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Israeli Embassy
Mr. Rogel Rachman
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Partnership with a city in Israel

Dear Mr. Rachman,

On behalf of the City of Halle (Saale), I would like to express our strong interest in a partnership with a city in Israel.

Halle (Saale) is a city of great tradition, of science and of culture. It is the home of the German National Academy of Sciences – Leopoldina and the German Federal Cultural Foundation, among many other outstanding cultural institutions. Jewish people were key to the development of science, culture and business in our city, in particular at the end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th century. The years of National Socialism were a terrible catastrophe for the Jewish citizens of our city. During that time, there were, however, also courageous helpers in Halle (Saale), and in recent years the Jewish community has been growing.

The Leopold Zunz Centre of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg is dedicated to research into European Judaism, and the Association of Friends of this research centre organises hosts the highly successful annual Jewish Cultural Festival in Halle (Saale), which presents Jewish culture to a wide audience.

Attached please find a profile of our city, which we hope will enable a good match with a partner city in Israel, and an overview of contacts and joint activities which already exist between institutions in Halle (Saale) and Israeli partners.

We would be very grateful if you would kindly assist us in our efforts to establish a city partnership between Halle (Saale) and a city in Israel.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards

Dr. Bernd Wiegand
Lord Mayor

Attachments

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