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Israel Education Websites

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Department for Jewish Zionist Education. *The Jewish Agency for Israel.*
<http://www.jafi.org.il/education/diaspora/index.html>

This section of **The Jewish Agency for Israel** website provides links to Jewish educational agencies worldwide.

Eye on Israel. Israel Ministry of Tourism. www.eyeonisrael.com.
A very cool map of Israel that can be manipulated by the user.

Eye on Israel-Teaching Hebrew. Department for Zionist Education. Jewish Agency for Israel. <http://www.jafi.org.il/education/israel/hebrew.html>
A Hebrew studies curriculum in Hebrew.

Google Earth. Israel.
<http://www.google.com/gadgets/directory?synd=earth&preview=on&q=israel>
Educators can find aerial views of topographical Israel. Search "Israel" on the **Google Earth** website. A free download of Google Earth software may be needed.

If You Were Here: Holiday Celebrations in Israel. <ftp://ifyouwerehere.co.il>
The Early Childhood Department of the Jewish Agency for Israel has posted online information about how young children in Israel celebrate the Jewish holidays. There are slide shows and printed information. Paste this into your browser: <ftp://ifyouwerehere.co.il> (be sure to begin with: **ftp**) and use the **Username: ifyouwe** and **Password: NYIJ5769**. Some computer security protections do not allow entry into the site. Consider trying at home if this happens to you at work – it's worth the extra effort!

Institute for the Study of Modern Israel of Emory University. *Teaching Aids.*
<http://www.ismi.emory.edu/TeachingAids.html>
This site is part of the ISMI department at Emory University which promotes teaching, research and learning that focuses on Israeli culture, foreign policy, history, society, and politics. The "Teaching Aids" section includes websites, newsletters and primary source materials.

Israel21c-The Reality of Daily Life in Israel.
<http://www.israel21c.org/bin/en.jsp?enPage=HomePage>
Israel 21c is a non-profit educational foundation with a mission to focus media and public attention on the 21st century Israel that exists beyond the conflict. The website contains videos of news briefs which focus on how Israel and Israelis are having an impact on individual lives through their efforts in health, technology, culture and democracy.

Israel at the Movies: Your Guide to 8 Israeli Films American Zionist Movement.

<http://www.azm.org/film.shtml>

This guide contains four units. Each unit contains two chapters, each featuring a different film pertinent to that theme. By clicking "Download Unit," you will download the Unit Introduction (which explains the theme and features questions for discussion concerning it) as well as the two movie chapters. Or, you can download movie chapters individually.

Israel Maps. Perry-Casteneda Library Map Collection. 2007, University of Texas Library Online.

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/israel.html>

A wide variety of Israel maps in PDF formats.

Israel Online. The Lookstein Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora.

http://www.lookstein.org/resources/israel_online.htm

An annotated collection of educational resources about Israel divided into the categories: Advocacy, *Aliya*, Economics and Industry, Hebrew Language and Literature, Curriculum and Instructional Materials, Geography and Maps, Government and Politics, History, News and Media and Post-Secondary Study.

The Israel Project. Flickr.

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/israel/pool/>

A photographic forum of Israel. Different subject matter can be searched within the pool of photographs. **Please note that there are some negative images of Israel on **Flickr**, if using, be sure to screen these out.

Israel Resources Manual. URJ.

http://urj.org/_kd/Items/actions.cfm?action=Show&item_id=20202&destination=ShowItem

A collection of curricula and programming submitted by educators throughout North America and England in honor of Israel's 60th Anniversary. It is in PDF format.

Israel, Steve. Circles of Identity: Jewish Peoplehood Belonging and Commitment.

The Jewish Agency for Israel. <http://www.jafi.org.il/education/identity/index.html>

The section of **The Jewish Agency for Israel** is a curriculum which examines the relationships that the individual Jew constructs: within the local Jewish community, with the international Jewish community, and with the Jews in the State of Israel.

Israeli Children. Hebrew Language at the University of Texas at Austin.

<http://www.laits.utexas.edu/hebrew/heblang/children.shtml>

Segments of interviews with Israeli children produced by Dani Moralle, GMTV Israel, in the fall of 1999, as part of the Modern Hebrew Project.

The Israeli Government's Official Website. 2008, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

www.mfa.gov.il

The Israeli government website containing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs newsletter, current events, facts about Israel, and official up-to-date maps.

Israeli and Jewish Music Site. Kaye Academic College of Education. Kaye

Pedagogical Center. http://kaye7.school.org.il/songs_listen.htm#c17

Developed by Kaye College students in Be'er Sheva, Israel. One has to know Hebrew to navigate this website, but there is a huge collection of children's and traditional Israeli songs on this webpage. Some links go to music videos, some to words, and some to other kinds of websites. The songs/music are grouped in a variety of ways including by singer, by holiday, by content, etc.

The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies. JIIS. <http://jiis.org/?cmd=datast.142>

The website features current events and statistical data about Jerusalem.

Makom-Educational Resources. Jewish Agency for Israel.

<http://www.makomisrael.net/>

North American Jewish communities and the Jewish Agency began a partnership now called *MAKOM* – the Israel Engagement Network. The Education section contains recent articles about Israel, materials for starting conversations about Israel engagement in the community and **Talkspace Israel** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kc1ZgQKUpgI> which are *YouTube* videos in which the senior staff of *MAKOM* about Israel engagement and education.

A few specific sections of *MAKOM* are:

- **Cinema Israel. Makom. Jewish Agency for Israel.**
<http://www.makomisrael.net/JewishAgency/English/Jewish+Education/Strategic+Partnerships/Makom/Arts/Cinema+Israel>
A collection of material for contemporary Israeli film screenings. Each film is accompanied by printable posters, programs and discussion guides. All the information can be downloaded in PDF format.
- **Makom on Kobi Oz' Mizmorei Nevuchim.** <http://makomkobioz.wordpress.com/>
This is a full educational pack – including video-translations of all the songs – around Mizmorei Nevuchim – the new work of Israeli musician Kobi O. It includes the themes of God, religion, secularism, Israel, social justice, ancient text and modern sensibilities.
- **Makom: Renewing Israel Engagement. Rap Israel: Songs of Then, Songs of Now.**
<http://makomisrael.net/JewishAgency/English/Jewish+Education/Strategic+Partnerships/Makom/Arts/Music/>
This program presents five songs that feature in the 'canon' of classic Israeli song, but that have been remade and adapted anew by contemporary Israeli artists in the last few years. It is the combination of the old beloved songs, with their modern interpretations, that will give us a fascinating window into the developing soul of Israel.

Maps. <http://maps.walla.co.il/>

Searchable map of Israel, down to the house number (in Hebrew)

Omanoot: Israel through Art. <http://www.omanoot.org>

A curricular resource for educators based on selected artworks featured on the website.

This lesson plan has a series of lessons on God, using Israeli music.

<http://www.omanoot.org/education/lesson-plans>

The items, below, are examples of lesson plans written in cooperation with Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies. They examine the different goals of Holocaust art: documentation; official art made for the Nazis; and art as a form of resistance or coping.

http://www.omanoot.com/user_files/pdfs/Holocaust/English.pdf

http://www.omanoot.com/user_files/pdfs/Holocaust/Shoah_Teaching.doc

Temple in Virtual Reality. WEJEW Video and Mediashare Community.

http://wejew.com/media/1738/Temple_in_Virtual_Reality/

An animation showing the Jewish Temple of Jerusalem in all its glory. Visit the *Har Habayit* (Temple Mount) with the rebuilt *Beit HaMikdash* - at least in a virtual sense. Walk up the great stairs and enter the massive courtyard.

Timelines. *The Jewish Agency for Israel.*

<http://www.jewishagency.org/JewishAgency/English/Jewish+Education/Compelling+Content/Jewish+History/Jewish+History>

The section of ***The Jewish Agency for Israel*** website contains the following timelines: Jewish History from ancient periods to modern time, Zionist history and history of the State of Israel. There are also links to the “Zionist Archives Poster Exhibit,” a gallery of Theodor Herzl memorabilia and the “Kalman Givon Internet Photo Exhibition” of people in Israel during the 1950s and 1960s.

Zionism & Israel Center. <http://www.zionism-israel.com/index.html>

An advocacy website for Israel which includes maps, a timeline, and biographies of famous Zionist leaders such as: Hannah Senesh, Theodor Herzl and Benjamin Netanyahu.