

list goes on. These groups target innocent civilians including their own.

The BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) Movement is a danger to the nation of Israel. It is a global movement against Israeli companies, products, investment, and international economic recognition with sanctions.³ The movement is an attempt to debilitate the nation of Israel. For these reasons and others, CWA is aware of just how vigilant America must be to protect the Israeli people.



PRAY

We as Christians are called to pray for the peace of Israel (Psalm 122).

- ★ Pray for an end to the strife in the Middle East
- ★ Pray against violent extremism and corrupt leadership
- ★ Pray for protection for civilians
- ★ Pray for wise U.S. leadership

ACT

- ★ Speak out against BDS Movements in your state
- ★ Call or write your senators and representatives and let them know that you support legislation which protects and affirms the U.S.-Israeli alliance.

- ★ Go to www.CWFA.org to join the work going on in your state, educate yourself on the issues, sign a petition, or join a CWA event or rally in support of Israel!



Sources:

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“Why Israel?”

From time to time, Concerned Women for America (CWA) will receive an inquiry about our seventh Core Issue. It will go something like:

“I understand the first six Core Issues, but where does the seventh come from?”

Support for Israel is not an issue CWA simply “tagged on” to the others. Its addition was the result of a thorough study of both Scripture and foreign policy—met equally with prayer. CWA and its Board of Trustees’ conviction is that supporting Israel is crucial for us as Christian Americans *because it is an important issue to God*.

For us, that answer is enough. But there’s also the foreign policy implications of the U.S.-Israeli relationship that further solidify CWA’s position.

Historical & Biblical Foundations

“I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
(Genesis 12:3, NKJV)

Those who protect Israel will be blessed. The Abrahamic Covenant between God and the Jewish people giving them their land rights is *unconditional* and *everlasting*. The blessing was passed down through Abraham’s son, Isaac, then to Isaac’s son, Jacob. God changed Jacob’s name to Israel and gave

him the Promised Land (Genesis 35).

The Creator gave Israel the land within its borders, but nations within the global community have also officially recognized it as an independent state.

U.S.-Israeli Relations

The U.S. was the first nation to recognize Israel’s sovereignty in 1948. Israel is our strongest ally in the Middle East. Our continued partnership is crucial as Israel controls a strategic location amidst a very unstable region. CWA supports policies to protect Israel for the following reasons:

- ★ Shared Values
- ★ Military/Security
- ★ Trade/Economic Growth
- ★ Peace-Seeking

Shared Values

Israel is the only democratic nation in the Middle East. Its Parliamentary democracy incorporates open and free elections. It also upholds that its citizens have inherent liberties such as the freedom of speech, religion, press, assembly, and the right to petition the government. Israel respects the rule of law and protects the basic human rights of its citizens. Not to mention, it is the only country in the Middle East that grants full equality to women.¹

Military/Security

The U.S. has developed a strategic military partnership with the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Israel has shared intel and developed

weaponry to defend against terrorist attacks including the Iron Dome rocket defense system to protect its civilians. The IDF has also held counter-terrorism training for the U.S. forces.

Trade/Economic

Thanks to the U.S.-Israeli Free Trade Agreement, over \$78 million worth of goods and services are traded every day between the two nations, and Israel is one of the top 20 investors in the United States economy.²



Peace-Seeking

The Israeli leadership has sought peace negotiations on multiple occasions only to be rejected by the Arab government. The Palestinian Authority (PA), on the other hand, has created a unity government with the terrorist group Hamas.

Terrorist Threats and the BDS Movement

Hamas is not the only terrorist threat to Israel; there are multiple terrorist cells surrounding the region that threaten Israeli security such as the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the Army of Islam, Hezbollah, and the