

To Sing Someone's Praise

We, the undersigned, the residents of the Shiloah village, openly declare that we are obliged to express our gratitude to the dear and pure-hearted man, the honorable Haj Muhammad Ghozlan, one of our respectable Arab brothers, residents of the Shiloah-Silwan village, and his kind friends, who showed exceptional compassion and benevolence to their neighbors, the Jewish residents of the village of Shiloah, during the days of the 1929 riots, and did not allow the bands of rioters to harm us despite the isolation of their village and the distance between them and the city of Jerusalem. Even today this good relationship prevails between us and our neighbors; all is quiet throughout our quarter. Would that, from them, our Arab brothers residing in all other places in Eretz Yisrael will learn to foster friendly relations with their Jewish neighbors so that all the works of their hands will be blessed.

In particular, how fitting it was for our neighbors to fulfill the words of King Solomon, of blessed memory, who said "It is an honor for a man to cease from strife" (Proverbs 20:3), and while mobs of others were led off to prison, they sat in their homes and enjoyed the abundance of peace.

We are hopeful that this relationship will last between us and them for many years to come and that God will be trustworthy to requite those who do good in their actions, as is expressed in the lovely passage from the hymns of Israel: "No good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly" (Psalms 84:12).

With the entreaty of the signed below in blessings, and with feelings of gratitude, in the name of the residents of the village of Shiloah, and as members of the Board of the Yemenite Israelites in the holy city of Jerusalem

signed Yosef Said Madmoni
signed Shlomo Yosef Hazi
signed Yaish Maliah
signed Shalom Yitzhak Madmoni
signed Ya'akov Said Madmoni

signed Aharon Maliah
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signed Yihia Qara
signed Salaah Saalem Yaud
signed Shlomo Madmoni