

Declaration on the eve of Rosh HaShanah 5782

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ON this eve of *Rosh HaShanah*, we honour the chosen people, who (as the Shabbat prayer says) are a people set apart from all peoples and called to be a light unto the nations. As much as we are committed to fighting all forms of racism, we are resolute in fighting the distinct hatred of antisemitism, the world's oldest hatred, in all its expressions.

We recognise the right of the Jewish people to self-determination in their ancestral homeland, a right inscribed in international law since 1920. We celebrate that this right was realised and honoured in the rebirth of the State of Israel in 1948 and her admission to the family of nations. We pledge our commitment to ensuring that this right is fully upheld by the international community so that its continued fulfilment can be enjoyed by the Jewish people.

Whether in philosophy, literature, art and music, science, technology, medicine or business, Jews have been instrumental in writing and shaping our history and illuminating our culture. We cherish their presence among us.

WE wish Israel and the Jewish community around the world a good and sweet New Year 5782! *Shanah Tovah uMetukah!*

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