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Foreign Office,
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and legal status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.

It would be grateful if you would bring this knowledge of the Zionist Federation to the attention of Jewish communities in your country.



☆ In the 19th century, the Ottoman Empire ruled over what is known as "Palestine".

☆ The population of Palestine in 1878 was 87% Muslim 10% Christian, and 3% Jewish, the population in Jerusalem was roughly equal. It was during the late 19th century where 10 different nations all wanted their own state including Jews. This concept came to be known as "Zionism".

☆ The British government promised in the Balfour Declaration that "The establishment in Palestine is a national home for the Jewish people" The British established a colony in Palestine until the Palestinians could govern themselves and later created separate institutions for Christians, Jews, and Muslims. In 1920-1930 the Jewish population in Palestine increased by over 320,000 people.

☆ This growing Jewish population caused tension between Jews and Palestinians who worked and lived there. Jews living in Europe were angry and desperately wanted their own state. This caused the British government to announce it was unable to come to a solution acceptable to both Arab and Jews.

☆ The problem was handed over to United Nations who proposed that Palestine will be an Arab state, a Jewish state, and the city of Jerusalem will be under the international trustee system. The Jewish committee accepted it but the Arab committee did not. This was the beginning to an all-out war.

☆ David-Ben Gurion, the head of the Jewish committee declared the area Eretz-Israel, as the state of Israel. After years of bloodshed, war, and government policies, the state of Israel was accepted in the United Nations.

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POPULATION

✧ Israel has an estimated population of 8.45 million, which ranks 99th in the world. Its area size is 20,770 square kilometers. The country has a population density of 387 people per square kilometer (1,004/square mile), which ranks 34th. The most recent demographics of Israel, taken on Israel's Independence Day in 2013, found 75% of the population is Jewish while Arabs account for 21% of the population. The remaining 4% (318,000) are referred to as "others" and are family members of Jewish immigrants who are yet to be registered with the Ministry of Interior as Jews, non-Arab Christians or non-Arab Muslims with no religious or ethnic background.



RELIGION

- ✧ Religion has played an important role in the shaping of Israel's history, lifestyle, and culture. Israel is the only country in which the majority of citizens are Jewish. As of 2011, 75.4% of Israel's population identified as Jewish, 16.9% as Muslim, 2.1% as Christians and 1.7% as Druze. The remaining 4% include other faiths, such as Samaritans, Hindus, Baha'i's, Buddhists, Neopagans, and African Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem. **Judaism** The majority of the population in Israel are followers of Orthodox Judaism, Reform Judaism, and Conservative Judaism. According to Orthodox Judaism, the Jewish Law and Torah are divine. Therefore, followers believe these laws are unalterable and should be adhered to fully. Unlike Orthodox Judaism, Reform and Conservative Judaism are more liberal. Reform and Conservative Judaism consider Jewish laws as guidelines instead of restrictions that all Jews should follow. **Islam** Among the Muslims residing in Israel, Sunni Arabs constitute a majority, while the Ahmadiyyas sect is the second largest. The Ahmadiyya Islamic movement operates from Haifa, Israel, where the Middle Eastern headquarters are located. The Alawite and Shia Muslims are other minority Islam sects within the country. The population of Alawites is about 4,000. Druze is another Islamic sect.
- ✧ **Christianity** The majority of Christians living in Israel are Arabs, or have come from other countries to work and live in monasteries or churches. There are ten churches which have been officially recognized to provide guidance on issues such as divorce and marriage. These churches include the Armenian, Syriac, Roman, Melkite, Maronite, Eastern Greek Orthodox, Syriac Orthodox, and Anglicanism churches.
- ✧ **Religious Tolerance in Israel** There are several cases of tensions between the different religious groups in Israel. For instance, there have been strained relationships within the Jewish community, and between the Jews and Christians. Politically, Christians and Muslims both agree that Israel cannot be a Jewish state and a democracy at the same time. Though Judaism is a religion of the majority, the State of Israel does respect all other religions or allow the freedom for its people to practice the religion of their choice.





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- ✧ Israel is a war zone.
- ✧ Israelis lack manners.
- ✧ Israelis have prickly and unfriendly personalities.
- ✧ Israel is an unsophisticated, camel-riding desert land.
- ✧ Israel is a country of white Jewish people.
- ✧ Israel is a conservative, religious state.
- ✧ Israelis hate Arabs, and vice versa

WESTERN WALL

✧ Western Wall is the most religious jewish site. it is the western support wall of the Temple Mount. Thousands of people journey to the wall every year to visit and recite prayers. These prayers are either spoken or written down and placed in the cracks of the wall. The wall is divided into two sections, one area for males and the other for females.





TEL AVIV

✧ Tel Aviv-a city on Israel's Mediterranean coast, is marked by 1930s Bauhaus buildings. A Modern, vibrant and cosmopolitan city-houses art galleries to military museums, upmarket bistros to simple hummus joints, peaceful parks to pumping bars.



DEAD SEA

✧ Dead sea-- bordering Israel, the West Bank and Jordan – is a salt lake whose banks are more than 400m below sea level, the lowest point on dry land. Its famously hypersaline water makes floating easy, and its mineral-rich black mud is used for therapeutic and cosmetic treatments at area resorts.



TEMPLE MOUNT

✧ Throughout Israel's history, tensions between Jews and Arab Muslims have existed. Both Jews and Muslims consider the city of Jerusalem sacred. It contains the Temple Mount, which includes the holy sites al-Aqsa Mosque, the Western Wall, the Dome of the Rock and more.

EDUCATION, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY

- ✧ Education is highly valued in the Israeli culture. Israel has the highest ratio of college degrees.
- ✧ Higher Education Israel has seven universities. Entrance standards are high, and students must pass a national exam before being admitted. The oldest and most prestigious of these is Hebrew University in Jerusalem, which also has one of the strongest medical schools in the Middle East. Ben-Gurion University, in Beersheba, specializes in natural conservation, and Technion in Haifa focuses on science and engineering. The Weizmann Institute in Rehovot supports postgraduate study. There also are vocational, agricultural, and teacher training institutes. Yeshivot are religious academies (generally not open to women) that train future rabbis and Jewish scholars.
- ✧ Education is mandatory from the ages five through fifteen. The state runs both religious and nonreligious schools; 70 percent of children attend the nonreligious ones. There is a separate education system for Arab children, where the language of instruction is Arabic. The quality of education in these schools is often lower due to a relative unavailability of teachers and poor resources, and they have at times been subject to closings due to violence and political instability. Arab schools receive some funding from the government, as well as from religious institutions. There are three types of high schools: academic, vocational, and agricultural.
- ✧ It is a criminal offense for Jews in Israel to marry in weddings performed outside the state's religious authority, and doing so can result in a jail sentence of up to two years. Hiddush ranked Israel as the only Western democracy that is on a par with Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and other Islamic states in relation to freedom of marriage. Hiddush also found that almost two thirds of Israeli Jews do not know that Israeli Jewish couples who marry in civil ceremonies overseas can, according to Israeli law, only get divorced through the Israeli Orthodox Rabbinical Courts.
- ✧ The issue of civil marriages is a major issue for secular Jews and members of non-Orthodox streams of Judaism, who are required to meet the Orthodox standards to be able to marry in Israel. There is a debate over whether civil marriages would divide the Jewish people in Israel by increasing interfaith marriages and marriages that do not meet halakhic requirements, and over the character of the Jewish state.



TECHNOLOGY

- ✧ Israel has a technologically advanced free market economy. Cut diamonds, pharmaceuticals, high-technology products (including aviation, communications, computer-aided design and manufactures, medical electronics, fiber optics), are among its leading exports. Exports - partners:US 29.3%, Hong Kong 7.4%, UK 6.5%, China 5.5%, Belgium 4.2% (2016). Its major imports include crude oil, grains, raw materials, and military equipment.
- ✧ Income inequality and high housing and commodity prices continue to be a concern for many Israelis. Israel's income inequality and poverty rates are among the highest of OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries, and there is a perception among the public that a small number of "tycoons" have a cartel-like grip over the major parts of the economy. 22% of the population lives below the poverty line. Unemployment rate 4.3% (2017 est.)





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GOVERNMENT

- ✧ Follows a parliamentary democracy, based on the separation of power.
- ✧ It has three branches, the executive, judicial, and legislative.
- ✧ While in the United States, the president is the head of state and the government. In Israel, the roles are split between the president (head of state), and the prime minister (head of government).
- ✧ The president signs laws and treaties. That are approved by the KNESSET (Legislative) he/she cannot sign laws that have to do with his power.
- ✧ Israel has a multi-party political system.
- ✧ Citizens vote for the Israeli parliament which has 120 elected representatives.
- ✧ Convicted criminals retain the right to vote.
- ✧ All citizens over 18 regardless of nationality, religion, and gender may participate and are registered to vote.
- ✧ The Knesset manages the executive branch, managing its different departments and various institutions.
- ✧ The judicial branch is based on the court system, and the judges are appointed by committees. The court system is headed by the supreme court of the country.



"Six out of ten girls are ashamed of their bodies. Mom, join the conversation about the ideals of beauty."



מילואות

- ✧ In the military sector is the IDF which stands for the Israeli Defense Forces it was founded in 1948 and it consists of ground forces, air forces, and navy. The IDF is trained in the fighting style “Krav Maga” which is Hebrew for close combat. The IDF is headed by the chief general staff and it has no civilian jurisdiction in Israel.
- ✧ The Israeli army is comprised of a group force, an air force, and a navy. Israel is surrounded by Arab nations, most of which are regarded as “enemies”. This makes it imperative that Israel has a large, strong army. Therefore, every person in Israel must enroll in the army for at least two years once they turn eighteen.

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