



הארגון הבינלאומי של עורכי-דין ומשפטנים יהודים
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LAWYERS AND JURISTS

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President
The International Committee of the Red Cross
Geneva

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Dear Sir,

I am approaching you on behalf of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists. We are a UN accredited NGO founded by the late Judges René Cassin of France, Haim Cohen of Israel and Arthur Goldberg of the United States.

We are aware of the efforts made by the ICRC to obtain access to Gilad Shalit who has been held incommunicado since 2006 by the Hamas in Gaza and we appreciate these efforts. Nevertheless, despite these efforts, Hamas continues to deny Shalit access to an ICRC representative and has not allowed him to be visited by a neutral physician nor have they allowed him any contact with his family. Permitting such access is vital to ensure Shalit's physical and mental health and we are apprehensive that without such access we may be too late.

We believe that Syria, Iran and maybe other Arab states have the means of influencing Hamas and your personal intervention with the heads of such States would carry great weight with these States.

As a humanitarian act, in the tradition of the ICRC, we would urge you to make a personal appeal that Shalit be granted the very basic rights he is entitled to.

In appreciation,

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President

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