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AFTERNOON ROUNDUP

Governor Ron DeSantis Leads Historic Ceremonial Meeting with Florida Cabinet Members and Delivers Keynote Address at the Israel-America Business Summit

Jerusalem, Israel – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis and members of the Florida Cabinet held a historic ceremonial meeting at the United States Embassy in Jerusalem. The Governor also met with several Israeli companies and delivered the keynote address at the 2019 Israel-America Business Summit hosted by Israel Chambers of Commerce.

Below is an overview of Wednesday's events of the Governor's Business Development Mission to Israel:

- Governor DeSantis met with the following Israeli companies:
 - **INSIGHTEC**, a leading technological medical device company
 - **Attenti**, which provides innovative solutions for law enforcement and corrections agencies
 - **B.G. Tech**, a service and maintenance company for micro-electronics
- [Governor DeSantis delivered the keynote address at the 2019 Israel-America Business Summit](#)
 - The Israel-America Business Summit is an annual gathering of U.S. and Israeli government officials and leading business executives to discuss the current status of Israeli-American business relationships.
- [Governor DeSantis joined an MOU signing ceremony between the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Israel-America Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce](#)
 - The MOU recognizes the strong interest these organizations have in developing a closer working relationship and joining efforts to achieve common goals with a view to growing the business and investment relationship between Israel and Florida.

- [Governor DeSantis visited Hub Etzion Industrial Park within the Gush Etzion region of Israel for a roundtable discussion with Israeli officials on the BDS movement and held a joint press conference with Gilad Erdan, Israel Minister of Public Security, Strategic Affairs and Information](#)
 - The visit to Hub Etzion was of historical significance as it marks the first time a Florida Governor has crossed the “green line” into Judea and Samaria, also known as the West Bank, which is Israel’s biblical heartland.
- [Governor DeSantis led a historic ceremonial meeting with Florida Cabinet members at the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem](#)
 - At the meeting, the Governor and Cabinet members adopted a resolution recognizing the meaningful relationship between Florida and the State of Israel. A copy of the resolution can be found [HERE](#).
- [Governor DeSantis planted a tree in the John F. Kennedy Peace Forest as a symbol of the strong friendship between Florida, the United States and the nation of Israel](#)
 - The Governor’s visit coincided with the anniversary of President John F. Kennedy’s birthday. Established in 1964, the Forest serves as a memorial to President Kennedy, as he was greatly admired by Israelis and American Jewish communities for his open support of the then young nation of Israel.

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