

DO ISRAELIS SHARE YOUR PROGRESSIVE VALUES?



Israel is one of the most diverse societies in the world, so of course Israelis aren't all the same. But there is no doubt that many are deeply committed to progressive values.

The proof is in Israeli women who work with Palestinians to organise 30,000-strong marches for peace...



WomenWagePeace





The proof is in LGBTQ Israelis who fight for their rights and win...

The proof is in Israeli volunteers who leave their kids at home to help refugees, even from “enemy” countries...



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Israeli aid worker helps Syrian refugees reach shore.



◀ *Israeli parents dream of the day when they will no longer have to send their children to the army. This is a common theme in Israeli music, literature, and discourse.*

Israeli bus destroyed by a suicide bombing: over 1,000 Israeli civilians have been murdered in such terrorist attacks.



Others in Israel are right wing or have mixed views. That's democracy.

Some people think Israel doesn't care about making peace with the Palestinians. And while it's not nearly that simple, it's true that many Israelis are pessimistic. They've seen war and failed peace talks, followed by bombings, rockets, stabbings, and other terrorist attacks against their homes and loved ones. Add this to deep trauma caused by centuries of oppression against Jews under European and Arab rule, and what do you get? A reluctance to trust others or take risks.



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*Jewish refugees from Yemen
on their way to Israel*

*Holocaust survivors
arrive in Israel, their
ancestral home. ►*

And yet, Israel was built by people who, even after being scattered all over the world, never stopped longing to return home, to join those who never left—

People who suffered endless centuries of oppression and violence but never lost hope.

That hope for a better future lives in countless Israelis who, despite all the challenges, are making their society and the world a better place, Israelis who work with Palestinians to build peace and coexistence from the grassroots up, Israelis who fight for justice and progress every single day.



*LGBTQ rights protest
in Tel Aviv*



TOGETHER

IF YOU WANT TO SEE
YOUR PROGRESSIVE VALUES
REFLECTED IN ISRAEL,
DON'T STAND ON THE SIDELINES.

CONNECT WITH ISRAELIS,
FIND THOSE WHO ARE DOING
WORK YOU CARE ABOUT,
AND SUPPORT THEM.

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