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Dear Presidents, dear Coordinator and Referents

It is with great pleasure that the *Association of Italian Scientists and Scholars (AISSI)* in Israel accepts to collaborate with you and become your partner in the relevant project of the Remembrance Page, that aims to highlight the immense and indelible scientific and cultural damage that resulted from the application of the racial laws against Jewish, also pointing out the removal of many women, whose participation in studies and academic life was ahead of time. The impact of the racial laws in 1938 with the exclusion of Jews from any public schools, universities, and institutes of research, is a dark page in the history of Italy and is still partially ignored by the majority of the Italian public. We strongly believe that behind the importance of remembering those who were discriminated against and persecuted, like the thousands of academics and students forced to leave their offices and schools, it is essential to continue to spread light and knowledge about it, particularly to the young generation. That is why the Association of Italian Scientists and Scholars in Israel will actively participate in any research activities aimed to reconstruct the events and the life of those scientists and professors who were banned and later on persecuted from the academy and Italian life.

We also welcome this partnership as the first step of a wider cooperation between Italian and Israeli research and cultural institutions, looking forward for further cooperations and agreements.

Best regards

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