ראש הממשלה
Prime Minister

April 19, 2007
א' אייר, תשס"ז

Dear Mr. Bauman and Rabbi Regev,

I received your letter dated April 19, 2007, and due to the sensitive nature of the issue, felt compelled to respond immediately.

We recently marked Holocaust Martyr's and Hero's Remembrance Day here in Israel, and I was disturbed that it was precisely at this painful time that certain spurious comments were made regarding the cause of the horrors inflicted on our people, and unequivocally condemn any such hurtful expressions.

Let me be clear – the murder of more than 6 million of our brothers and sisters in the Holocaust was perpetrated by the evil and immoral Nazi regime and its collaborators. The only "sin" committed by the victims was being born Jewish.

The Reform Movement is a vital and vibrant part of modern Judaism, and the Government and people of the State of Israel admire your contribution to Jewish life in Israel and the Diaspora.

Sincerely,

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