

# **HIS BEATITUDE THE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM SPEAKS AT ISRAELI MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

At noon of the 30<sup>th</sup> of November/13<sup>th</sup> of December 2016, the Beit Schmueel Institution outside the walls of Jerusalem, near David's Gate, hosted an event organized by the Israeli Ministry of Tourism on the occasion of Christmas, the New Year and Hannukah.

Attending the event were the Leaders of Jerusalem Churches with their attendants.

Addressing the distinguished guests, the Minister of Tourist, Mr Yariv Levin, underlined the need for a spirit of tolerance amongst members of different religions and nationalities in the state of Israel for their peaceful coexistence and the attraction of tourists.

Patriarch Theophilos spoke on behalf of Christian Churches. The Patriarch's speech may be reached here: <http://www.jo-newsgate.net/en/2016/12/13/28351>

**From the Secretariat-General**

