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European Rabbinical Conference: Allowing Non-Citizens to Visit Their Families – News in Israel

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The European Rabbinical Conference calls for allowing non-Israeli Jews to enter Israel and visit their families.

Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, president of the conference, wrote a letter to MK Rabbi Israel Eichler in which he expressed support for his initiative on the matter in the Knesset's Interior Committee.

"We happily read about your initiative you raised in the Knesset's Interior Committee to allow families from abroad to visit their elderly parents in Israel after six months of not seeing each other due to the terrible epidemic," wrote Rabbi Goldschmidt. "After half a year, they closed the countries and do not allow them because they do not have an Israeli passport, even though they are Jews and entitled to the Law of Return."

"We at the Conference of European Rabbis strengthen your hand," adds Rabbi Goldschmidt, "and hope that God's will in your hand will succeed and you will be able to break through the walls of unnecessary and selective bureaucracy for which parents refuse to see their children without any logic."

"This is while allowing the entry of other peoples from all continents with appropriate tests," emphasizes Rabbi Goldschmidt, "when the same tests can be done for Jews who are not Israeli citizens."

"And who will and your words will fall on attentive ears and in your political power you will be able to do justice to those families who are tormented by longing," he concludes.

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