

# SISTER CITY AGREEMENT

Bal Harbour Village, Florida  
United States of America

and

Hof HaCarmel Regional Council  
Haifa District, State of Israel

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## PREAMBLE:

This Sister City Agreement is entered into by and between **Bal Harbour Village**, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, United States of America, and the **Hof HaCarmel Regional Council**, a local government entity organized under the laws of the State of Israel. Recognizing the shared values of democracy, civic engagement, and community development, and inspired by a mutual desire to strengthen bonds of friendship and understanding between our peoples, the Parties hereby agree to establish a Sister City relationship.

## COMMUNITY PROFILES:

### **Bal Harbour Village, Florida, United States of America**

Bal Harbour Village, incorporated in 1946, is a distinguished coastal municipality located at the northern tip of Miami Beach in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Known for its pristine beaches, lush landscapes, and world-renowned Bal Harbour Shops, the Village has become an international destination for luxury tourism, cultural diversity, and civic excellence. Bal Harbour maintains a strong sense of community while providing exceptional municipal services, environmental stewardship, and public safety. The Village's leadership is dedicated to fostering sustainable growth, high quality of life, and responsible governance, reflecting its long-standing commitment to innovation and hospitality.

### **Hof HaCarmel Regional Council, Haifa District, State of Israel**

Hof HaCarmel Regional Council, located along Israel's Mediterranean coast near Mount Carmel, governs a dynamic region encompassing 21 diverse communities, including kibbutzim, moshavim, and small towns. Renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, agricultural vitality, and commitment to sustainable development, Hof HaCarmel combines modern innovation with deep cultural heritage. The Council supports initiatives in education, environmental preservation, renewable energy, and inter-community cooperation, serving as a model for regional collaboration and progressive civic leadership in northern Israel. Its residents embody a spirit of inclusiveness, entrepreneurship, and connection to both the land and the sea – values shared by Bal Harbour Village

Together, these two coastal communities, separated by geography but united by shared ideals, form a partnership built on mutual respect, understanding, and the pursuit of international goodwill.

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#### **ARTICLE I - PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Agreement is to:

1. Promote goodwill, friendship, and cultural understanding between the citizens of Bal Harbour Village and Hof HaCarmel.
  2. Encourage educational, cultural, and social exchanges between residents, schools, and community organizations.
  3. Explore opportunities for collaboration in the fields of tourism, economic development, environmental sustainability, and public administration.
  4. Foster partnerships that enhance the quality of life and mutual understanding between both communities.
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#### **ARTICLE II - AREAS OF COOPERATION:**

The Parties agree to cooperate, when feasible, in the following areas:

1. **Cultural Exchange** – Sharing traditions, art, music, and festivals.
  2. **Educational Collaboration** – Promoting student and teacher exchanges, virtual learning programs, and shared educational projects.
  3. **Tourism and Economic Development** – Encouraging travel, investment, and joint promotional initiatives.
  4. **Community Engagement** – Supporting civic participation, volunteerism, and social initiatives that strengthen community ties.
  5. **Environmental and Sustainability Initiatives** – Exchanging best practices on coastal preservation, green infrastructure, and environmental education.
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#### **ARTICLE V - GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

1. This Agreement is intended as a statement of goodwill and cooperation; it does not create any legal, financial, or contractual obligations enforceable under domestic or international law.
  2. Each Party shall bear its own costs for participation in Sister City activities unless otherwise agreed in writing.
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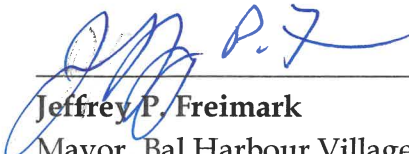
**EXECUTION:**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned have executed this Sister City Agreement on behalf of their respective communities.

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**For Bal Harbour Village, Florida,  
United States of America**

**For Hof HaCarmel Regional Council,  
Haifa District, State of Israel**

  
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**Jeffrey P. Freimark**  
Mayor, Bal Harbour Village

  
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**Asif Izak**  
Mayor, Hof HaCarmel Regional Council

**Date:** OCTOBER 28, 2025

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**Attest:**   
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**Dwight S. Danie**  
Village Clerk

