



THE PRESIDENT

**Greetings by the President of the State of Israel  
on the occasion of the Christians for Israel exhibition  
“Heroes of Zion” – June 1, 2013**

Dear Friends,

From the Holy Land and the Eternal city of Jerusalem, it is my pleasure to convey my warmest greetings on the occasion of the “Heroes of Zion” exhibition, and I want to thank you for this meaningful initiative that marks Israel’s 65th anniversary.

This exhibition is not only an event that celebrates the establishment of the State of Israel 65 years ago, it also represents the friendship and extensive support that your organization, Christians for Israel, has consistently shown for our country, for which we are deeply grateful. This exhibition is mainly educational in character, and your efforts to expose the public to Israel’s history, values, aspirations and the challenges it faces is fully appreciated.

Israel’s moral values are founded on the Ten Commandments and the pronouncements of our Prophets, that have inspired us from the time of Abraham to present-day Israel. After 2,000 years in exile, the Jewish people returned to their homeland, the newly-created State of Israel, which despite the wars waged against her and the threats of annihilation she has had to face over the years, has developed into a strong, vibrant and democratic nation that is at the forefront of scientific and technological advances and seeks to build a better tomorrow for all.

On behalf of the people of Israel, I want to thank you for your unwavering friendship. I look forward to your continued support in the future, and am confident the “Heroes of Zion” exhibition will enjoy the success it merits.

Shimon Peres