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MAYOR OF JERUSALEM

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Mr. Arthur Rubinstein
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Dear Maestro:

I am writing because I have not heard from you for much too long a time and I wanted to be sure that all is well with you.

As I am sure you continue to follow closely what is happening here, you probably know that life is somewhat complicated. Between Israeli government declarations on Jerusalem countered by American declarations, followed necessarily by stronger ones from the Egyptians, and in crescendo by the Palestinians, a war of words has developed which does not make the situation easy. These declarations are then supported by the European community and the Security Council. But with all this, we are keeping up a very pleasant and nice city and making it a more beautiful place to live from day to day.

The cultural life of our city is particularly thriving. The Museum opened three new pavilions and is presently showing a beautiful exhibition of Turner's watercolors of the Holy Land; there are weekly afternoon concerts on the Museum terrace; the Israel Festival is in full swing; Lenny Bernstein will conduct the Philharmonic here before leaving for Salzburg; the annual arts fair will be opened next week; I could go on and on.

It is nearly a year since you were last here and I hope plans for a visit to Jerusalem are already noted on your calendar. The food at Mishkenot is as good as it was and there are several new fine restaurants to which I am planning to take you. Do come soon.

With love to all of you.

Yours,



Teddy Kollek

P.S. If you are here on October 10th, you can join us once again at the Museum Succoth holiday reception which will this year focus on our new pavilion for pre-Columbian art.