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From correspondents in Jerusalem

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## **Waters pressured to move concert place in Israel**

"Pink Floyd" co-founder Roger Waters is moving his June concert in Israel from Park Hayarkon in Tel Aviv to a chickpea field next to Neve Shalom because of Palestinian protests, Channel 2 TV reported Sunday.

Waters, bass player and vocalist with the iconic rock group from its birth in the 1960s until its members drifted apart two decades later, has lent his support to a pro-Palestinian movement urging removal of the security fence being constructed along the West Bank.

Park Hayarkon was the scene of several such appearances every year, where up to 200,000 people sit on the grass. On the other hand, moving the concert to Neve Shalom would cost millions of shekels to compensate the chickpea growers, whose fields were planned to be uprooted to accommodate the performance.

## **Pink Floyd's Waters moves TA show to promote coexistence**

By Tamar Sukenik, Haaretz Correspondent

Roger Waters, cofounder of Pink Floyd, has decided to relocate his Tel Aviv performance this summer in an expression of support for coexistence in Israel.

The concert was set to take place at Hayarkon Park in Tel Aviv on June 22, and has been moved to Neveh Shalom, a Jewish-Arab town next to Latrun.

Waters has expressed his opposition to the separation fence, but was subject to heavy criticism by Palestinians after he announced he was to perform in Israel.

Following conversations with spiritual leaders and Palestinian and Israel activists, Waters announced that the show would be moved to show solidarity with Israeli and Palestinian 'voices of reason' that are pursuing a nonviolent path to peace.

Some 35,000 tickets to the show have been sold thus far. Trains and buses will be arranged in advance to bring concertgoers to Neveh Shalom.

The concert is expected to last about three hours, and will consist of Pink Floyd classics as well as material from Waters' solo career. More notably, Waters will perform the entirety of Pink Floyd's 1971 legendary album, 'Dark Side of the Moon.'

Shuki Weiss will produce the event. Mark Fischer, scenic designer of this past Winter Olympics, will design the set and lighting for the show.