AFIM 2019 GALA

(New York, NY) – October 10, 2019 – On Tuesday, October 29, 2019, the American Friends of the Israel Museum (AFIM) will host its annual Gala dinner at The Plaza hotel. This year's Gala will celebrate the notable dynamism of art today as it is reflected across the Museum's holdings. The evening will feature influential contemporary artist Rashid Johnson, whose work employs a wide range of media to explore themes of art history, individual and shared cultural identities, personal narratives, literature, philosophy, materiality, and critical history.

All proceeds raised through the 2019 AFIM Gala will support the Israel Museum's exhibitions, art acquisitions, educational and outreach programs, and curator training. The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, is a leader among the world's encyclopedic museums, with collections ranging from archaeology to contemporary photography, art, and design, by raising awareness and support for the museum from donors throughout the United States. This widely anticipated event brings together an unparalleled global network of patrons and friends committed to supporting the Israel Museum and its advancement.

Tables and tickets are available for purchase at www.afimnyc.org/events-2

WHEN: Tuesday, October 29, 2019; 7:00 PM Reception; 8:00 PM Dinner

WHERE: The Plaza, Fifth Avenue at 58th Street

CHAIRS: Nancy and Joseph Chetrit

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Guests of note include: AFIM President Jill Bernstein and Jay Bernstein, Stacey Bronfman and Alex Roepers, Anne and Jerome Fisher Director of the Israel Museum Ido Bruno, Nancy and Joseph Chetrit, Milly and Arne Glimcher, Rashid Johnson and Sheree Hovsepian, Wendy and Stephen Lash, Pamela and Arnold Lehman, Dominique Levy, Ninah Lynne, Phyllis and William Mack, Chris and Richard Mack, Ingebord and Ira Rennert, Lois Robbins, Judy and Michael Steinhardt, and Alice and Thomas Tisch.

About AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE ISRAEL MUSEUM (AFIM)

AFIM is one of 16 Friends associations dedicated to supporting the Israel Museum. AFIM raises funds to support Museum exhibitions, art acquisitions, educational and outreach programs, curator training, and more. Beyond financial support, AFIM raises awareness of the Museum through galas in New York, Palm Beach, and Los Angeles, as well as collection visits, gallery visits, studio tours, and other events. Through these efforts, AFIM has helped create a global network of individuals committed to supporting Jerusalem's Israel Museum.

About THE ISRAEL MUSEUM

The Israel Museum, Jerusalem is the largest cultural institution in the State of Israel and is ranked among the world's leading art and archaeology museums. Founded in 1965, and receiving nearly one million visitors annually, the Museum's terraced 20-acre campus houses encyclopedic collections, including works dating from prehistory to the present day, in its Archaeology, Fine Arts, and Jewish Art and Life Wings, and features the most extensive holdings of biblical and Holy Land archaeology in the world. In just over fifty years, the Museum has built a far-ranging collection of nearly 500,000 objects through an unparalleled legacy of gifts and support from a wide circle of friends and patrons throughout the world. The Museum is enjoyed by

visitors from all walks of life, carrying an inclusive educational and cultural message to all sectors of the population, regardless of age, background, religion, or ethnicity.