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To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Theatre Company Jerusalem

As the Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem and a City Councilor, I would like to commend Theatre Company Jerusalem (TCJ) on their outstanding contributions to the arts, culture and society in Jerusalem over the past 20 years. Their repertoire of powerful, thought-provoking performances and creative, educational programs are sought after by *amutot*, academic institutions and cultural bodies throughout Israel and abroad.

TCJ is enormously dedicated to reaching out to marginalized groups such as at-risk youth, disadvantaged women, senior citizens and Russian and Ethiopian *Olim* and their inspiring programs addressing Jewish identity, contemporary issues in Israeli society and gender equality make a tremendous impact on the participants. They are one of the few organizations that are highly successful in bridging gaps between different communities, which is no small achievement given the cultural and religious diversity within the city and we applaud TCJ's commitment to strengthening the social fabric of Jerusalem.

In particular, we are highly impressed by TCJ's educational model, which explores Jewish texts such as *Torah*, *Midrashim* and *Talmud* using dramatic methods and artistic presentations. This unique approach creates an opportunity for a meaningful engagement with the texts, increasing their relevance to contemporary, Israeli and Diaspora Jews.

It is clear to us that TCJ is extremely dedicated to improving the quality of life of Jerusalem residents and we are very happy to recommend TCJ as an organization with the skills and experience to implement educational projects with underprivileged groups.

Yours sincerely,


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