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Address of welcome „greeting of peace SHAlom“, 14. Mai 2012

Dear Friends, welcome to the greeting of peace SHAlom. „Hevenu shalom aleichem“ - „Wir bringen euch Frieden“ - „We bring peace to you“. Welcome here, on the market place of Schwäbisch Hall.

It is a Hebrew, a Jewish wish we are sending on the 64th Birthday to Israel. Peace, which reconciles and is strengthening- Peace, rest and security. Peace, which is holistic and is intended for the whole person, peace that is reaching the hearts and will remain for eternity. Yes, for me as a Christian this is my personal prayer to Christ, the peace maker. He comes.

“Shalom” reminds us of our Christian- Jewish roots, helps us, to embrace these roots in a new way and we can walk into the future in peace AND we can build a new bridge of hope for the Christian- Jewish relationship.

Shalom lets us start in a practical way: to sing a song OR plant a tree. The 64th birthday of Israel is a reason for joy. I like Israel! A wonderful day. It is great to have all of you here.

Two greetings reached us which we would like to read too you. One of them is of the Israeli ambassador in Germany- Mr. Yakov Hadas-Handelsman. And the other one is written by Mrs. Katja Tsafrir, delegate of the Jewish Nationalfonds- KKL for Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg.

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We are thankful for the encouraging acknowledgements. We got a lot of information for you to take away in the pavilion. Make use out of it. We also love to answer your questions.

Did you know that in Israel, a country which is just as big as Hessen,

- Are the most Bio- Tech- Start- ups?
- Are the most applications for a patent?
- The first cell phone of the company Motorola and the first flash drive were invented?
- The system of Windows NT/ XP was invented?
- The hospitals have the Pill-Cam?
- More than 200.000 development worker got trained?
- That there are 9 Nobel Prize laureates?
- 240 Million new trees planted?
- Has a cross- generational environment- and education program?

We are thankful for so much information from the Israeli embassy, from the Christians who are walking along with Israel, I like Israel and the Jewish Nationalfonds- Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael - KKL. Take it with you!

Just in the KKL alone hundreds of different kinds of projects are representing the friendship between Germany and Israel- between the Jewish and the non Jewish friends. Today the new project "Wald Schwäbisch Hall" will start. You can also find this project in the Internet. Inform yourself and plant a tree as well in the „Wald Schwäbisch Hall" in the desert Negev. If you need a reason to plant a tree, just look up "wald schwäbisch hall" in the internet.

In the pavilion you will get more information.