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Keshet Chaim Dancers C/O Ms. Genie Benson 4155 Dixie Canyon Ave. Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Dear Keshet Chaim Dancers:

I am writing to thank you for your wonderful performances during the first days of *Israel Celebration at Union Station*. In order for the event to have really taken off, we needed an opening act that would blow the audience away. It is clear that the *Celebration* took off, and you deserve much of the credit.

Tens of thousands of people passed through Union Station during the long event, many of them coming back after enjoying your performances. Your dances were excellent and beautifully choreographed and set the perfect mood for celebrating Israel's 50th Anniversary. Your renditions of classic Israel/Jewish dancing, along with your creative and original modern pieces showed all that Israel is a multifaceted country with much to offer.

We salute Keshet Chaim and hope others will have the opportunity to enjoy your talent for a long time to come.

Sincerer,

Lenny Ben-David

Deputy Chief of Mission