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Dear Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts,

On behalf of the Israel National Defense College, I would like to thank you for an insightful meeting with our participants.

An integral component of defense and strategy studies at the INDC is maintaining and deepening the participants' understanding of a verity of traditions and beliefs, some of which may be more relatable than others. Only by gaining a wide view of possible interpretations, can we begin interpreting reality in our own context, and deal with strategy.

We greatly appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to participate in our tour of New York. We appreciate the immense research and inventive thinking that the Abyssinian Baptist Church could offer the group.

Best wishes,

**Major General**  **Itai Veruv**  
Commandant of the Military Colleges  
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