

# Israel and the USA



MVZ247 Week 10

# A complicated relationship

Friendship

Strategic Ally

Sibling feud

Hostility and Misunderstanding

# Friendship

Immigrants 1890s-1930s

Quota system, but not complete prevention

Immigration 1947-49

Recognition of Israeli Independence

“Neutrality” during War of Independence 1948-49.

Mediator in region during 1950s and 1960s.

# Ally

Military aid in 1967

No longer neutral or mediator.

Massive airlift 1973

Helps Israel win the war

US \*almost\* went to war with Soviet Union

Proxy against Soviet sphere of influence and Arab nationalism

1950s (nuclear weapons), 1960s-1980s

# Feud

Since 1970s discernable duality bias between the US and Israel.

Israel has American support, but US official policy is often at odds with private/personal relationships between leaders.

1975, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2007, 2012

Israeli policy in Lebanon, Syria, Iran and towards Palestinians within West Bank and Gaza

2010-2016 vs 2017?

Abstained in UNSC vote 2016

# Misunderstandings

Israeli-Palestinian conflict since 2000 has caused both confusion and 'hurt' feelings.

Settlements

Two-state solution.

Israel and USA continue to cooperate on trade and military operations.