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He spoke during an Ascension Day event at the Franciscan Church, in the presence of the Holy City's Christians leaders, including the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Most Godly Beatitude Theophilus III

Rivlin added "...These are difficult and painful times for Christians in the Middle East. I am proud that Israel is the only country in our region where the Christian community is not shrinking, but in fact is growing."

