# Israel Assets and Liabilities

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MVZ248 Week10

# Assets

Military

Financial

Cultural

Religious

## **Military**

Anti-ballistic missile systems (variety array of ballistic projectiles), including low-cost and low-tech.

Anti-tank (SPIKE)

ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance)

Conscription (National Service)

Avionic Systems (Fighter Jets, Radars/Sensors)

## **Financial**

Bond market

Natural Gas

Leviathan natural gas field

Technology

Google, BitCoin

#### Culture

UNESCO world heritage sites

Literature (Palmach-Generation of State-New Writers)

Language (Hebrew)

Food

Fashion

Theatre, Dance, Film

Jerusalem International Book Fair, Int. Poetry Festival, Karmiel Dance Festival

## Religious

State for Jews around the world (diaspora) = political Zionism fulfilled

Broad spectrum of practicing Judaism (secular to Orthodox to ultra-Orthodox)

Protection of religious freedom (Christianity and Islam)

Holy sites

Courts

## Liabilities

Military

Disproportional responses to threats and direct provocation

World condemnation

Religious

Haredim



Sentiment NOT Ideology



Nuisance or Harbinger

#### **Conclusions**

Assets will continue to outnumber liabilities

New allies 2012 - present

Economic and technological leader in region/world

International perception however will change ONLY slightly on this topic