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Dear Students,

This *Seder* night will be different from all the other nights we have known since the Jewish people returned to their homeland. The words "festival of freedom" pierce our hearts, knowing that on this *seder* night the words *kulanu misubin* – "we are all seated around the table together" – are not fulfilled.

We salute you, our dear students, the very soul of Bar-Ilan, who have been defending us and our country, and who have returned to study after a long period of reserve duty. At this opportunity, we'd like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to you.

You have joined the Bar-Ilan community to acquire an education and to seek knowledge. Since the outbreak of the war, despite all challenges, we have made it our business to keep our community together. No one will be left behind, and even if the road is long, we will invest all the time and effort needed. Our doors are always open for you and we are here to listen, eager to find the right path for each and every one of you.

We are all coping with the tense situation and threats surrounding us, with worries for our loved ones and with the painful events of recent months. Alongside this, we wish that the collective merit of the Jewish people will send a mighty prayer into the heavens, so that all will return home to us, and that together, unified as one, we shall continue our nation's long walk through the ages into better, quieter times.

Outside, spring is in full bloom, and within – rays of hope and an indomitable spirit.

Chag Cherut Sameach - A joyous festival of freedom to all.



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