

Israel and the EU



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A complicated relationship

Friendship

Strategic Ally

Sibling feud

Hostility and Misunderstanding

Friendship

Immigrants to British Mandate 1920s-1930s

Quota system, but not complete prevention

Immigration 1947-49

Collective guilt over WWII and Holocaust

Recognition of Israeli Independence

Assistance during War of Independence 1948-49

Czechoslovakia and France

Ally

Military aid in British-French military operation in the Suez 1956

Proxy against Soviet sphere of influence and Arab nationalism

1950s (nuclear weapons)

(1960s arms sales and 1967 War)

Feud

Since 1980s discernable anti-Israeli bias within European capitals.

Israel no longer considered victim.

Israeli policy in Lebanon and towards Palestinians within West Bank and Gaza

UN Security Council

UN General Assembly

Misunderstandings

Israeli-Palestinian conflict has caused both confusion and 'hurt' feelings which has directed bi-lateral relations and various trade agreements and military operations.

Brussels

National capitals

Israel and EU has cooperated however on trade and military operations.

Israel is considered part of EU ENP.

Hostility

BDS movement

SodaStream

EU banning of Israeli products within Continent

EU support of prejudicial and bias resolutions in the UNSC and UNGA

UNSC/UNGA resolution against Israel and settlements

UNHRW (2017) though this has occurred in prior years as well