**Ktiv: The International Collection of Digitized Hebrew Manuscripts**.

The Ktiv initiative, undertaken by the National Library of Israel in partnership with the Friedberg Jewish Manuscript Society (FJMS), aims to provide global centralized digital access to the complete corpus of existing Hebrew manuscripts. We would like to invite you to join this ambitious and meaningful endeavor.

Since 1950, the National Library of Israel's Institute of Microfilmed Hebrew Manuscripts (IMHM) has collected copies of all extant Hebrew manuscripts, whether privately owned or housed in public collections. It now provides access to nearly 90,000 manuscripts, comprising some 90% of all known Hebrew manuscripts in the world. With rapid advances in technology that significantly expand options for preservation, presentation and access to digital content, Ktiv now aims to bring this unparalleled collection into the digital age. Images are preserved long-term using state-of-the-art technology, and the collection are made accessible as never before using innovative research and discovery tools, as you can see in the beta version of the Ktiv website at Ktiv.nli.org.il

Partner collections benefit from high quality images of their manuscripts, long-term digital preservation and global exposure for their collections.

Ktiv preserves the written heritage of the Jewish diaspora throughout the ages and makes it freely accessible for research and personal use. This enterprise will not be complete without including the Jewish heritage and treasures kept in Spanish and Catalonian collections. We therefore invite you to join our other partner collections, which include the Vatican, the British Library, the National Library of Russia, the New York Public Library, the German National Library, the Bibliothèque nationale de France, the Palatina Library in Parma, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Bibliotheek Ets Haim in Amsterdam, the Austrian National Library and others.

I would be happy to discuss the project in more detail and examine the possibility of including your collection as part of Ktiv.

For more information, please email me at: [tsafra.siew@nli.org.il](mailto:tsafra.siew@nli.org.il).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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