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Press Release

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## **Miami Beach Gifts Ambulance to Israeli Sister City of Nahariya**

— *Israel's northernmost coastal city is about 6 miles from the Lebanese border* —

**Miami Beach, FL** – The Miami Beach City Commission will gift an ambulance to the Israeli coastal city of Nahariya on **Thursday, Nov. 14 at 10:30 a.m.** The ceremony will take place at **City Hall Commission Chambers** as the latest gesture of support for Israel, which has faced recent and continual attacks by foreign terrorist organizations.

“Our commitment to the safety and strength of Nahariya and all of Israel is unshakable,” said Miami Beach Mayor Steven Meiner. “Our assistance—ambulances and essential aid—serves as critical support in these crucial times.”

The ambulance will be accepted by American friends of Magen David Adom in honor of the people of Nahariya, which is a Sister City of Miami Beach. In recent weeks, Nahariya residents have been told to stay close to protected spaces and shelters amid an escalation in the conflict.

As Israel's official representative to the International Red Cross, Magen David Adom, led by Global President and former UN ambassador Gilad Erdan, does not receive Israeli government support for its general operations. The organization relies on support from donors in the United States and beyond to acquire dispatch systems, training and equipment.

“My colleagues and I on the Miami Beach City Commission wanted to contribute in any way we could following the heinous Oct. 7, 2023 attack on Israel,” shared Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez. “While I initially proposed a \$25,000 donation, I was happy to accept then Mayor Dan Gelber’s brilliant proposal to do something more — something like an ambulance as he put it. We are proud to partner with the American friends of Magen David Adom to provide such an important piece of lifesaving equipment to the people of Nahariya — Miami Beach’s Sister City. Our hearts and prayers are with you.”

Mayor Steven Meiner and Consul General of Israel in Miami Maor Elbaz-Starinsky will be giving remarks. Nahariya Mayor Ronen Marely will provide a video message at the ceremony.

“The City of Miami Beach Sister Cities Program was created to facilitate partnership where cities can mutually leverage resources and deliver humanitarian aid,” added Miami Beach Commissioner Laura Dominguez. “This ambulance is more than just a vehicle — it’s a lifeline. We hope it brings both practical aid and a message of solidarity to the people of Nahariya.”

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**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 14 at 10:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Miami Beach City Hall Commission Chambers  
1700 Convention Center Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

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