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American Jewish Congress
Mr. Jack Rosen, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Jack Rosen.

It was brought to our attention that the AJC is exploring avenues to approach the restoration of some of the Synagogues and Jewish shrines in Egypt. We certainly do value the AJC, as a vibrant and engaged organization in all matters that affect Jewish heritage around the world.

The Historical Society of Jews From Egypt (HSJE) located in Brooklyn, NY, representing the majority of Egyptian Jews worldwide, applauds such a noble initiative.

We wish to inform you since our establishment as a non profit organization in 1996 that the HSJE has been in the forefront for quite sometime, addressing such issues of how to preserve our heritage that we left behind in Egypt.

We ask that you please contact us, before you initiate any action regarding this subject matter, in order not to jeopardize our past efforts. Together we can coordinate a coherent plan of action that we pray will succeed. It has been a hard and arduous road, so far, and we welcome your participation in earnest.

Sincerely Yours,

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