

# Israel Creates Jobs in America

The U.S.-Israel alliance is based on shared values and interests, and offers direct economic benefits to the American people.

## U.S. aid to Israel creates jobs in America

- Israel is pledged to spend all of the military aid it receives from the U.S. (roughly \$3.8 billion) on products manufactured across America.<sup>1</sup>
- This spending directly supports over 20,000 jobs and indirectly supports thousands of other jobs according to estimates.<sup>2</sup>
- More than 1,000 companies in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have signed contracts worth billions of dollars through the U.S. aid to Israel program.<sup>3</sup>

## Israeli investments create jobs in America

- Since 1985, when the US-Israeli free trade agreement was signed, trade has grown to over \$40 billion dollars annually. Israel has become America's 23<sup>rd</sup> largest trading partner.<sup>4</sup>
- Trade with Israel alone supported 254,563 American jobs between 2009 and 2014.<sup>5</sup>
- Many Israeli companies, including Given Imaging, Amdocs, Netafim, and BrightSource, have opened offices in the United States.

## U.S.-Israel cooperation creates jobs in America

- The Binational Science Foundation (BSF), Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation (BIRD), and Binational Agricultural Research and Development Foundation (BARD) are joint projects of the U.S. and Israeli governments.
- Their goal is to stimulate, promote, and support cooperation between American and Israeli businesses and scientists.<sup>6</sup>
- These organizations have helped create anywhere between 18,000 and 200,000 jobs in the U.S. depending on the estimates used.<sup>7</sup>

## Israel helps train American innovators and job creators

- Cornell University and Israel's Technion have joined forces to create the Technion-Cornell Innovation Institute in New York City. This new university will train the next generation of American leaders in technology and innovation.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FACT SHEET: Memorandum of Understanding Reached with Israel  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/09/14/fact-sheet-memorandum-understanding-reached-israel>

<sup>2</sup> Dave Schechter, "Aid to Israel, and the bang for those bucks," *CNN*, January 31, 2009, at <http://ac360.blogs.cnn.com/2009/01/31/aid-to-israel-and-the-bang-for-those-bucks>

<sup>3</sup> Mitchell Bard, "Myths & Facts Online: U.S. Middle East Policy," *Jewish Virtual Library*, n.d., at [www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsources/myths3/MFUSpolicy.html#10](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsources/myths3/MFUSpolicy.html#10)

<sup>4</sup> "The US-Israel Economic Relationship Factsheet." Israel Allies News. March 2016.

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<sup>5</sup> "The US-Israel Economic Relationship Factsheet." Israel Allies News. March 2016.

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<sup>6</sup> United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation, "About," n.d., at

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<sup>7</sup> Economic Strategy Institute, "A Certain Future for the U.S.-Israel Technology Partnership," December 2011, at [www.birdf.com/Uploads/dbsAttachedFiles/BinationalFoundationsReportPrestowitzDec2011.pdf](http://www.birdf.com/Uploads/dbsAttachedFiles/BinationalFoundationsReportPrestowitzDec2011.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> Cornell University, "Cornell Now 2015," n.d., at <http://now.cornell.edu/nyctech>