

Hello, I would like to welcome you.

Your Excellency Mr. Patrick Maisonnave, ambassador of France in Israel.

I would like to congratulate you, and thank you for your visit to our village.

Your visit here is a great honor and a privilege. It is a big support for our efforts in co-existence, peace, and making an end to racism and violence.

Your visit today is in relatively quiet times. But just a month ago, this whole region was experiencing very hard times. A horrible and terrible war that took many innocent lives, left thousands wounded, and created massive destruction that left thousands without a roof over their heads.

This war, and all wars in general, only increases hatred, and drives these two peoples further away from a solution.

We believe and have worked all these years, inside our community and outside as well, in finding the common things between us and creating a dialogue on the issues we disagree about, because we believe that, through dialogue, we can reach those agreements and understandings that we definitely cannot reach through war and violence. In wars there are no winners, just losers.

Finally, I would like to thank you again Mr. ambassador, for your visit, a wish you a happy stay in our small village. I hope that we can keep and strengthen our communication with you Mr. Ambassador, and with the embassy.

I would like to wish you, Mr. Ambassador, your family, and all present here today, a happy and successful Jewish new year.

Thank you.

*Adnan Manaa
Municipal Chairman*