

**Sarasota/ Tel Mond
Declaration
March 8, 2008**

Through Sister Cities International, Sarasota, Florida and Tel Mond, Israel have been twinned since March 11, 1998.

On our Tenth Anniversary, we celebrate our special partnership and friendship as well as encourage all citizens to further the efforts of peace and global understanding.

We believe that it is our privilege and duty to nurture respect and trust in the citizens of our cities and countries. We shall make every effort to deepen our mutual understanding and friendship.

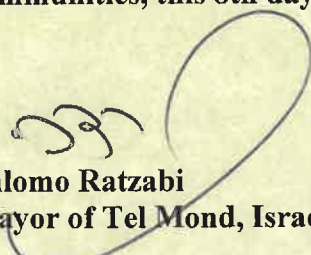
In pursuit of these aims and further promotion of our Sister City relationship, both cities have agreed on the following:

To unite people of all ages and backgrounds on the basis of true friendship that surmounts barriers of distance, culture, language and politics.

To encourage joint projects in the fields of education, arts and culture, business, tourism, sports, technology and other areas of common interest.

Therefore, we proclaim March 8, 2008 as a meaningful day worthy of the recognition of all the citizens of Tel Mond and Sarasota.

The foregoing agreement is acknowledged before us, on behalf of our two communities, this 8th day of March, 2008, in the city of Tel Mond, Israel.



Shlomo Ratzabi
Mayor of Tel Mond, Israel



Smadar Dromy
Sarasota City Director



Lou Ann Palmer
Mayor of Sarasota, Florida



Linda Rosenbluth
Tel Mond City Director