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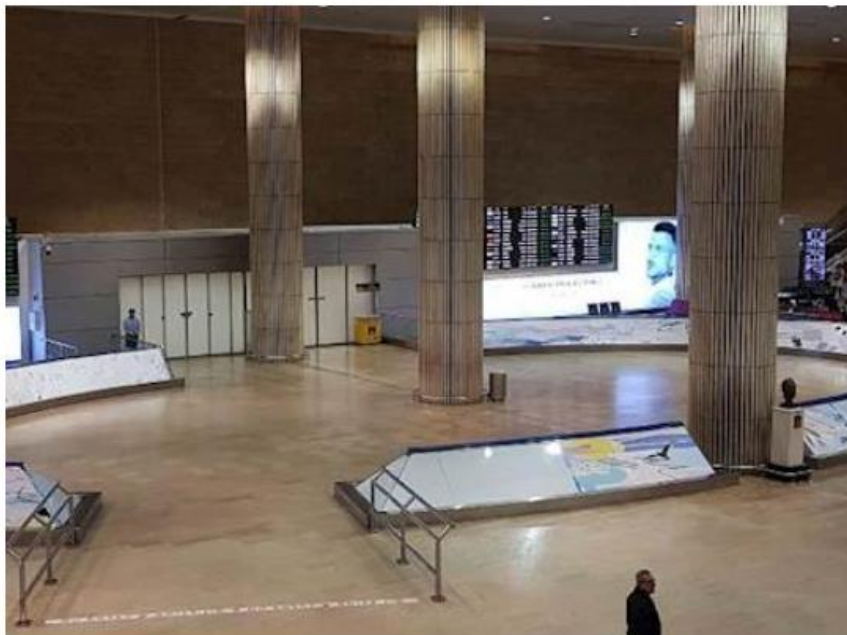
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“Allow Jews To Enter Israel To Visit Family Regardless Of Citizenship”

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An empty Ben-Gurion Airport during the coronavirus crisis.

The Conference of European Rabbis (CER) called on Israel on Sunday to allow all Jews, regardless of whether they hold Israeli citizenship, to visit their family members in Israel despite the coronavirus pandemic.





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CER's president, Rav Pinchas Goldschmidt, sent a letter to MK Yisrael Eichler (UTJ), who suggested at a Knesset committee meeting to allow non-Israeli Jews to visit their elderly parents in Israel after six months of being unable to do so due to the pandemic.

"We were happy to read about your initiative that you proposed to the Knesset's Internal Affairs Committee to allow families from abroad to visit their elderly parents in Israel after a half-year of not seeing them due to the coronavirus."

"As you said, there are elderly parents from abroad who want to see their children who live in Israel after a half year's lockdown between the countries. However, they're unable to do so since they lack Israeli passports although they are Jews and are eligible [to receive an Israeli passport] through the Law of Return."

"We at the CER support your initiative and hope that the will of Hashem will succeed through you and you'll be able to break through the extraneous bureaucracy that is thwarting parents from seeing their children without any basis in logic."

"This [is the situation] during a time that they're allowing the entry of people from other nations, from all continents. with appropriate tests. Those same tests can also be carried out for Jews who are not Israeli citizens."

"May your words fall on attentive ears and may your political power enable you to act with justice to the families who are tormented with longing," Rav Goldschmidt concluded.

<https://www.theyeshivaworld.com/news/headlines-breaking-stories/1896085/allow-jews-to-enter-israel-to-visit-family-regardless-of-citizenship.html>





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Austrian gov't launches anti-hate plan following antisemitic incidents

Descendants of Austrian citizens expelled by Nazis to be permitted citizenship

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A general view of a session of the parliament in Vienna, Austria, January 10, 2020
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The [Austrian](#) government has announced they will be making a plan to combat antisemitism after a recent string of antisemitic attacks, as well as offering descendants of Austrian Jews a chance at a citizenship, [the Algemeiner reported](#).

The plan hopes to increase the reporting of antisemitic incidents which take place in the country, using a new platform for reporting "antisemitic and anti-Zionist incidents."

On top of that, starting on September 1, descendants of Austrian Jews expelled by the Nazis will be able to apply for citizenship within Austria without giving up other passports they already possess.

The announcement of this plan came after a meeting between Chancellery Minister Karoline Edtstadler and Elie Rosen, the head of the Graz Jewish community, who was assaulted recently.

When Elie Rosen "left his car, he was attacked by the stranger with a wooden stick, apparently a baseball bat," Austrian newspaper Der Standard reported. "He managed to escape back into the car at the last second. After that, the attacker hit the vehicle with the baseball bat before he fled."

The Austrian government in Graz provided personal protection for Rosen after the attack. Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz expressed shock over the attack, Austrian news outlet ORF reported.





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This brought a reaction from the President of the Conference of European Rabbis (CER), [Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt](#), who lamented the situation in Austria.

"The fact that Jews are being attacked in Austria these days is completely inexcusable," said CER president, Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt in a response to the attacks. "This events crosses yet another red line. It has turned into a sad reality in Europe during the 21st century where the hatred of Jews is literal, physical and digital."

<https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/after-antisemitic-incidents-austrian-government-launches-assistance-plan-640349>

