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On behalf of the World Zionist Organization, it is my honor to thank you for having been the driving force in creating our newest national holiday, Yom HaAliyah.

We know that any value a society takes for granted will eventually melt away. Therefore, it was of immense value to enshrine Aliyah as a fundamental tenet of our national DNA. My World Zionist Organization colleagues and I have noted the significant positive impact that the Yom HaAliyah holiday has had on our national conversation about Aliyah, helping to bring more attention, funding and productive policies to bear on the topic.

We all hope and pray that Yom HaAliyah will also inspire Jewish communities around the Galut to remember that there has never been an easier time to be a Jew living in our Land, and that we want them all to come Home.

Aliyah, the act of "going up" to the Land of Israel, is one of the most basic precepts of Judaism and therefore Zionism. From the founding of the State of Israel, honoring Aliyah as a core value of the nation is evident in the text of our Declaration of Independence, Hatikvah, and Prayer for the Welfare of the State. In the great tradition of these founding documents, it is beautiful to see how your Am Yisrael Foundation has continued actively pioneering by observing Zionism in our modern era.

Yom HaAliyah is a celebration of the Jewish People. It binds together every single member of our People, left, right, religious and secular. Together we should bless all Am Yisrael with "L'Shana HaBa'ah B'Yerushalayim".

Sincerely,

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