

# Israel

**Official Title:** State of Israel



## General Information:

<b>Capital</b>	See Type of Government*	<b>Population (million)</b> 9.054
<b>Total Area</b>	20,325 km <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Currency</b>	1 CAN\$=2.551 New Shekel (ILS) (2020 - Annual average)	
<b>National Holiday</b>	Independence Day, the 5th of Iyar (April 29, 2020)	
<b>Language(s)</b>	Hebrew, Arabic	

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Parliamentary republic

**Type of Government**

Unicameral Knesset or Parliament (120 seat, members elected by proportional representation to serve four-year terms).

\* While Israel designates Jerusalem as its capital, Canada believes that the final status of the city needs to be negotiated between the Israelis and Palestinians. At present, Canada maintains its Embassy in Tel Aviv.

### Head of State

President  
Reuven Rivlin

### Head of Government

Prime Minister  
Benjamin Netanyahu

**Ministers:** Foreign Affairs: Gabi Ashkenazi  
Finance: Yisrael Katz  
Economy and Industry : Amir Peretz

### Main Political Parties

Likud (36), Yesh Atid - Telem (16), Blue and White (15), Joint List (15), Shas (9), Yisrael Beiteinu (7), United Torah Judaism (7), Yamina (5), Labor (3), Meretz (3), Derekh-Eretz (2), Geshet (1), The Jewish Home (1),

**Elections:** n/a

## Economic Information: (2019) IMF (estimates)

	<b>Israel</b>	<b>Canada</b>
<b>GDP: (billion)</b>	\$510.15	\$2,277.52
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	\$56,346.46	\$60,806.37
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	3.50	1.64
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	0.84	1.95
<b>Unemployment: (%)</b>	3.80	5.67

## Product Trade and Investment: (2020) Statistics Canada

<b>Canadian Exports:</b>	\$358,589,083
<b>Canadian Imports :</b>	\$1,251,562,738
<b>Foreign Direct Investment in Canada (2019)</b>	\$330 (million)
<b>Canadian Direct Investment in country (2019)</b>	-\$382 (million)

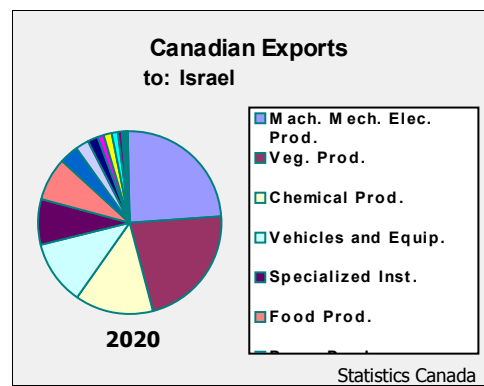
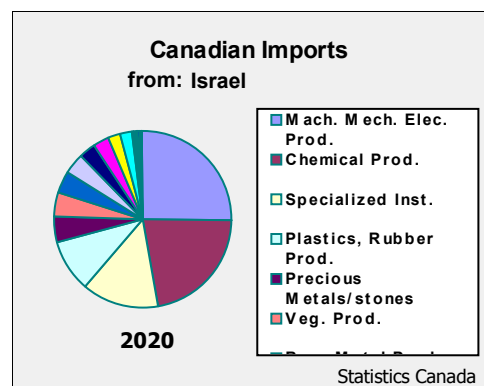
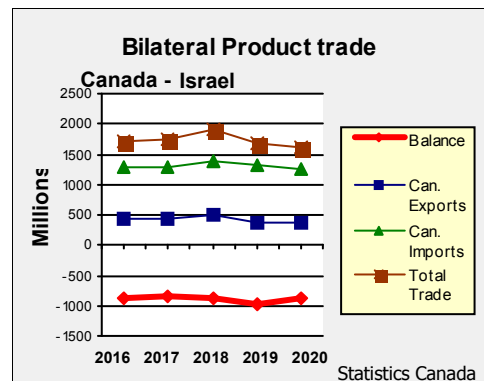
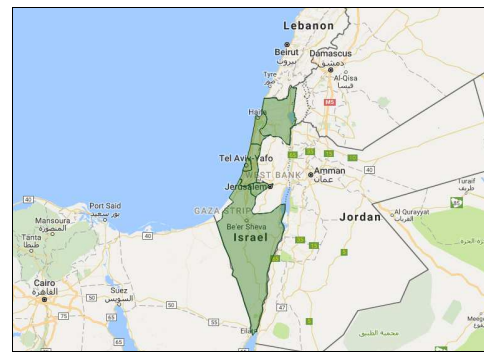
## Representation:

### Foreign Representation in Canada

Vacant

### Canadian Representation Abroad

Vacant



Sources:  
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