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of the Middle East**

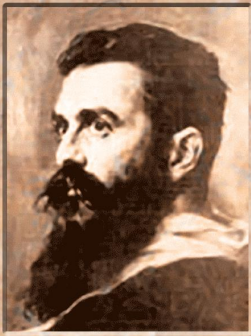


## Israel's Size

290 miles long  
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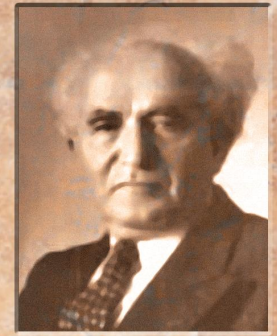
9 miles wide  
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1897

# ZIONISM

## The Rebirth of a Nation



1948

## **The Birth of Modern Zionism–1897**

**Zionism is the national liberation movement of the Jewish people who sought to restore their independence in their ancestral homeland.**

**The dream of restoration and return had been at the core of Judaism and Jewish identity for 2,000 years.**

**Zionists integrated this historic dream with modern political ideals.**



# Ancient Ties to the Land

There has been a continuous Jewish presence in Israel  
for over 3,000 years



Models of Second Temple, Jerusalem, 540 BCE-70 AD



# Roman Defeat of Jewish State

Detail of Rome's Arch of Titus (completed in 85 AD)  
commemorating Roman destruction of the Temple in 70 AD



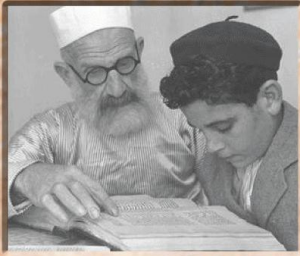


# Zionism Today...

**Jews and non-Jews around the world support the state of Israel and hope to see the full Zionist vision realized:  
A safe and thriving Israel living at peace with its neighbors.**







# TIES THAT BIND

Jews Connecting Through The Centuries



**Jews are one of the few ancient peoples who have survived into modern times.  
Judaism is among the world's oldest living religions.**





## **Continuous Identification with Zion, the Jewish Homeland.**

***Jews “prefer being prisoners in Jerusalem to enjoying  
the freedom they could acquire elsewhere....***

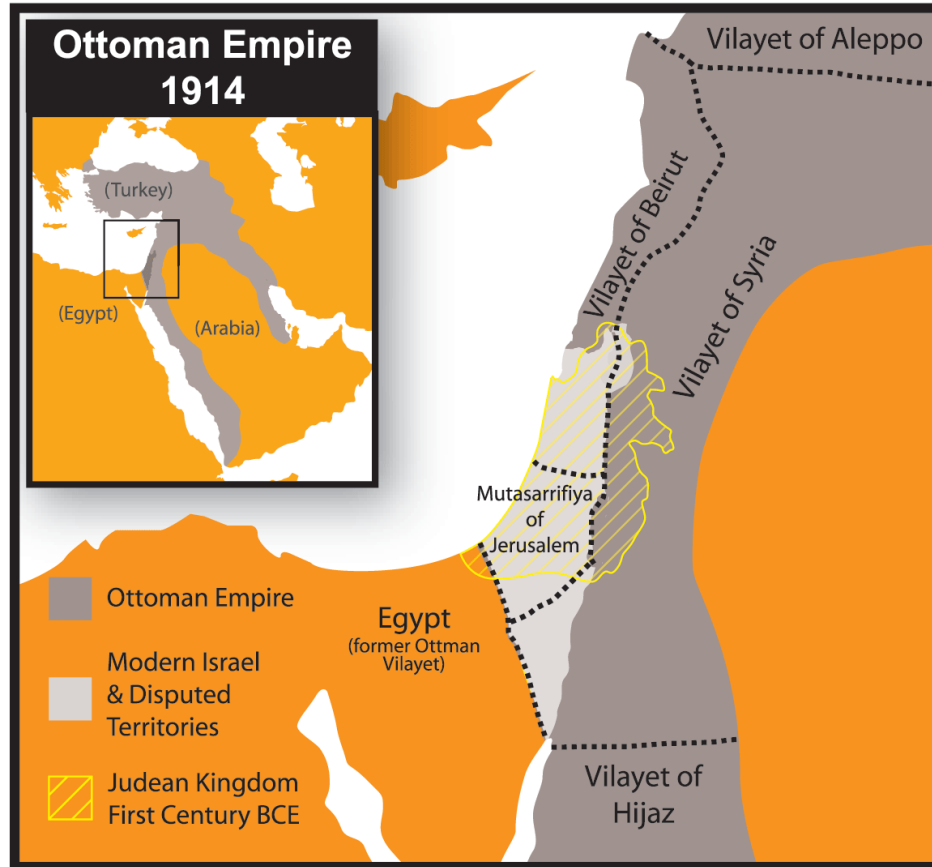
***The love of the Jews for the Holy Land  
which they lost...is unbelievable.”***

***Jesuit Father Michael Naud on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 1674***



# Evolution of the Region

The Empires: No Nation Ever Rose to Replace the Jewish State



During the 400 years the Ottoman Empire ruled (1517-1918), the general region, Palestine, was fragmented and attached to different provinces.



# History in Maps

International Support for Zionism—  
Balfour Declaration, 1917

League of Nations Palestine Mandate, 1920

## The Land

Included present-day Jordan, Israel,  
the Territories and the Golan heights.

## The Guidelines (Article 6 & 7):

1. “Facilitate Jewish immigration.”
2. “Encourage...close settlement by  
Jews on the land.”
3. “Facilitate the acquisition of Palestinian  
citizenship by Jews.”



# Britain Cuts Off Mandate Land 1921-1923

**77% granted exclusively to Arabs in what became Jordan. Jewish settlement was prohibited.**

**1% Golan Heights cut off and given to French-controlled Syria.**

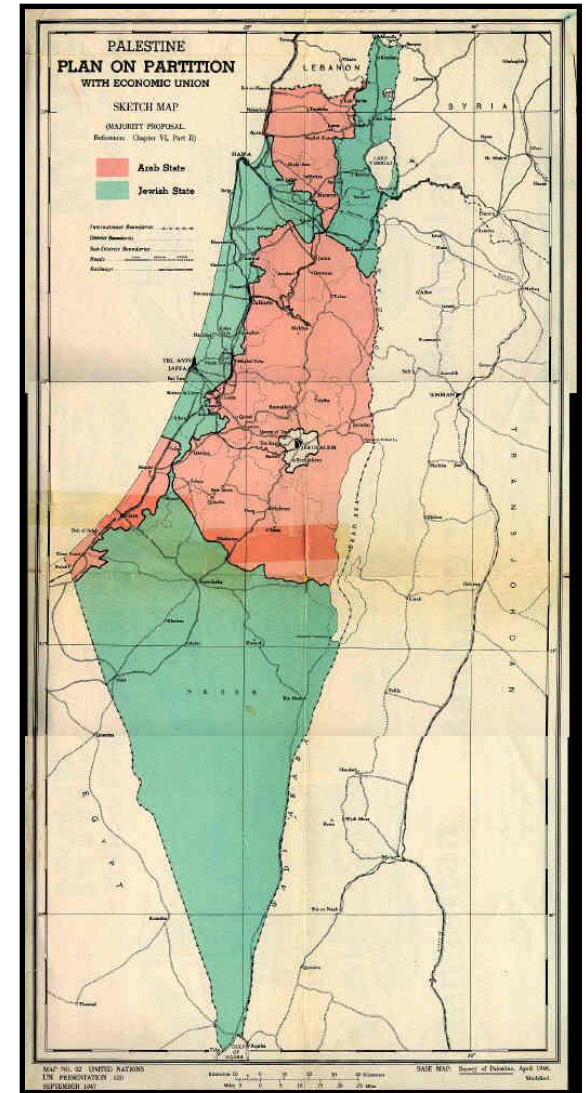




# Compromise Recommended— UN Partition Plan, 1947

Jews accepted the plan.

Arab leaders rejected compromise and launched a military invasion to prevent establishment of a Jewish state within *any* borders.



# Arab States' Wars Against Israel Change Territorial Boundaries



**1949-1967**

Jordan annexed area it renamed the "West Bank."

Egypt occupied Gaza.



**1967-1979**

When Israel defended itself against Arab states in 1967, it captured vital buffer zones: Golan Heights, Sinai, Gaza, and the West Bank. Israel immediately offered to trade land for peace.

Arab states rejected the offer.



# Trading Land for Peace

## 1979-2008

**1979—Israel ceded the Sinai for peace with Egypt**

**1997—Israel withdrew from 80% of Gaza; 40% of West Bank**

**2000—Israel withdrew from security zone in southern Lebanon**

**2005—Israel completed a 100% withdrawal from Gaza**



# **Restoring the Jewish Homeland— The Return Begins**

**In the mid-1800s, a Jewish revival began.  
By 1870, Jews once again were the majority in Jerusalem.**



**Montefiore's windmill outside  
Jerusalem's walls –built in 1867**

# Pre-World War I The Land

Swamps in the Esdraelon Valley, 1920

*“The country was...and is now, underdeveloped and under-populated.... Large cultivable areas are left untilled....Miles of sand dunes that could be redeemed, are untouched.” –Interim Report on the Civil Administration of Palestine, June 1921*





# **Restoring the Land Before and After World War I The Pioneer Zionists**



**Jews bought the land, often for exorbitant prices, and through back-breaking labor, cleared the wastelands and malarial swamps, and reforested the hillsides.**

# **Pre-World War I**

## **Restoring the Land**

**Jewish pioneers built villages and cities.**



**Founding of Tel Aviv, 1909**





Tel Aviv, 1930



# **Early Zionists came in waves of “Aliyah”**

**and established “Kibbutzim”—the world’s most  
successful utopian-socialist communities.**



First Aliyah—Biluim wearing traditional Arab headdress, the keffiyeh, 1882.

# **The Zionist Dream—Israel Reborn**

## **Israel Becomes an Independent State**

### **1948**



# Continuous Terrorism: 1920-2008



## **Palestinian Leader Mufti Al-Husseini**

Terrorism against Jews  
in 1920, 1921, 1929,  
1936-1939.

Collaborated with Hitler  
during World War II.



## **PLO's Yasser Arafat**

Terrorism against  
Israeli men, women  
and children in and  
outside of Israel,  
1959-2004



**Hamas, Hezbollah,  
Islamic Jihad** and  
other groups rushed  
to take credit for  
terrorist attacks.

99 suicide bombings,  
1993-2005.



# **Eight Major Wars Against Israel in 60 Years**

**1948–Israel's War of Independence**

**1956–Sinai War**

**1967–1967 War, also known as Six Day War**

**1967-1970–War of Attrition**

**1973–Yom Kippur War**

**1982-1985–First Lebanon War**

**1991–Persian Gulf War**

**2006–Lebanon War II or Hezbollah War**



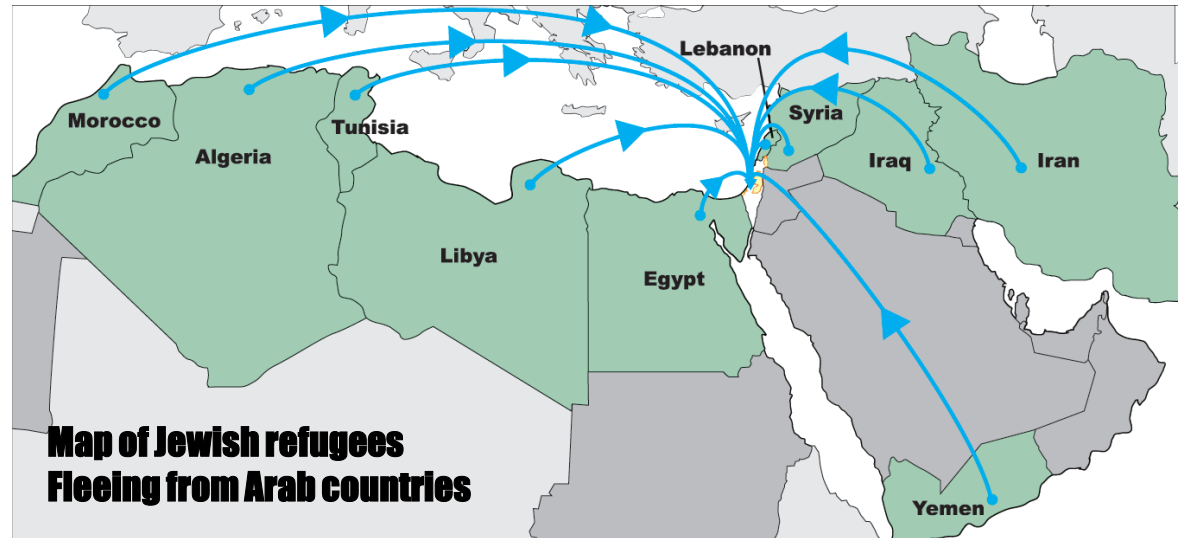


# Jewish and Arab Refugees Rescued From The 1948 War



160,000 Arabs accepted Israel's offer of citizenship.

472,000-750,000 Arabs sought refuge from the fighting in neighboring Arab countries.



850,000 Jews lived in Arab/Muslim lands in 1948. Persecuted by nine Arab countries after 1948 and forced to flee, hundreds of thousands found refuge in Israel.

70,000 Jews were forced out of the Mandate land occupied by Jordan, Egypt and Syria in 1948.

# The Jewish Refugees from Arab Lands

After each Arab-Israeli war, increasing persecution forced more Jews to flee. The Jewish population in nine Arab Muslim states dropped from 850,000 in 1948 to less than 10,000 today.

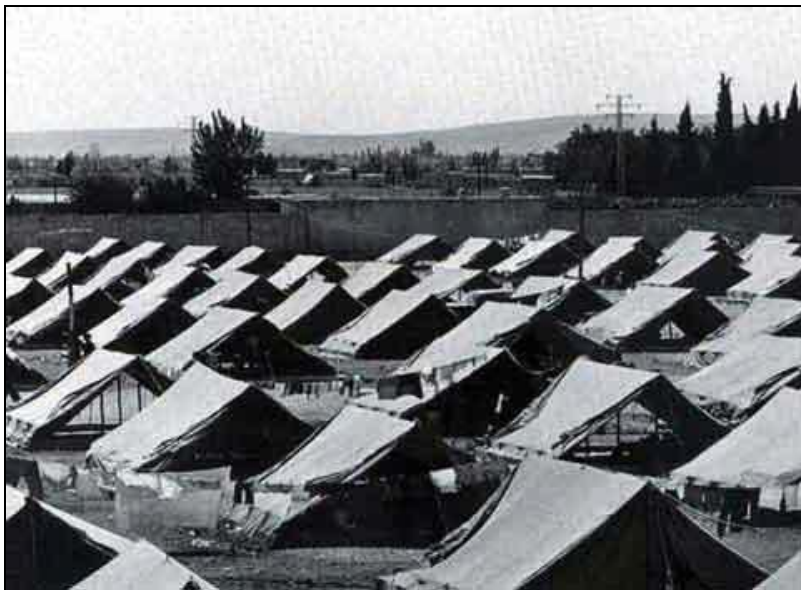


# Victims of the Arab War Against Israel

## Jewish and Arab Refugees

Israel quickly absorbed Jewish refugees and dismantled the refugee camps.

Arab countries, with the exception of Jordan, refused to absorb the Palestinian-Arab refugees. Palestinian camps grew into working-class neighborhoods of adjacent cities.



**Palestinian Refugee Camp**



**Typical temporary camps (Ma'abarot)  
Israel built for flood of Jewish refugees.**



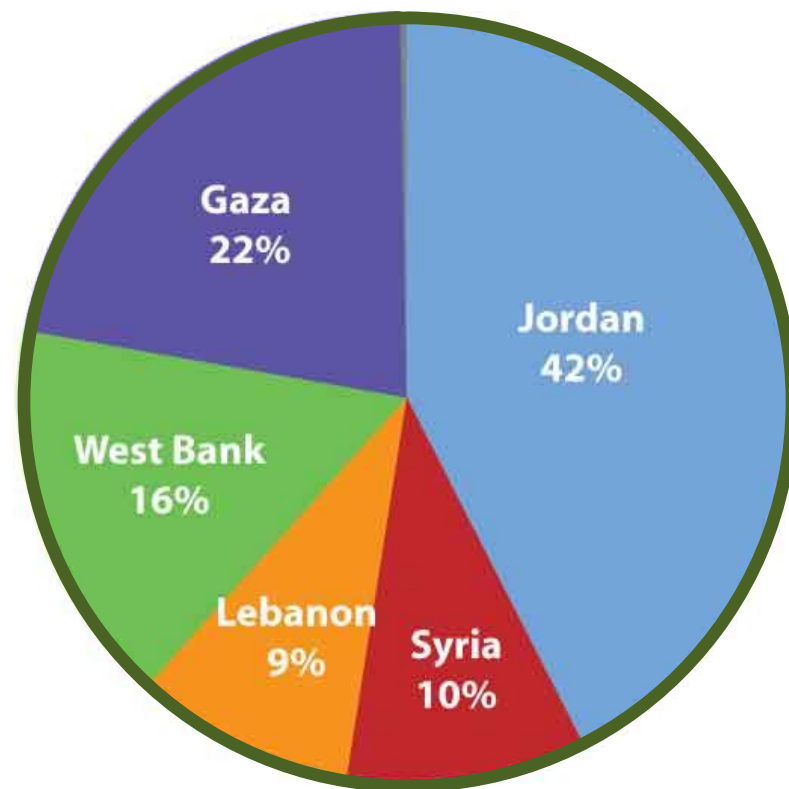
# Distribution of UN-Registered Palestinian Refugees Today

The UN set up UNRWA to provide welfare that Arab states would not provide for the Arab refugees created by the war they launched.

All the world's other refugees are cared for by one UN agency (UNHCR).

Sixty years after the War in 1948, UNRWA still provides support to Palestinian refugees. They are the only refugee group in the world whose descendants are also designated as refugees.

Arab states continue to promise refugees they have the "right of return" to Israel.



# **Israel's Military Administration of the West Bank and Gaza 1967-1993**

After the 1967 war, Israel immediately offered to exchange land for peace.

The Arab league's response, known as the "Three Nos":

***“No peace with Israel,  
No recognition of Israel,  
No negotiations with it.”***

***–Arab League Khartoum Resolution, September 1, 1967***

# **Israeli Administration of the West Bank and Gaza**

**Freedom of association, press, religion and political parties.**

**Health and welfare soared: medical clinics, health insurance.**

**7 universities, expansion of elementary schools.**

**Economic prosperity: The territories became the fourth-fastest-growing economy in the world in the 1970s and early 1980s.**

**Mortality rate improved dramatically.**



**Bir Zeit University**



# **Facts about Israeli Settlements in the Territories Legal but Politically Contentious**

1967-1977: Seventy-six Jewish communities were built in the territories on undeveloped land. Most were built to ensure security, but some Israelis, such as the survivors of the Gush Etzion block, returned to rebuild Jewish communities that Arab forces had captured and destroyed in the 1948 War.

After 1977, 74 additional communities were built in the territories on unallocated government land.

By 2005, the 150 communities included approximately 200,000 Israelis living on less than 2% of the West Bank's land.

Eighty percent of the settlers live in communities close to the Green Line, currently consisting of suburbs of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

*The Jews' right to settle the land is "a legal right assured by treaty and specifically protected by Article 80 of the U.N. Charter....The Jewish right of settlement in the area is equivalent in every way to the right of the existing Palestinian population to live there."—Eugene Rostow, former U.S. Under Secretary of State, 1990*

# Israel Transfers Administration of the Territories to the PA

98% of Palestinians under PA governance by 1997

Israel has Legitimate Claims to West Bank Lands

- Legal Claims
- Historical Claims
- Security-Related Claims
- Jewish Communities—80% built along the green line



# Evolution of US-Israel Relations

## From Distant Friend to Close Allies

### The Deep Ties Between Israel and the U.S.

#### Similar Histories

Pioneering spirit, creating a more perfect society.

#### Similar Values

Liberty, civil rights, humanitarianism, multiculturalism, education.

#### Post-1967

The U.S. recognized Israel as a valuable strategic ally in the Cold War and a partner in scientific research.



Founding Father John Adams wished the “Jews again an independent nation in Judea,” 1819.





## Israel Participated in the International Space Mission in 2003

The crew of Columbia shuttle flight STS-107. Seated from left are Rick D. Husband, mission commander; Kalpana Chawla, mission specialist; and William C. McCool, pilot. Standing from left are David M. Brown, Laurel B. Clark, Michael P. Anderson, all mission specialists; and [Ilan Ramon](#), payload specialist from the [Israeli Space Agency](#).

# **U.S. Policy—Helping Both Israel and Friendly Arab Regimes**

**The U.S. has been a principal backer of Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the Gulf States.**

**U.S. Aid 1946-1971:**

**To Israel—\$60 million per year**

**To Arab States—\$170 million per year**

**The U.S. has given Egypt \$2 billion per year since 1979.**

**The U.S. has regularly sold state-of-the-art military equipment to Egypt and Saudi Arabia.**

**The U.S. financed almost 2/3 of the UNRWA budget for Palestinians until recently. It now finances over 1/3 of the UNRWA budget.**

**The U.S. consistently sought to be a peace broker between Arab states and Israel.**

# Israel's Search for Peace

Israel has sought peace through territorial compromise

**Since 1937**

Israel accepted territorial compromise  
in 1937, 1947, 1979 and 2000.



**1979—Peace with Egypt.  
Israel returned the Sinai.**



**1994—Peace with Jordan.**



# Israeli-Palestinian Peace Efforts

The Oslo process brought high hopes for  
Palestinian-Israeli peace, 1993

The PLO's Yasser Arafat renounced terrorism and agreed to a Palestinian government in the West Bank and Gaza.

Israel agreed to give administrative control to the newly created Palestinian Authority and to progressively withdraw from disputed territory.

“Final Status” issues, including final borders, refugees, Jerusalem settlements and security, were to be negotiated at the end of the peace process.



# Hopes for Peace Lost

## Hopeful Steps

**PA created as Palestinian civil government.**

**Yasser Arafat claims to renounce terror and is elected as President of PA.**

**98% of Palestinians governed by PA.**

**Israeli withdrawals from  
80% of Gaza,  
40% of West Bank.**

## Disappointments

**Terrorism escalates—  
1993-2000: 282 Israelis killed  
1978-1993: 216 Israelis killed**

**Anti-Israel incitement mounts in  
Palestinian media, schools  
and mosques.**

**Israel delays withdrawals.**

**No agreements on borders.  
Israeli communities expand in  
disputed territories.**

# **Camp David Negotiations Fail July 2000**

## **The Offer**

**100% of Gaza, 97% of West Bank with land swap for extra 3%.**

**Uprooting Israeli settlements within new PA borders.**

**Shared capital of Jerusalem.**

**\$30 billion in refugee resettlement fund.**



# Arafat's Response:

Arafat did not accept the offer.

He made no counteroffer.

He walked away from negotiations.

Two months later, he launched  
the Second Intifada – the terrorist war against Israel.





## **Arafat's Terrorist War Targeted Israeli Civilians**

**Terrorism, Sept. 28, 2000-Dec. 31, 2005–  
147 suicide bombings (causing 47% of all deaths).  
1,084 killed.  
7,454 injured/crippled.  
82% of dead and wounded were civilians.**



**Targets: restaurants, dance clubs, buses, religious events,  
shopping malls, civilians in cars**



# Terrorist Organizations

A variety of terrorist organizations promoted terrorism and destruction of Israel during the Intifada

## FATAH

Movement for the National Liberation of Palestine (Affiliate of PLO and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade)



## HAMAS

Islamic Resistance Movement



## PFLP

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine



## PLO

Palestine Liberation Organization



## HEZBOLLAH

Party of God (Lebanon/Iran)



## PIJ

Palestinian Islamic Jihad





# Israeli-Palestinian Peace Efforts

Post-Intifada  
Failed Peace Efforts

June 2003  
Road map to peace

August 2005  
Israel uproots all Israeli communities in Gaza



Israeli Greenhouses



Palestinians destroy greenhouses.

January 2006  
 Hamas elected in Gaza

June 2007  
 Hamas coup against Fatah in Gaza

# Hezbollah War

Hezbollah launches unprovoked act of war against Israel

Two Israeli soldiers kidnapped



Ehud  
Goldwasser

Eldad  
Regev



Rocket damage—Nahariya

**3,699 rockets** launched into northern Israel in 34 days of war.

**1,000,000 Israelis** forced to live in bomb shelters for 34 days.

**300,000-500,000 Israelis** displaced.

**162 Israelis** killed; 4,262 wounded.

**6,000 homes** hit by Hezbollah rockets.

# War Crimes



Hezbollah rocket launchers dressed in civilian clothing and militants hid among civilian population.

## An Anti-Israel Propaganda War with Occasional Media Complicity



Undamaged photos supposedly found at site Israel bombed. Journalists did not question accuracy.



Infamous doctored photo exaggerating fires and smoke from Israeli operations.



# Israel's Self-Defense

## Balancing Self-Defense and Humanitarian Values

Security Fence

Intelligence Gathering

Checkpoints

Bypass Roads

Destroying Terrorist-Smuggling Tunnels



# **The Security Fence 2002**



**96-97% chain link fence.  
3-4% wall—protection from sniper fire.**

**Success of counterterrorism measures:  
93% drop in total Israeli fatalities—2002-2006.**

# Small Country

# Big Ideas

Israel—at the world's forefront in innovation

Israel invests in education and “brain power.”



Israel invests more of its GDP in research and development than any other nation.

Israel is at the forefront of high-tech and biomedical innovation.

Israel is at the forefront of environmentally friendly innovations.

World's fourth-largest high-tech economy.





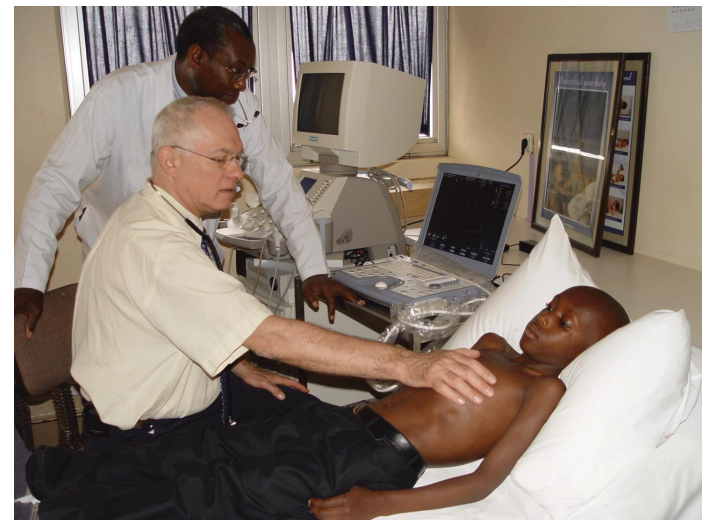
# Humanitarian Programs

Since 1948, Israel has been at the forefront of the world's medical and disaster aid around the world.

Israel trained 200,000 people from 130 countries in desert agriculture, water management, emergency and disaster medicine, and refugee absorption.

Save A Child's Heart (SACH) is Israel's program offering free heart surgery for children from emerging countries.

From 1996-2007, Israel treated 1,848 children from the Congo to the PA and Zimbabwe.



# Israel's Government

## Parliamentary Democracy in Action



Every citizen over 18 has right to vote.

Multi-party system with as many as 18 parties.



# Israel's Government

**The  
President**

**Legislative  
Branch:  
The Knesset**

**Executive  
Branch:  
Prime Minister**

**Judicial  
Branch:  
The Courts**



# Israel's Multiculturalism

## Facts about Israeli Arabs



**Salim Joubran**  
Supreme Court Judge



**Ali Yahya**-Ambassador



**Rana Raslan**  
Miss Israel 1999

**Israeli-Arabs make up almost 20% of Israel's population and have full and equal political and civil rights.**

**Israeli-Arabs were elected to the first Knesset in 1949 and have won as many as 12 of the 120 Knesset seats in a single election.**

**All Arab municipalities receive government funding for education and infrastructure**

**Many Israeli-Arabs hold high-level positions in society.**



**Ismail Khalidi**  
Ambassador



**Yosef Mishlav**  
Major General

# Many Faces of Israel

## Israel—A Diverse and Vibrant Multicultural Society

**80% of Israelis are Jews of different ethnicities and races who have come from over 80 countries around the globe.**

**Israel officially recognizes over 15 religions, from Islam and Christian denominations to the Baha’l Faith.**

**Refugees from Muslim countries and their descendents make up about half of Israel’s Jewish population.**

**20% of Israelis are non-Jews, including Druze, Bedouin, Muslims, and Christian Arabs.**



# **Hot Topics**

## **About Modern Israel**

**Jews:** Indigenous to Israel, with 3,000-year continuous presence in the land. Jews were Jerusalem's majority population since 1870.

**A pluralistic society** with 15 recognized religions, 18% Arab population, and 80% Jewish population that includes Jewish returnees from 80 countries in the middle east, Africa, north and south America, Europe and Asia.

**American-style** civil liberties and human rights for all, including non-Jewish minorities, all ethnic groups, women and gays.

**Full civil and political rights** for Israeli Arabs who have five political parties, hold seats in the Knesset and are elected or appointed to high-level positions.



# Hot Topics

## False Claims Against Israel

**Apartheid:** Nothing in Israel resembles South Africa's legal system of racial segregation and oppression. A democracy like the U.S., Israel legally enforces equal rights, liberties, and protections for all.

**Divestment & boycotts:** These campaigns try to punish Israel by blaming it alone for the conflict through historical distortions and misrepresentations of Israel's counterterrorism measures.

**War crimes:** Terrorist groups use human shields and intentionally attack Israel from densely populated civilian centers. Israel has struggled to balance humanitarian ethics with the urgent need to protect its citizens, often sacrificing its own soldiers or safety to avoid harming innocent Palestinians.

**Checkpoints & security fence:** Incessant terrorism forced Israel to find ways to prevent terrorists from easily reaching Israeli civilians. These nonviolent measures inconvenience Israelis and Palestinians alike, but have reduced the number of terrorist and of murder victims by over 95%.

# Hot Topics

## Financial Aid

### **Palestinians:**

Received “the highest per capita aid transfer in the history of foreign aid anywhere.”—*2004 World Bank report.*

The U.S. has been the single largest donor to Palestinian refugees since 1949 and, in addition, assisted the PA with over \$1.5 billion between 1993 and 2006.

### **Israelis:**

U.S. policy has been to assist both Israel and friendly Arab states such as Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Morocco. Since 1979, the U.S. has given \$2 billion per year to Egypt and \$3 billion per year to Israel.

As its economy soared, Israel reduced its requests for U.S. economic aid, which dropped to zero dollars in 2008. Israel still gets military aid.

U.S.-Israel partnerships have produced breakthroughs in technological, biomedical, environmental and agricultural fields, saving the U.S. substantial funds in research and development.

# **Hot Topics**

## **When Criticism of Israel is Anti-Semitic**

**Criticism of Israeli policies is not anti-Semitism. Israelis regularly have blistering debates about their country's policies.**

**Criticism of Israel is anti-Semitism when the “Three Ds” are present:**

**Delegitimization—The Jewish State has no right to exist.**

**Double Standards—Israel is condemned harshly for measures or social problems that are accepted when judging other nations.**

**Demonization—Distortions and lies used to depict Israel as the world's most evil country.**

**The Link—Anti-Semitism demonizes Jews and their way of life and behavior. Anti-Zionism demonizes Israel, the modern center of Jewish life and continuity.**



# Imagine Peace



**Imagine peace** in the Middle East where Israel and her neighbors join forces to become a major player on the global stage. With shared technology and resources, the possibilities are endless. But more important is a future filled with peace and prosperity for our children and for generations to come.

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