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Dear Mayor Yahav, dear Colleague,

We are writing to you in the form of an open letter to assure you, as mayor of our twin city, and all citizens of Haifa of our continued friendship. We condemn violence and acts of war and deeply regret their cruel consequences. Our solidarity goes out to all people in need in the region, be it in Israel or Palestine.

At the same time, we remain committed to our Israeli twin city in the spirit of international understanding. We will not cease to build bridges between our cities, in the certainty that, especially in times of serious national crises and war, connections at the municipal level are a precious asset. Town twinning is an expression of our responsibility as local communities. Beyond national foreign policy, an exchange of knowledge and values has always been cultivated to counteract prejudice, polarization, and generalization.

With regards to our twin city Haifa, which we have come to know as a tolerant and cosmopolitan city, we wish to express our desire to intensify the exchange as soon as possible.

Best wishes,



Nino Haase
Mayor
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Mayor
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