

October 26, 2025

The Honorable Mr. Nino Haase Mayor of Mainz

Dear Mayor Haase,

Thank you sincerely for your kind letter. We received it only today, likely after delays caused by the long sequence of Jewish holidays.

Your heartfelt wishes for the continued friendship between Mainz and Haifa are deeply appreciated. We share your warm sentiments and the hope that our cities will keep strengthening their ties in the spirit of mutual respect and close people-to-people contact.

We are very excited about the forthcoming reopening of the Museum of German-Speaking Jewry within the Hecht Museum at the University of Haifa, as it holds special significance for us. It is a living bridge between past and present - honoring the rich heritage of Jewish life in Central Europe while deepening our connection with our German friends. By preserving memory and illuminating shared chapters of history, the museum nurtures understanding and trust, which are the foundations of our enduring partnership.

I share your wishes that this year will be a better and more tranquil year than the previous one.

With warm regards,

Yona Yahav