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### **Media Advisory**

#### **Hartsfield-Jackson to sign Sister Airport Agreement with Ben Gurion**

*Agreement aims to increase travel, trade with Israel's largest airport*

**ATLANTA** – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with their counterparts from Tel Aviv Ben-Gurion International Airport (TLV) on Tuesday, May 24. The agreement will allow both airports to share their expertise and experience with each other while increasing travel and trade between the world's most traveled airport and the largest international airport in Israel.

"This agreement marks a new era in cooperation between two dynamic airports and two vibrant cities," ATL's Interim General Manager Roosevelt Council Jr. said today. "We look forward to cultivating a wonderful relationship with our colleagues in Tel Aviv."

This will be the third international MOU ATL officials have signed with sister airports. Earlier this spring, ATL leaders signed a similar agreement with officials from Monsenor Oscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport in El Salvador. In April of 2015, ATL officials signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Felix-Houphouet-Boigny International Airport in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

**WHO:** Roosevelt Council Jr., ATL interim general manager  
Gen. Shmuel Zakay, TLV managing director  
Candace Byrd, chief of staff, Office of Mayor Kasim Reed  
Ambassador Judith Varnai Shorer, Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United States

**WHAT:** Signing Ceremony – Sister Airport Agreement between ATL and TLV

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport  
2600 Maynard H. Jackson Jr. Blvd.  
Atlanta, GA 30354

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**Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's most traveled and most efficient airport, serving more than 101 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, sustainability, architectural engineering, and construction. ATL is about to embark on a \$6 billion capital improvement plan, ATL Next, that will modernize the domestic terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 300-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, go to [www.atlanta-airport.com](http://www.atlanta-airport.com).

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