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It's the most wonderful time of the year (For young Jewish people)!

I absolutely loved being a Madrich at summer camps.

My time working in youth movements is something I will cherish for a very long time. Perhaps the most memorable parts were pre-camp. Spending hours of every day for a week planning ideas, activities and events for camp are some of my best experiences of being an educator. You are challenged to come up with something new to engage young people in the values of your youth movement, and of course it's a lot of fun and a great time for people to develop friendships!

This summer presents itself with perhaps the biggest challenge youth movement leaders have had for some time. We are coming closer to a year since the events of October 7th, and you are responsible with inspiring a generation of teenagers who are energised more than ever for their Jewish identity and relationship with Israel. In a year that has seen young people have to at times hide their identity for fear of discrimination and hatred, they are now entering a space of total freedom.

Prior to the events of October 7th, I have witnessed and heard much grumbling from older generations about the young Jewish people of today: *Why are they apathetic towards being Jewish? Why aren't they loud and proud about their Zionism? How can we engage them better?*

As a former youth leader and teacher, I have to admit that I too at times shared some of these concerns. The past year has proven that this current generation are a new hope for the Jewish world. Visiting schools and youth organisations across the country, I didn't see Jewish teenagers who wanted to hide their identity. In fact, against what is possibly at times their parents own wishes, they want to be out in public with pride. The engagement with our programming has blown me away. The desire to do something for the community, to somehow support those in Israel, shows that we have a wonderful generation.

This month's edition of *TeachWithUs* is dedicated to you: the leaders of summer camps of all our incredible youth movements in the United Kingdom. Inside this magazine we have shared some ideas for *peulot* (activities) for you, as well as other resources that hopefully will support or inspire you for your own ideas.

We are working on sharing much more of our resources with you over time, so this is just the start.

If you are planning during pre-camp and come up with an idea that you think we may have resources to support you with, then please reach out to us. If during camp a chanich/a asks you a challenging question about Israel, and you aren't entirely sure what the answer is (which is ok!) then email us and see if we can help you!

I wish you all the greatest *hatzlacha* (success) this summer, and know that we at StandWithUs really appreciate all of you and the dedication you are making for our young Jewish people!



*Yehuda Fink, Director of Education
and Editor of TeachWithUs*

"Who is rich? One who is happy with their lot..."

Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers), 3:1

Israel is rated the 5th happiest country in the world! How is this possible?

Opening question: what are the first things you think of when you think of Israel?

Most common answers are: War, Religion, Falafel.

Each year, the *World Happiness Report* is released. Israel has on average been in the top 10, and came 4th in 2023 and 5th in 2024.

How can a country with supposedly so many problems have such a happy population?

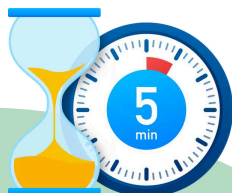
Happiness report researches countries based on:

- PERCEPTIONS OF CORRUPTION
- GENEROSITY
- **SOCIAL SUPPORT**
- FREEDOM TO MAKE LIFE DECISIONS
- HEALTHY LIFE EXPECTANCY
- GDP PER CAPITA



WE WILL FOCUS ON **SOCIAL SUPPORT**. ALL GAMES WILL BE CONNECTED TO THIS!

ACTIVITY! **1**



NUMBER MADNESS!

ACTIVITY! **2**



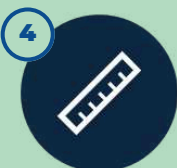
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IN FRONT OF YOU
ARE 20 PIECES OF
PAPER.



2
YOU NEED TO BUILD
A TOWER FROM THE
PAPER ALONE.



3
THE TOWER NEEDS TO
BE AS STURDY AND
TALL AS IT POSSIBLY
CAN BE AND MUST
BE STANDING FREELY
WITHOUT BEING HELD
OR STUCK DOWN.



4
THE TOWER MUST
NOT FALL WHILST
BEING MEASURED AT
THE END.



5
TEAM WITH THE
TALLEST
FREESTANDING
TOWER WINS!

- GET INTO 2 TEAMS
- A NUMBER WILL APPEAR
- YOU WILL HAVE **20 SECONDS** TO MAKE THE SHAPE OF THAT NUMBER
- FIRST TEAM TO DO IT GETS A POINT
- TEAM WITH THE MOST POINTS AT THE END WINS

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FOR THE
NUMBERS!

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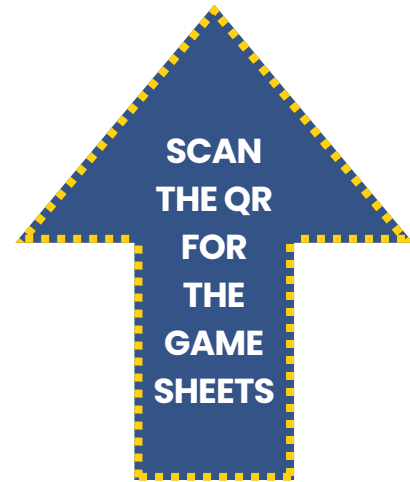
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- SPLIT INTO 4 TEAMS
- YOU WILL BE GIVEN A PIECE OF PAPER WITH YOUR TEAM NUMBER
- IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM ARE TWO BOXES: TRUE AND FALSE
- A QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE BOARD
- IN 10 SECONDS YOUR TEAM MUST DECIDE ON AN ANSWER AND SEND A PLAYER TO RUN TO YOUR CHOSEN BOX **WITH YOUR TEAM NUMBER PAPER**
- GET THE CORRECT ANSWER, GET A POINT!
- **A DIFFERENT TEAM MEMBER MUST BE SENT EACH TIME**
- **TEAM WITH MOST POINTS AT THE END WINS**



Q1: Israel has many issues like other countries, and some a bit more unique. What sort of problems do Israelis face? (examples: war, religion vs. state, political corruption, poverty, drought, conscription)

Q2: Think about any time you have visited Israel. Any friends or family you know. Why do you think Israelis are so high on the happiness scale?

(Tips for generating discussion: think back to the factors from the start of the session. Israel ranks particularly high on social support, generosity and satisfaction of GDP – the personal wealth of each person)

This calls back to the title of the activity. Israel has built a society, that despite its issues, has so much to be happy about, and therefore the average person is happy with what they have!

If interested, there's lots of data on the World Happiness Report website: <https://worldhappiness.report>

Democracy Above All!

This session explores the Israeli democratic system with fun activities.



What You Need:

1. A large bag of sweets e.g. Starburst
2. Participants to sit in a circle.
3. Pour all the sweets into the middle.



Instructions to participants:

- On my signal, you may leave your chair to pick up as many sweets as possible.
- However, you may only pick one sweet at a time.
- You may steal sweets from another chair if the person has left it.
- You may not take more than one sweet at a time.
- You will have 90 seconds.
- The person with the most sweets wins.

READY, STEADY



TIME 90 SECONDS, AND THEN EVERYONE STOP!
COUNT YOUR SWEETS! WHO HAS THE MOST?



YOU HAVE 90 MORE SECONDS TO JOIN UP WITH SOMEONE ELSE. WHICHEVER TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL HAS THE MOST SWEETS IS THE WINNER!

What did you think of the game?

- Was it chaotic?
- Was it fair?
- Does it make sense that someone who only won 1 sweet can win as part of a team?

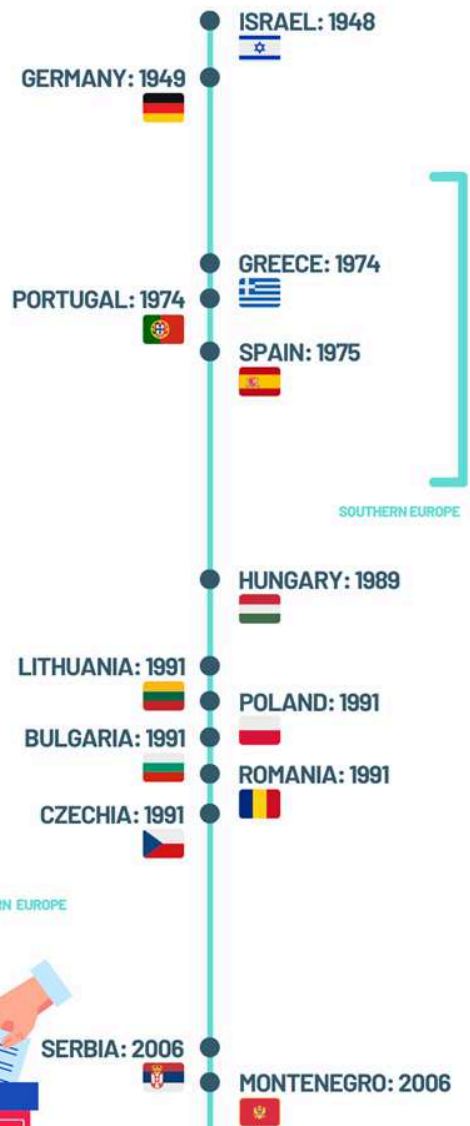
THIS GAME REPRESENTS WHAT ISRAELI ELECTIONS ARE LIKE. CHAOTIC, BUT SOMETIMES THAT'S DEMOCRACY. HOW DOES IT WORK IN ISRAEL? LET'S FIND OUT!

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF

DEMOCRACY

ISRAEL BECAME A DEMOCRACY AS SOON AS IT WAS ESTABLISHED.



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What is the Knesset?

- In Knesset elections, voters cast one ballot for an entire party. They don't vote for individual candidates.
- The entire country is a single electoral constituency. There are no districts divided up by area.
- Parties must get at least 3.25% of the popular vote to enter the Knesset. The number of seats they win is based on how many votes they receive.

Prefer a video?



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Whilst in the UK we are used to having around 5 or 6 parties in government, Israel's current government has 13 elected parties, with 39 having stood for elections in 2022!



Why are there 120 seats in the Knesset?

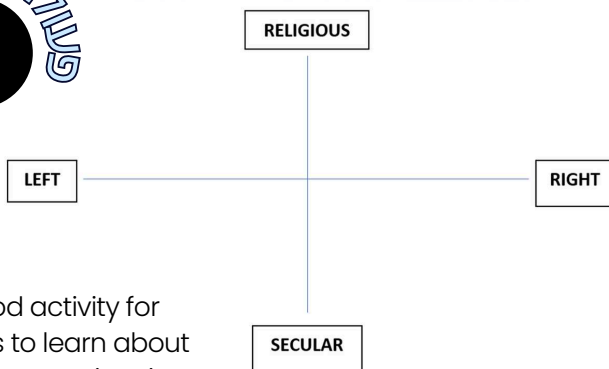
There are 120 seats up for grabs. Votes are calculated as a percentage. In order to have a majority and make sure that you have control of the Knesset decisions, you need a majority.

Q: What is the minimum majority of 120? (61)

NO SINGLE PARTY HAS EVER GOT A MAJORITY IN ISRAEL!



KNESSET SPECTRUM



This is a good activity for participants to learn about the spectrum parties sit at, both regarding politics and religion in Israel.

Provide them with the graph, and a booklet of all the current parties with information about their views. Explain the basic differences between left and right wing politics in Israel e.g. taxes, peace with Palestinians, settlements, and religious views e.g. public transport on Shabbat.

Let the participants spend time placing each party on the spectrum as they see. Compare and discuss!



- Play Knesset Bingo!
- Instead of numbers, read out views!
- Match it to your Knesset bingo card!
- First to fill the card fully and shout "Knesset" wins!

**FOR BOTH
ACTIVITIES
RESOURCES**

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KEN, PRIME MINISTER!

Did you know that Israel has only had 14 different Prime Ministers? That's a football team and a few subs! Basic Israel knowledge is knowing the top leaders of Israel. With some flashcards and a little bit of football to mix it in, make this a fun activity!

We have created a series of flashcards on each Prime Minister of Israel.

Each card has basic information about their background, their rise to power, their policies, and significant moments of their leadership.

Use these cards however way you wish to!
There are lots of ways to incorporate our flashcards into an activity for your participants.

Scan the QR code for all the resources, and for the activity idea that we have to make this an enjoyable and engaging activity!



YOU BE THE MANAGER!

ACTIVITY!
Idea

You've got enough PM's to make a football team! Based on their views and leadership qualities, choose how you would line them up in an Israeli Prime Minister's 11! Download the pitch sheet and PM stickers. Work in pairs and discuss how you would line them up, and who sits on the bench!

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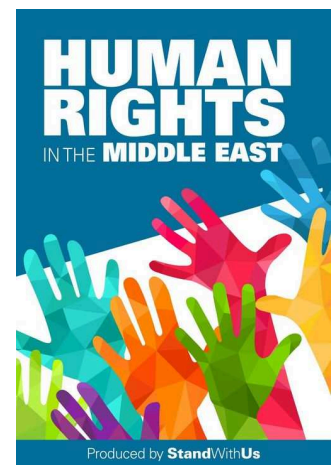
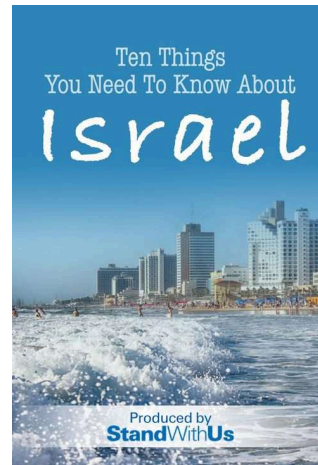
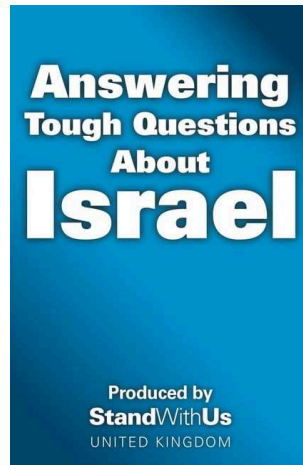
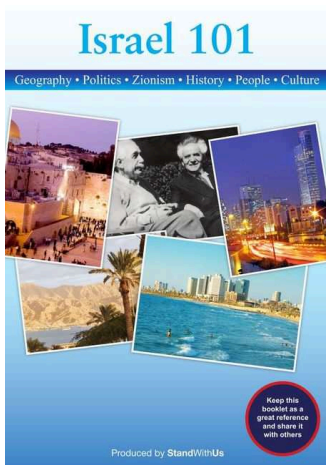
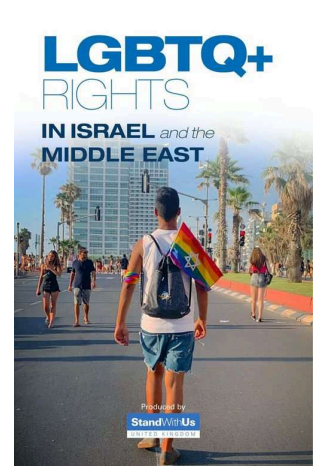
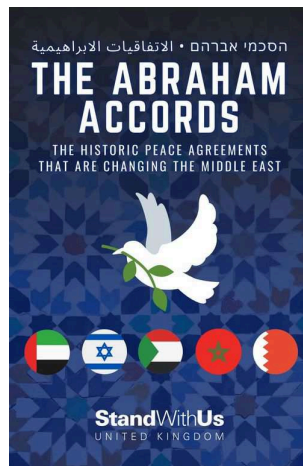
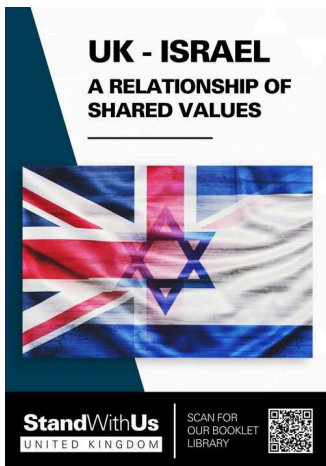
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More Educational Resources

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Please be in touch with us if you want hard copies of any of our material.



**SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR THE MATERIAL!**



DO QUOTE ME ON THAT!

Everyone loves a good quote! Be inspired by some great figures, past and present, and their thoughts about Zionism, Jewish identity, and Israel.

“

Above all, this country is our own. Nobody has to get up in the morning and worry what his neighbours think of him. Being a Jew is no problem here.

– Golda Meir

”

“

Jews have lived in almost every country under the sun. In four thousand years, only in Israel have they been a free self-governing people. Only in Israel can Jews continue the story their ancestors began.

– Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

”

“

If anyone thinks that Jews can steal the land of their fathers, he is deceiving either himself or others. Nowhere is the coming of Jews so promptly noted as in the historic home of the Jews, the very reason it is the historic homeland.

– Theodor Herzl

”

“

When people criticise Zionists, they mean Jews. You are talking antisemitism.

– Martin Luther King Jr.

”

“

Independence is never given to a people; it has to be earned. Now we have the Jewish state, its independence must be defended.

– Chaim Weizmann

”

“

I have lived my life fully, if briefly, and I think this is the best way – ‘short and sweet.’ Very sweet it has been here in our own land.

– Esther Cailinggold

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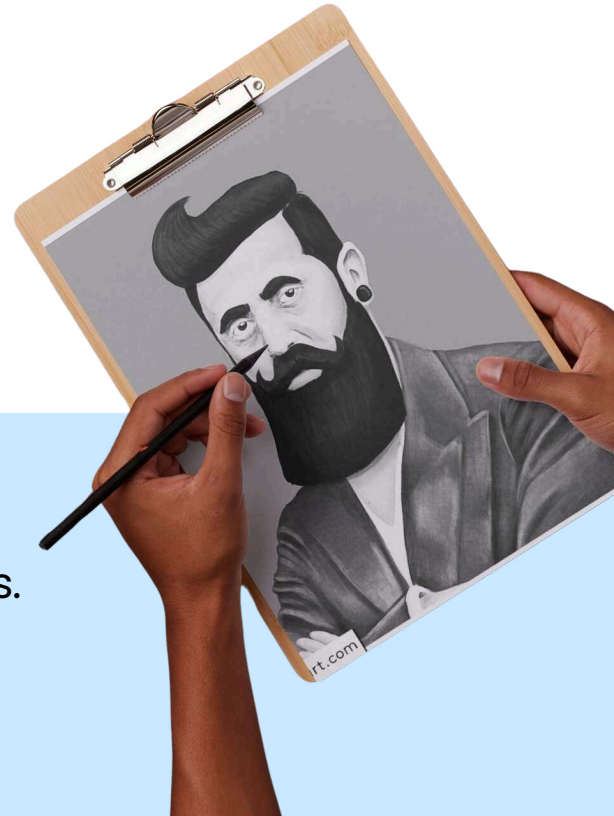
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QUICK ACTIVITIES!

ACTIVITY! **1** תרגיל

DRAW
HERZL

- Give everyone a piece of paper and a pencil.
- Show them a picture of Herzl for 30 seconds.
- Then they have 3 minutes to draw Herzl from memory.
- Best drawing wins!



CONNECT

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TRIVIA

ACTIVITY! **2** תרגיל

- Play Connect 4, but you can only have a go if you get the trivia question correct!
- First to get 4 in a row wins!
- Scan QR for the game!

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ME! >>



Tough Questions

Being a madrich/a on a summer camp puts you in situations of responsibility when discussing certain topics with your chanich/a. Below are some common questions that young people ask, and we hope that our suggested answers can support you. If you are asked a tough question during your summer camp and aren't sure about the answer, please email Eva and she will be more than happy to help! Email evaj@standwithus.com

Recognising a Palestinian State



Since October 7th, other countries have been recognising a Palestinian state. Don't Palestinians have the right to ask the UN to establish an independent Palestinian state?

A long term agreement between Israel and the Palestinians needs to be mutual, and not unilaterally forced by other countries. Israelis and Palestinians have the right to self-determination and self-governance. Israel has made many offers over the years, each more generous than the last, and none have been accepted by the Palestinian leadership. Other countries recognising a Palestinian state without proper negotiations between both sides is counterproductive. Such actions avoid making the tough compromises necessary for peace, which must include accepting Jewish rights to self-determination and recognising that Israel is the one and only homeland of the Jewish people. There needs to be a willingness on both sides to have a negotiated peace, which recognises both peoples rights to statehood and existence.



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A colonial state?

Are the Jews in Israel white European colonialists who stole land from the Palestinians?



Colonialism – the policy or practice of acquiring full or partial political control over another country, occupying it with settlers, and exploiting it economically.

Jews are indigenous to Israel, the birthplace of their unique identity and culture. They have maintained a documented presence there for over 3000 years. Jews don't just come from Europe they come from all over the world.

Jews have lived across the Middle East, Africa, Asia and many other places before they returned to their ancestral homeland in Israel. Jews who came from Europe were not colonialists as they did not represent a foreign power. They were descendants of a long line of connection to the land of Israel. Archaeology, science and history all support the fact that Jews are indigenous to Israel, highlighted by the San Remo Conference in 1920 which officially recognised this. Jews have maintained their connection to Israel through religious practice, in their words said during prayer and the direction faced towards Jerusalem. Jewish presence in the land of Israel continued to exist and thrive after the Second Temple destruction in 70 CE. Jews did not settle, they returned home.

Why no ceasefire?



Shouldn't Israel have a truce with Hamas not only for the sake of the hostages but for innocent people dying in Gaza?

There was a truce between Israel and Hamas on October 6th. Hamas started this war on October 7th by slaughtering and kidnapping innocent Israelis. In an act of self-defence, Israel was forced to go to war with Hamas to protect not only its people but for its very existence. Israel is doing everything it can to avoid civilian deaths, whilst Hamas does what it can to maximise them. There is no doubt that Israel has a responsibility to bring the hostages back home, but the enemy is ruthless in its willingness to put civilians in danger.

Israel has been involved in negotiations with Hamas in order to make that a reality. Hamas have made it very clear they will not make a deal unless there is a permanent truce in Gaza and a complete withdrawal of Israeli troops. Israel cannot leave Hamas in power and cannot leave Hamas in control of the Gaza Strip. Hamas have said on several occasions that October 7th was just a rehearsal and they will do it over and over again until Israel is completely destroyed. Therefore Israel has to commit to its duty to the hostages whilst also ensuring the safety and security of its entire population.



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Democracy in a Jewish state

Isn't a Jewish state racist and undemocratic?



Jewish people who are both secular and religious are people who have the right to self-determination. There is nothing racist about Jews being granted the right like other peoples to be self-governing and to have a state of their own. The Jewish people established a democratic government for their state it was granted by the UN in 1948 the UN admitted Israel as a member in 1949. Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. The country is diverse and progressive it gives all their citizens equal rights. Women and LGBTQ people are

legally protected from discrimination in Israel, unlike other countries in the region. Significantly, 20% of Israel's population is made up of Arab citizens. Arab-Israelis have equal rights in Israel and are part of the democracy by being a part of the Knesset. Arab-Israelis have the right to vote just like Jewish Israelis. In the previous coalition there was an Arab party that was a part of the governing body. The Jewish people have been persecuted throughout history and need a state of their own. It is also their right to have self-determination. Despite this, Israel treats all its citizens equally whatever the religion or ethnicity.

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