

Statement of Israeli Foreign Minister, Yair Lapid:

“On the day we commemorate the destruction of the Temple, a group of extremists decided to desecrate the holiness of the day and the holiness of the place and start a violent struggle at the Kotel,” he wrote on Twitter. “That’s the baseless hatred that led to the destruction of the Temple and our exile.”

He said the Israeli government would not tolerate such action that aimed to drive a wedge between Israel and the Jewish world. *“We won’t let them destroy the Kotel, destroy Israeli society or destroy our relations with the Jewish world,” he wrote. “The Kotel belongs to every stream of Judaism, and it will be a place where every Jew feels at home.”*

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