe it is necessary to arrange for Jewish prayer on the site, especially given that we permit freedom of worship to all the religions in Jerusalem...". And didn't your office just charge Palestinian Authority officials with "disparaging Jewish holy sites and threatening potential worshippers" (in clear violation of Israel's 1967 Law for the Protection of the Holy Places)? Didn't your deputy director of communications, Michael Freund, respond to the PA mufti's declaration of war (that Jews "...must absolutely forget about having any rights over the Temple Mount... the Western Wall is just a fence belonging to a Moslem holy site") by saying "these statements are repugnant and they betray contempt for Judaism's most sacred sites and beliefs. They are an affront to history and insulting to Jews everywhere"? Who rules in Jerusalem? Why allow militant Muslims to continue to play "king of the hill"? Why not issue an appropriate Zionist response and immediately "arrange for Jewish prayer on the site..."?

Isn't Israel's state emblem a gold menorah in between two gold olive branches? Must I remain in exile, banished from the land I love, because my hope, prayer, and dream is for Israel to fulfill what that sacred symbol represents: the Temple and Israel's destiny to become a light to all nations?

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