



Minister of Culture and
Sport

Tuesday, June 5, 2018,

To:

Dr. Avichai Mandelblit
Attorney General

Dear Sir,

Re: Denial of Funding Due to Cultural Events That Undermine the Existence of the State

I ask for your immediate intervention to promote legislation that would enable us, once and for all, to stop supporting cultural institutes that use their public spaces to give a stage to relentless subversion against our very existence, our symbols and our values.

Over the past two years, Barbour Gallery has been repeatedly taking advantage of the legal lacuna and our legally tied hands to continue with its “incessant pro-Palestinian babble” that undermines our very existence and cultivates Nakba fairytales. Again and again over the past two years, we have tried to stop the subversive activity at Barbour Gallery, but have come up against a fortified legal wall.

Note that Mayor of Jerusalem Nir Barkat and I have recently discussed a restraining order to stop subversive activity at Barbour Gallery on June 18, 2018, but our bad experience from the past two years indicates that this step is blocked by the court. As a result of this legal helplessness and foot-dragging, Barbour Gallery and other cultural institutes that suckle on the government’s teat use the public stage, provided to them by the state, to attack, condemn and subvert it.

I would therefore ask for an immediate discussion in your office to promote effective legislation that would deny funding to Barbour Gallery and its likes for the reasons mentioned above. How long will our hands remain tied?! We can no longer tolerate the legal lacuna and roll our eyes.

Sincerely,

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Minister of Culture and Sport