



Israel-US relations in a nutshell

The USA was the first country to recognize Israel at the UN in 1948 and the first country to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel (2017).

Shared Values- Israel is a great partner to the United States, and Israel has no greater friend than the United States. Americans and Israelis are united by our shared commitment to democracy, economic prosperity, and regional security. The unbreakable bond between our two countries has never been stronger.

International Relations - The United States is also committed to encouraging increased cooperation and normalization of ties between Israel and Arab and Muslim majority states, as exemplified by the Abraham Accords and normalization agreements between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan.

Military & Security - Israel's security is a long-standing cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy. The United States' commitment to Israel's security is supported by robust defense cooperation and the 10-year, \$38 billion Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the United States and Israel in 2016.

In addition to security assistance, the United States participates in a variety of exchanges with Israel, including joint military exercises, research, and weapons development. This exchange has helped save the lives of countless American military personnel around the world.

Economy - The U.S.-Israel economic and commercial relationship is strong, anchored by bilateral trade of close to \$50 billion in goods and services annually. U.S.-Israel bilateral economic relations are codified in a number of treaties and agreements, including the 1985 U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the Agreement on Trade in Agricultural Products

Presidential visits - President Biden will be the 7th U.S. president to visit Israel.

Previous visits:

President Donald Trump (2017)

President Barak Obama (2013)

President George W. Bush (2008)

President Bill Clinton (1994, 1995, 1996, and 1998)

President Jimmy Carter (1979)

President Richard Nixon (1974)

President Biden is not a stranger to Israel. He has been a long-standing friend to its people and to its leading statesmen. In his long career, he has known many leading Israeli political figures beginning with Prime Minister Golda Meir in the 70's.