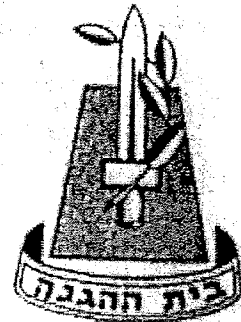


בית אליהו גולומב-בית ההגנה

ת.ד. 163 תל-אביב



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Dear Mr. Winberg,

The need to set up a lasting memorial to the Haganah has been felt by all of us here for some time. We believed there should be a fitting tribute to those who had contributed so valiantly in pre-State days to the struggle for the defence of the Yishuv and for independence. We felt that this struggle should be enshrined permanently so that throughout the generations to come the Haganah should remain alive as a glorious chapter in modern Jewish history.

This memorial is now nearing completion in the form of a beautiful building erected on the site of the home of the late Elishu Golomb, moving spirit of the Haganah. The building, located in Rothschild Boulevard in the centre of Tel Aviv, will be a permanent museum of the Haganah and will be administered by the Israel Defence Forces.

The museum will be opened at 5 p. m. on April 5th in the presence of the President of the State and other dignitaries. That same evening there will be a meeting of Haganah veterans in the Mann Auditorium in Tel-Aviv where the formal transfer of the building from the Public Committee set up by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion to the Israel Defence Forces will take place.

Your contribution to this magnificent effort of the Jewish people has been acknowledged on many occasions. We feel that you should be among those who celebrate with us on April 5th. If you are planning to be in Israel this spring, we would like very much to have you with us both at the opening of the museum and in the evening at the Mann Auditorium.

All of us who were together in spirit and in force during those fateful years look forward very much to seeing you here.

Yours sincerely,

Golda Meir