

Middle East In Turmoil



Lebanon
The Iranian-backed terrorist group Hezbollah possesses more than 150,000 rockets, many of which are capable of striking any location in Israel.



Syria
Islamist radical groups affiliated with al-Qaeda and the Islamic State have taken over large swathes of Syrian territory.



Iraq
The Islamic State, dedicated to murdering all those who disagree with its views of Islam, now controls formidable territory and resources.



West Bank
Incitement by Palestinian leaders has raised tensions and spurred a rise in terrorist attacks.

Israel is surrounded by Arab nations and Iran. These countries outnumber Israel more than 650 to 1 in terms of land and 56 to 1 in terms of population. As instability mounts throughout the region, U.S. security assistance to Israel is more important than ever before.



Iran
Iran continues to foment chaos throughout the Middle East inciting civil strife and destruction in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen, and Bahrain, while threatening Israel with its terrorist proxies.



Egypt
The Sinai Peninsula remains lawless, with militant Islamists growing in power, waging an insurgency against the Egyptian government, and threatening attacks on Israel.



Gaza
Hamas is actively rebuilding its terror infrastructure, stockpiling more advanced rockets and constructing new tunnels into Israel.



Jordan
Jordan's pro-Western monarchy faces challenges from Islamist extremists and economic strains from a flood of Syrian refugees.

Hezbollah's Rocket Arsenal



The Iranian-backed terrorist army Hezbollah has rockets that can reach nearly all of Israel's population centers.

Iranian Missile Threats



Iran has ballistic missiles that can carry a nuclear or chemical warhead 1,500 miles. Tehran is developing missiles that could reach the United States.

These maps are for illustrative purposes only and do not imply any views regarding future agreements between Israel and its neighbors.

Hamas Rocket Ranges

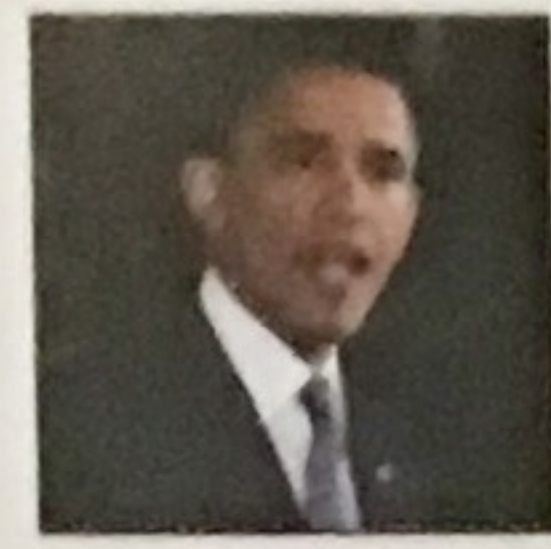


The Gaza-based terrorist group Hamas has rockets positioned along Israel's border that can reach several major cities in the Jewish state.

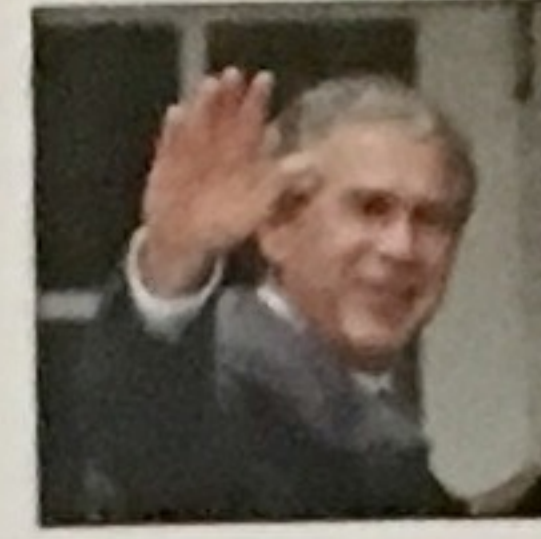


What America's Leaders Say About Israel and AIPAC

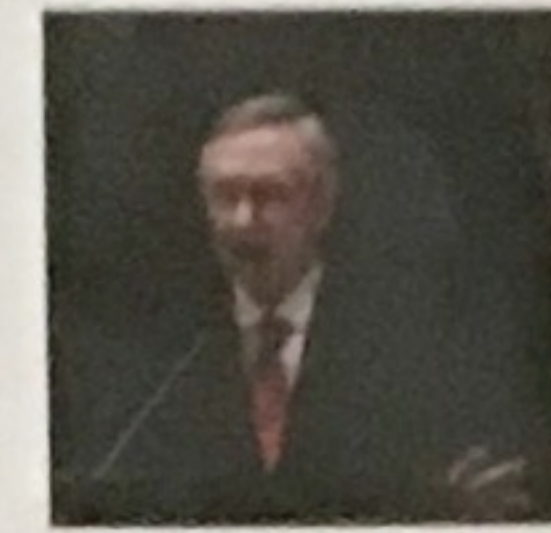
America's political leaders on both sides of the aisle know the value of the U.S.-Israel strategic alliance and the importance of AIPAC. Today, Democrats and Republicans rank AIPAC as one of the most important foreign policy advocacy groups in the country for its work to advance the U.S.-Israel relationship.



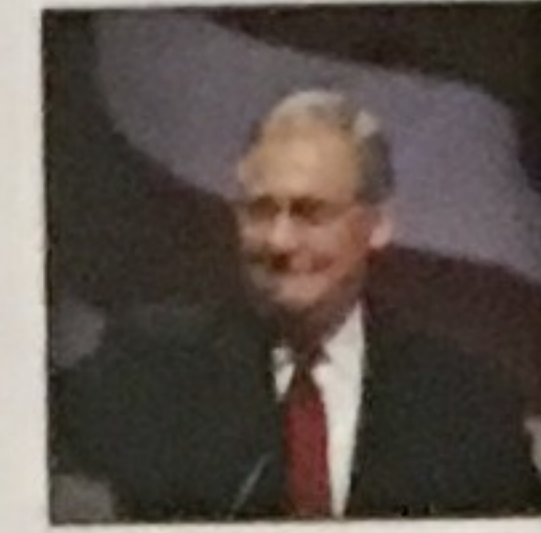
"I know when I visit AIPAC I'm among friends... who share my strong commitment to make sure that the bond between the United States and Israel is unbreakable."
— BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



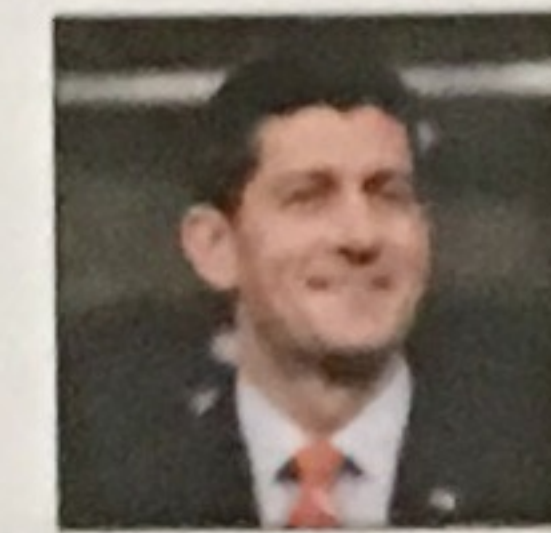
"For more than 50 years, America and Israel have remained steadfast allies. AIPAC is one of the reasons why."
— GEORGE W. BUSH, 43RD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



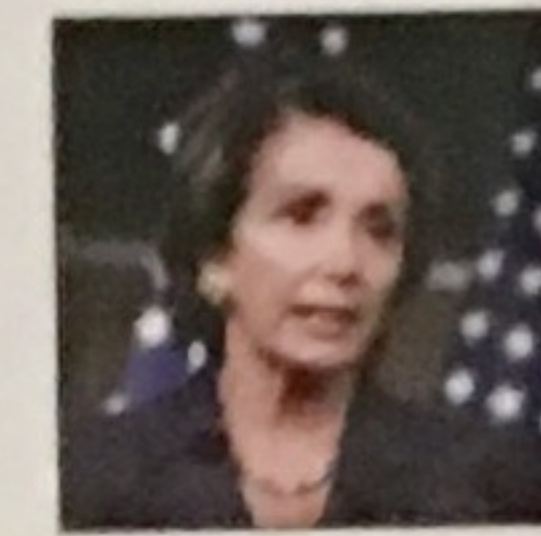
"AIPAC is an organization like no other."
— HARRY REID (D-NV), SENATE MINORITY LEADER



"Lawmakers depend on AIPAC for good, honest information and that's exactly what we've gotten."
— MITCH MCCONNELL (R-KY), SENATE MAJORITY LEADER



"America has no better friend in the Middle East than the nation of Israel."
— PAUL RYAN (R-WI), SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



"The special relationship between the United States and Israel is as strong as it is because of [AIPAC's] fidelity to that partnership."
— NANCY PELOSI (D-CA), HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

"The most important organization affecting America's relationship with Israel."

— THE NEW YORK TIMES



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Growing Dangers on Israel's Borders

In Israel, borders are an issue people worry about every day—every minute of every hour.

Israel is a nation surrounded by instability, fighting, and many failed states, where dangerous terrorists roam, where attacks can come anytime by land, sea, air or underground.

As regional threats continue to rise, it is vital that we work with our leaders in Washington to enact policies that help the U.S. and Israel address the latest dangers and enhance the safety and security of both nations.

Please join AIPAC and help us in this important work.



For more than 60 years, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee has worked to help keep Israel safe and secure by ensuring that American support remains strong.



1951
The First Aid Package to Israel
AIPAC's lobbying efforts were crucial to Congress' approval of the first package of U.S. aid to Israel – \$65 million, which helped the Jewish state absorb Holocaust survivors and Jewish refugees expelled from Arab nations.



1968
Arms for Deterrence
As Arab arms purchases soared, AIPAC worked with Congress to make the first sale of U.S. fighter jets to Israel for deterrence possible.



1973
Emergency Airlift to Israel
In the wake of the Yom Kippur War, AIPAC's efforts helped secure support for aid to Israel from 269 representatives and 70 senators, even as threats loomed of an Arab oil embargo against the Jewish state's allies.



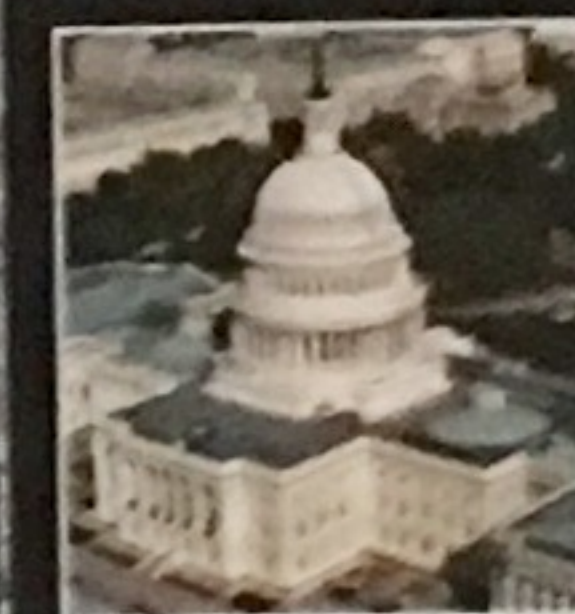
1985
Doubling U.S.-Israel Trade
AIPAC worked for the passage of the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement, the first between the United States and any nation.



1996
Securing \$100 Million for Israel's Fight Against Terror
AIPAC urged Congress to act when Hamas bus bombings and terrorist rocket attacks killed 65 Israelis and forced Israel to spend millions on added security.



2010
Supporting Crippling Iran Sanctions Legislation
This legislation helped limit Iran's ability to import refined petroleum and participate in the international banking system, raising the price Iran pays for its illicit nuclear activities. The effect of these sanctions helped bring Iran to the negotiating table in 2013.



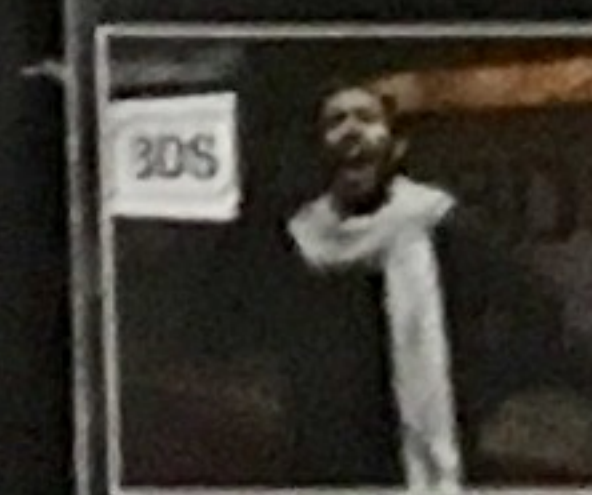
2011
Securing \$3 Billion in Critical Security Aid
This vital American aid helps Israel keep its citizens safe from the rising threats of enemies sworn to the Jewish state's destruction.



2012
Strengthening U.S.-Israel Security Cooperation
AIPAC urged congressional support for a bipartisan bill that has opened new avenues of U.S.-Israel collaboration in the fields of missile defense, homeland security, energy, and intelligence.



2014
Securing Funding for Iron Dome
When terrorists in Gaza fired 4,500 rockets at Israel the summer of 2014, AIPAC worked with Congress to secure an emergency \$225 million for the Iron Dome missile defense shield. This funding complements \$350 million in regular Iron Dome funding and \$3.1 billion in security assistance to Israel approved by Congress in 2014.



2015
Protecting Israel From BDS
AIPAC worked with Congress in support of a trade provision that pushes back against actions by foreign governments to boycott, divest from and sanction Israel by requiring U.S. negotiators to raise objections to such boycotts during EU trade negotiations.

