



Botschaft des Staates Israel
Ambassador Tibor Shalev Schlosser
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Dear Ambassador Schlosser

We, the liberal Jews in Switzerland, are deeply worried about the proposed Kotel Bill.

The Kotel always stood as a symbol of unity and spiritual connection for Jews around the world. The proposed Kotel Bill puts that at risk by restricting who can pray, how they can pray, and who is recognized as part of the Jewish people in one of our most sacred spaces. This legislation threatens the fundamental values of religious freedom, pluralism, and inclusion and is in fact a violation of Israel's Declaration of Independence that guarantees freedom of religion and safeguarding Holy Sites.

The Kotel as a national symbol and spiritual home for Jews worldwide must be upheld as a place of unity, respecting the diversity of the Jewish people as it is today and as it has been for generations.

At a time when Jewish unity is most needed, the Israeli government would be isolating 85% of the world's Jewish population from one of our faith's holiest sites. It is a backwards step from an Israel that celebrates religious pluralism, where all forms of Jewish identity are celebrated.

The Kotel must remain a symbol of unity and spiritual connection for Jews around the world.

Respectfully yours

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