

18 Facts About Israel



- 1. Israel's \$100 billion economy is larger than all its neighbor's combined.**
- 2. Israel has the highest concentration of high tech and startup companies In the world outside of the United States. Israel is the world leader In innovation of new technologies.**
- 3. The world's largest wholesale diamond center is in Israel.**
- 4. Israel is the largest immigrant-absorbing country in the world with people from over 100 countries in five continents.**
- 5. Israel is the only country in the world that has a mandatory military service requirement for women.**
- 6. All citizens in Israel, Jews and Arabs, enjoy full political rights.**
- 7. Israel is the only country in the world that has the same name, is located in the same land and speaks the same language as it did 3,000 years ago.**
- 8. The United Nations helped form the Independent State of Israel in May 1948. David Ben-Gurion is the prime minister.**

9. The Israeli government adopts the Law of Return which means Every Jew has the right to come to Israel.

10. Since the founding of the PLO in 1964, leader Yasser Arafat has stated this goal was the complete elimination of the state of Israel, followed by the leaders of Hezbollah and Hamas, in Palestine.

11. Since the days of Abraham for about 1,500 years, having a Jewish father made someone a Jew.



12. Today there are 14,500,000 Jewish People in the World, and it is the 10th largest religion in the world.

13. The Star of David is the religious symbol of Judaism.

14. Israel is about 8,000 square miles large (about 1/5 the size of Ohio).

15. About 23.8% of the Land is used for Agriculture.

16. The Birth Rate in Israel is about 17.41 births/1,000 population, compared to 11-12 in the US

17. Population is 8.9 million

18. Literacy in Israel is 97.8%