

MINISTER OF DEFENSE

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To:

The Switzerland Israel Association

Shalom, Friends.

I would like to take a moment to share what a pleasure it was to participate in the Switzerland Israel Association's live-stream online conference last month.

Even though circumstances have relegated gatherings to being virtual for the time being, I was encouraged and heartened by everything that did prove possible in our online exchange. I enjoyed the opportunity to share some of my thoughts and vision for the Middle East with engaged and insightful participants from both Switzerland and Israel, and appreciated fielding questions from a panel of informed and knowledgeable journalists.

Needless to say, open dialogue and conscious communication are so crucial to maintaining our connection, even across the divides, and I look forward to further opportunities to remain connected and engaged in the days ahead.

In the meantime, sending warmest wishes for a joyful Hannukah and happy 2021.

Sincerely Yours,

Benjamin Gantz

Alternate Prime Minister and Minister of Defense