

# 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