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Chairman of the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece visits Greek Orthodox Jerusalem Patriarchate



On Tuesday 15/28 June 2022, the President of the Hebrew Community in Greece Mr David Saltiel visited the Patriarchate, accompanied by his associates, Counsel Mr Barak and Mrs Maria-Angelina Hatzistamatiou.

Mr Saltiel was warmly received by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and Hagiotaphite Fathers.

During this visit, there was an interesting conversation about the sacred history of the Old and the New Testament, as the former is the base and source and power of the Hebrew people and of Christianity. The Sacred History was identified as God's revelation, which is accepted through faith, while philosophy is the scientific examination through the word.

There was also a discussion about the translation of the 70 interpreters of the Old

Testament, through which the Jews who did not know their native language learned the sacred history as well as the Greeks, and the idolaters, and later on to Christianity. There was also talk about Paul, the Apostle of nations, and the link between the sacred history of the Old and the New Testament.

The talk continued about the ongoing dialogue between the Orthodox Church and Judaism, which creates the condition for a peaceful religious co-existence.

For this visit, Mr Saltiel offered His Beatitude a book-album of the life of the Hebrew Community of Thessaloniki during the years 1897-1917, while Mrs Hatzistamatiou offered a CD with Hebrew music, while His Beatitude gave both of them a cross and a silver painting of Jerusalem. The guests then headed to the Church of the Holy



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