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From the desk of
Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman

My Dear Friends,

As we prepare to sit down with our family on this day of giving thanks, our thoughts naturally remain focused on the heroes of today to whom we are deeply grateful: our IDF soldiers in Israel, our brothers and sisters in Israel and all those who work to defend our people from terrorism abroad and antisemitism at home.

For us at Yeshiva University, we know that we are tasked with the historic mission that defines our nation, made even more compelling by the times in which we live. Our mission is education. We educate the leaders of tomorrow with the values and skillsets to not only live lives of great personal and professional success but also devote their energies and resources in service of a greater good. Yeshiva University stands with Israel. We stand for truth, and we stand with all people of moral conscience. But even more importantly, we will not simply stand. We will fight. We will lead and we will educate our community and society towards a more safe, more enlightened and better tomorrow. As our dear friend and mentor Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z”l once said, “to defend a country you need an army, but to defend a civilization you need schools.”

Yeshiva University is where the leaders of today educate the leaders of tomorrow.

This year’s Hanukkah Dinner reflects our core values and unique spirit. The focus of the evening will be a celebration of the heroes in our society who are standing with Israel and the Jewish people during this tumultuous time. We will be

featuring popular Israeli singer Ishay Ribo in an evening of music and unity. We anticipate a very large crowd and the event is filling up. If you would like to attend in what will be a meaningful, moving and memorable evening, please [register here](#) today.

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My friends, on this American holiday, let us understand that we are at an inflection point in American history. Now more than ever we need the values and education that Yeshiva University represents to the world.

There is much for which to give thanks at this time. I am thankful for our rabbinic leadership which continues to distinguish itself at every crossroads facing our contemporary world, our faculty and administrative team whose commitment and excellence is the source of enormous strength for our students, and our lay leadership, alumni and friends whose support and vision secure our future as the flagship Jewish university.

On this Thanksgiving, I am reminded of the words of Jeremiah to the recently resettled Diaspora community of Israel:

“seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have brought you Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.... For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Thank you for being a part of the hope and future.

Warmest wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving,



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