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## ZIONISTS PROCLAIM NEW STATE OF ISRAEL; TRUMAN RECOGNIZES IT AND HOPES FOR PEACE; TEL AVIV IS BOMBED, EGYPT ORDERS INVASION

Only eleven minutes after Israel declared its independence in 1948, President Harry Truman recognized the new Jewish State. Since this time, all the leaders of the United States have expressed their support for the State of Israel, and the people of both countries have continually nurtured, promoted and developed their shared values and interests.

The unique and special relationship between Israel and the United States is multifaceted, heartfelt and strong. Our partnership is bound to expand and progress in the years to come.

### U.S. Presidents: Historical Commitment to Israel



#### President Harry Truman:

"I had faith in Israel before it was established, I have in it now. I believe it has a glorious future before it - not just another sovereign nation, but as an embodiment of the great ideals of our civilization."



#### President Dwight Eisenhower:

"Our forces saved the remnant of the Jewish people of Europe for a new life and a new hope in the reborn land of Israel. Along with all men of good will, I salute the young state and wish it well."

#### President John F. Kennedy

"Israel was not created in order to disappear-Israel will endure and flourish. It is the child of hope and home of the brave. It can neither be broken by adversity nor demoralized



by success. It carries the shield of democracy and it honors the sword of freedom."



morality as well as enlightened self-interest. Our role in supporting Israel honors our own heritage."



#### President Jimmy Carter:

"The survival of Israel is not a political issue, it is a moral imperative. That is my deeply held belief and it is the belief that is shared by the vast majority of the American people ... a strong secure Israel is not just in Israel's interest. It's in the interest of the United States and in the interest of the entire free world."



#### President Ronald Reagan:

"For the people of Israel and America are historic partners in the global quest for human dignity and freedom. We will always remain at each other's side."



#### President George H.W. Bush:

"The United States and Israel have enjoyed a friendship built on mutual respect and commitment to democratic principles. Our continuing search for peace in the Middle East begins with recognition that the ties uniting our two countries can never be broken."



#### President Gerald Ford:

"Americans and Israelis have both been inspired by moral aims. Indeed, my commitment to the security and to the future of Israel is based upon basic



#### President Bill Clinton:

"America and Israel share a special bond. Our relationship is unique among all nations. Like America, Israel is a strong democracy, a symbol of freedom, and an oasis of liberty, a home to the oppressed and persecuted."



#### President George W. Bush:

"We will speak up for our principles and we will stand up for our friends in the world. And one of our most important friends is the State of Israel. ... My administration will be steadfast in supporting Israel against terrorism and violence, and in seeking the peace for which all Israelis pray." ☆

### A Letter from Zeev Bielski, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel

#### Our friends of the Jewish Community of Charlotte,

It gives me great pleasure to send you my deepest appreciation for your special celebration of 60 years of Israel's independence.

I am sure that your initiative to show Israel's achievements and its many faces to a large audience will strengthen the bond between the our communities, especially for the younger generation, and the State of Israel. I send my heartfelt thanks to all those who are involved in this important mission.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful partnership

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Zeev Bielski, right, with an Ethiopian immigrant student.



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### This Month in Israeli History

#### March 17, 1969

Golda Meir, who grew up in Milwaukee, was inaugurated as first female prime minister. Golda Meir became the third female leader in modern history. In her autobiography, Golda Meir wrote, "Of course women should be treated as equal to men in every aspect. But, just the same as the Jewish nation, they shouldn't have to try to be better than everyone else to be able to live like humans or to feel as if they need to do wonders so they are accepted. On the other hand, there is an anecdote ... that [David] Ben-Gurion described me as the 'only man' in his government. This amused me only because it seems that he (or the person who made up the anecdote) thinks that this is the biggest compliment that one can give a woman. I doubt a man would take it as a compliment if I told him he was the only woman in the government."

#### March 25, 1951

Aerial railway brings Iraqi Jews to Israel.

#### March 22, 1950

Release of "Interlude," the first Israeli movie in Hebrew. Director-Amram Amar.