Prime Minister Netanyahu addresses IAJF Gold Stamp dedication to Israel Museum

On Monday, February 15, 2016, the Iranian American Jewish Federation of New York (IAJF) dedicated a limited addition Gold Stamp of the Cyrus Cylinder to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The stamp was created by the Israel Philatelic Service and has been minted as a timeless reminder of Cyrus’s Declaration. Cyrus the Great, King of Persia, declared freedom for all religions and beliefs, a hopeful message that continues to inspire people worldwide.

300 guests from the Iranian Jewish Community in NY and Israel joined this historical ceremony. The master of ceremonies was Dr. Avshalom Kor, a well-known Israeli linguist, TV host, radio broadcaster and author. The program included speeches by Professor David Yerushalmi from the Alliance Center for Iranian studies in Tel Aviv University, Mr. Menashe Amir, an Iran Affairs Analyst, Mr. James Snyder, the Israel Museum President, Mrs. Parvaneh Sarraf, IAJF’s board member and Mr. Yaron Razon, the Director of Israel Philatelic Service. The artistic portion of the evening included a performance of Menashe Sasson and Farzaneh Cohen, members of “Golha” ensemble, who performed Persian original authentic music styles.

Mr. Albert Bassal, member of the Iranian Jewish community in NY, who devotedly planned and promoted this meaningful ceremony, presented the gold stamp to the museum together with the IAJF. To conclude the evening, a special video message from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was broadcast.

The IAJF is privileged to be a part of this great venture to share a historical stamp devised to honor a great king and to demonstrate the contributions of Iranians to the civilization. IAJF hopes that this gesture made by the State of Israel will bring the peoples of Iran and Israel closer together and foster improved relations between them, as it had existed for over 25 centuries.

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Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Avshalom Kor
Presentation of IAJF Gold Stamp to Israel Museum. Left to right: Mr. James Snyder, the Israel Museum President, Mrs. Parvaneh Sarraf, Mr. Albert Bassal

The Cyrus Cylinder Gold Stamp
Performance by “Golha” Ensemble

Professor David Yerushalmi