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Ms Shahar Peer
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by fax: 9650 2743

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Dear Shahar

I write on behalf of the Australian Jewish community to wish you *mazal tov* for reaching your first grand slam quarter-final, and *hatzlachah* in your match against Serena Williams and for the remainder of the Australian Open.

Unfortunately too many people know nothing about Israel except that is in conflict with the Arab world. People like you, a young woman who is talented and successful in her chosen field, show that there is a normal side to Israeli life. The particular beauty of sport is that it is an international language that all can understand; hence you have been a wonderful ambassador for Israel and the Jewish People. Shahar, we are all very proud of you.

Good luck and our very best wishes

Grahame J. Leonard
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