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Professor Bernard-Henri Lévy

Dear Bernard,

I wish to thank you for kindly sharing a copy of your new book, "Solitude of Israel," with me, which I was profoundly grateful to receive.

With your singular intellectual faculties and apt pen, your work in the wake of the October 7th massacre is at once sweeping and broad, penetrating and stirring. Its subtext, however, betrays the ways in which its subject is also deeply personal for you.

The portrait that you masterfully paint in your book pointedly articulates truths with direct bearing not only on Israel or the Jewish people, but upon all of humanity. As you artfully express, the massacre quite simply shifted the tectonic plates of the reality of the Jewish people, and of the world at large.

Indeed, the unleashing of pure evil, the full force of which you convey so effectively in this work, has at once forged a fundamentally changed reality, while also belonging to a category of human crimes that has been woven into the fabric of human history for eternity. By tracing and articulating these movements, you are effectively facilitating the type of conscious discourse that points to what is truly most human and, ultimately, redeeming.

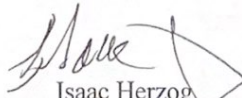
Bernard, my friend, the ethical sphere and intellectual landscape of the entire world is fortunate to have so fine and incisive a mind in its service, offering penetrating insight, in language that is enlightening, evocative, and expansive.

Yours is no less than a contribution to the evolution of human morality, as you have stewarded for decades the type of intellectual and spiritual movement that is the ultimate hope for humanity.

I am supremely grateful to you, my friend, for the moral clarity, the intellectual courage and, ultimately, the qualities of heart, that position you to be a voice for justice, morality, and ethics in these troubled times.

Yours in Friendship,

and Shalom!



Isaac Herzog
President of the State of Israel

