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Subject: Evaluation of Eliad Sharoni

Dear Sir or Madam,

Some years ago, the former German Ambassador in Israel, Dr. Niels Hansen, and I discovered the exceptional talent of the then-young pianist Eliad Sharoni at a concert.

The two of us, along with the many German tourists in the audience, were deeply impressed by his rare gift. Both as a German citizen and as a bearer of the Federal Cross of Merit, I had no sooner got to know him than I felt the need to introduce him to the people and the music of my native land and to my friends there.

Previously, my family and good friends have provided his maintenance, as they recognized the extraordinary nature of his gift. As such, he was accepted in a “master course” in Schleswig-Holstein by Prof. Justus Franz immediately after his arrival, to which he, to the best of my knowledge, was invited again for the following year.

I am convinced that this young man is imminently worthy of support, not least because he is a tolerant and extremely liberal person with the gift of uniting others.

In the hope that you will lend him your assistance, I remain

sincerely yours,

[signature: Ruth Zucker]