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LETTER TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor Martin Packer and Members of the Village Council  
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager   
Date: June 3, 2016  
Subject: Councilman Groisman Speaks at Ambassadors Against BDS at the United Nations in New York

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform you that Councilman Gabriel Groisman served as a panelist and participant at the Ambassadors Against Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) International Summit, which took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on May 31, 2016. Councilman Groisman served on a panel focusing on the legal aspects of BDS.

Among those who also addressed the General Assembly were Danny Danon, Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Justice Elyakim Rubinstein, Vice President of the Israel Supreme Court, Jay Sekulow, Chief Legal Counsel of the American Center for Law, and Ronald Lauder, President of the World Jewish Congress. The complete event description is attached. More than 2,000 people attended, including students, activists, dignitaries, legal professionals and representatives of Jewish organizations.

By inviting Councilman Groisman to participate, Bal Harbour Village was recognized for its leadership in enacting the first local anti-BDS ordinance in the United States and requiring anti-discrimination language in all of our contracts. This is great recognition for our community.

Please join me in congratulating Councilman Groisman for leading this effort locally and for his advocacy nationally.

Attached is some additional information about this event. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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**Join us for a first-ever international summit at the UN on ways to confront national boycotts and delegitimization**

The BDS movement continues to make strides in its campaign to delegitimize the State of Israel. The movement is gaining increased support on campuses around the world as it promotes initiatives on local and national levels calling to divest and boycott the Jewish state.

Israel's Mission to the United Nations in partnership with the World Jewish Congress, ACLJ, Keren Hayesod, the Maccabee Task Force Foundation, Israel Bonds, StandWithUS, B'nai B'rith International, Hillel, CAMERA, ADL, ZOA, MJE, and the Touro Human Rights Institute, will host an international gathering of students, organizations and agencies from around the world, to join efforts, form a unified plan of action and cultivate ambassadors ready to fight the battle against exclusion and delegitimization of nations and peoples, while promoting understanding and respect.

This conference will take place on May 31, 2016, and 1,500 students and Jewish community leaders are invited to attend. It will include an opening plenary session in the UN General Assembly Hall and a series of professional panels related to the topic of confronting BDS.

**Schedule:**

**8:30 - Registration**

**10:00 - Main plenary session at the General Assembly Hall:**

- Moderated By Noa Tishby
- H.E. Amb. Danny Danon, Israel's Permanent Representative to the UN
- H.E. Amb. Ronald S. Lauder, President, World Jewish Congress
- Dr. Jay Sekulow, Chief Counsel, ACLJ

- Justice Elyakim Rubinstein, Vice President, Supreme Court Of Israel
- Special Performance by Matisyahu**

**12:00 - Lunch break**

**13:00 - Interactive expert workshops:**

1) **Fighting BDS on Campus (Conference room 4)** - attend a one stop shop & learn best practices to confront BDS on your campus, from experts and student leaders from around the world.

- Moderated By Mr David Suissa, Jewish Journal

**One Stop Shop against BDS:**

- David Sable, Global CEO, Y&R
- Frank Luntz, CEO, Luntz Global Partners

**Speaker:** Shoham Nicolet, CEO, IAC

**Global Panel: Speaking From Experience**

- Moderated By Noa Fartuk, Tanger Hillel, Brooklyn College
- Matias Wolff, WJC, Chile
- Yosef Tarshish, Chairperson, WUJS, UK
- Max Samarov, Director of Research and Campus Strategy, StandWithUs, USA
- Benny Fisher, President, EUJS, Germany

2) **Legal aspects of boycotts and de-legitimization (Conference room 3)**- learn more about how to confront BDS from the legal perspective, use the law to your advantage, and meet Israel's Vice President of the Supreme Court of Israel, Justice Elyakim Rubinstein

**Speaker:** Justice Elyakim Rubinstein, Vice President, Supreme Court Of Israel

**Speaker:** Jonathan A. Greenblatt, CEO, ADL

**Panel: Legal Scholars against BDS**

- Moderated By Stuart Roth, Esq.,
- Anne Herzberg, Esq., Legal Advisor, Ngo Monitor
- Gabe Groisman, Esq., Councilman, Bal Harbour Village Council
- Carly Gammill, Esq. Senior Litigation Counsel, ACLJ
- Elizabeth (Liz) Berney, Esq. Staff Attorney, ZOA
- Dr. Mark Goldfeder, Esq. Senior Lecturer, Emory Law School

**14:45 - Summary Session: Delegitimization of Israel in the public sphere (Sponsored by WJC)**

- Moderator: Mr. Robert Singer, CEO, World Jewish Congress
- Head To Head With Daniel Birnbaum, CEO, SodaStream

**Panel Discussion:**

- Bassam Eid, Founder, Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group
- Professor Alan Johnson, Senior Research Fellow, BICOM, UK
- Mosab Hassan Yousef, Author, "Son Of Hamas"
- Emily Neilson - Winkler, Link Support & Development Ltd