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Prof. Shalva Weil
"Israeli Watch against Murder of Women"

Dear Prof. Weil,

We are now completing a complex year of dealing with the world-wide Covid pandemic. This pandemic led to great damage in Israel and around the world – health, economic and social. While we see the light at the end of the tunnel regarding Covid, there is another plague which is spreading in Israeli society and it is plague of violence against women. The month of March 2020 is remembered as the month that the Covid pandemic began in Israel. However, that month was the most deadly in the year 2020 when five women were murdered in Israel.

Your initiative to establish the "Israeli Watch against Murder of Women" is an initiative of the most significant social and public value. Creating a foundation of ongoing and objective knowledge geared to focus and improve dealing with the phenomena of murder of women in Israel constitutes an innovative breakthrough, and we all hope and believe that it will indeed result in saving lives and creating a safer environment.

The responsibility for eradicating the spreading phenomena of violence and murder of women in Israel must be placed on every one of us, and I am proud that with your blessed work and that of your colleagues, the Hebrew University has become a part of the important social and public effort to fight violence against women in Israel.

Sincerely yours,


Asher Cohen