

Ha-Tikva—THE HOPE: Israeli National Anthem

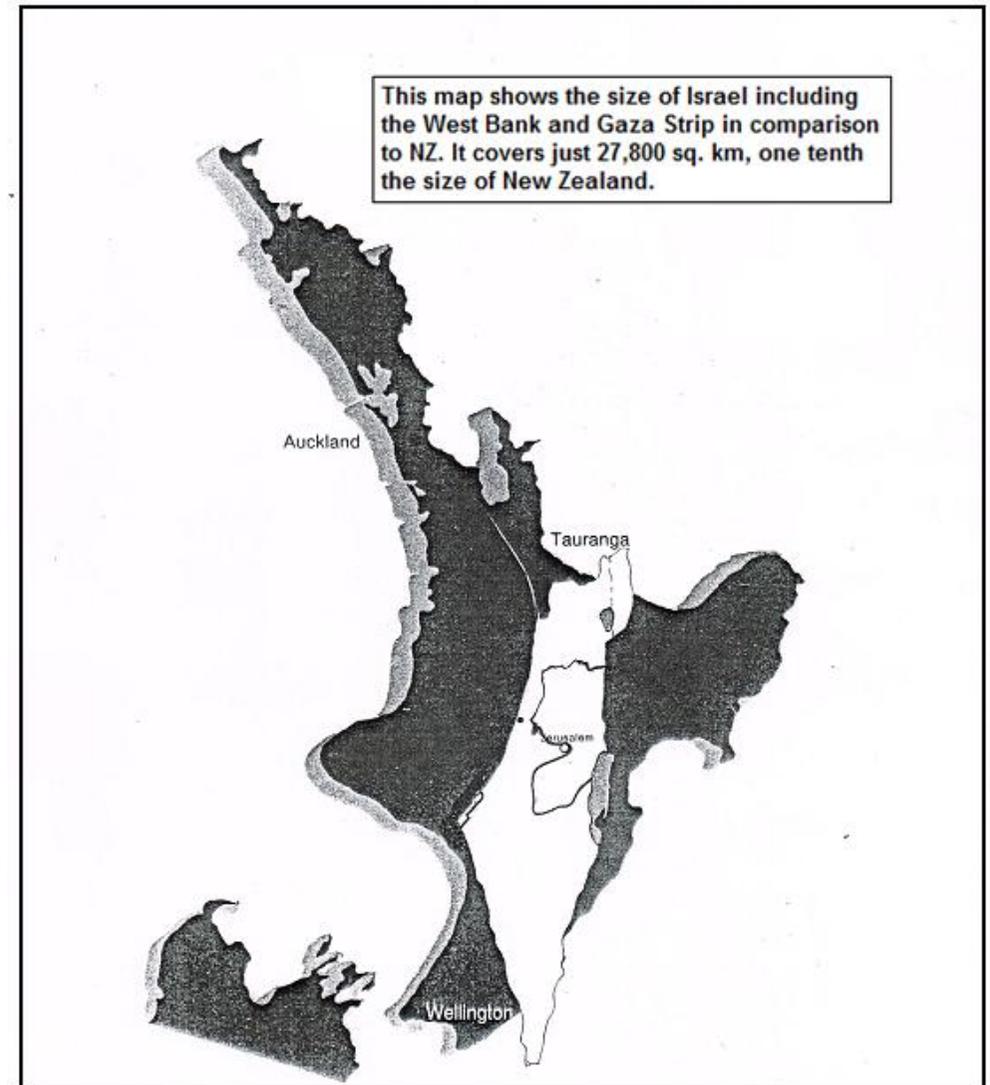
Kol od b'levav P'nimah As long as the heart is yearning
Nefesh Yehudi homiyah Deep in the Jewish soul
Ulfa'atey mizrach kadimah Looking toward the East
Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah. Eyes surveying toward Zion

Od lo avdah tikvatenu Then our hope is not exterminated
Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim Our two-thousand year-old hope
L'hiyot am chofshi b'artzenu To be a free people in our Land
Eretz Zion u'Yerushalayim. The Land of Zion and Jerusalem!

THE LORD'S PRAYER—Matthew 6: 9—13 KJV

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As *it is* in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power,
And the glory,
For ever.
Amen.

ISRAEL'S SIZE



One tenth (0.10) the size of New Zealand

ISRAEL'S CAUSE IS JUST !!!!

HISTORICALLY

The Jewish People have always had a presence in the Holy Land from Biblical times up to the present. They have lived there longer than any other ethnic group. Therefore Israel has a right to live unmolested, with acceptance and respect from the other nations who live in the Middle East.

POLITICALLY

Israel's right to live in its land was fully endorsed: first by the greatest world power of its day—the British Empire—with the Balfour Declaration of 1917. Secondly, by the League of Nations after World War I. They gave international sanction to the historic connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel, and to the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its national home. Thirdly, by the United Nations on 29th November 1947 with resolution 181. The Jewish People took hold of this right on 14th May 1948.

MILITARALLY

Israel's Army, Navy and Air Force are not an aggressive fighting machine. They are a strong Defence Force due to the fact that most of the Arab and Middle Eastern countries have refused consistently to recognise the right of the Jewish people to live in their own State there. All of Israel's modern wars have been brought about by the will of their neighbours who have either mobilised their vast resources of military might against Israel, or, have deliberately and consistently targeted Israeli citizens in one way or another. The bottom line is that Israel has the right to defend itself.

BIBLICALLY

Not all people hold to the authority of the Holy Bible, but a third of the world's population do. The Bible points out very clearly that the Jewish people have the right to live in the Land of Israel.

Israel seeks peace with her neighbours—even to the extent of trading land for peace—but understandingly Israel doubts the sincerity of her peace partners, who continue to condone terrorist activities against Israel.

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LET'S TAKE A LEAF OUT OF CANADA'S BOOK:

Statement by the Prime Minister of Canada in Response to the Situation in Israel:

Prime Minister Stephen Harper on the 17th July issued the following statement in response to the situation in Israel:

“The indiscriminate rocket attacks from Gaza on Israel are terrorist acts, for which there is no justification. It is evident that Hamas is deliberately using human shields to further terror in the region.

“Failure by the international community to condemn these reprehensible actions would encourage these terrorists to continue their appalling actions. Canada calls on its allies and partners to recognize that these terrorist acts are unacceptable and that solidarity with Israel is the best way of stopping the conflict.

“ Canada is unequivocally behind Israel .. We support its right to defend itself, by itself, against these terror attacks, and urge Hamas to immediately cease their indiscriminate attacks on innocent Israeli civilians.

“ Canada reiterates its call for the Palestinian government to disarm Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist groups operating in Gaza , including the Iranian proxy, Palestinian Islamic Jihad.”

A PRAYER

Lord, we pray for the peoples of the Middle East.

Deliver them from cruel and oppressive dictatorships.

Free the people of Gaza from the oppression of Hamas.

Restore peace to the Region we pray.

We ask that Israel would be granted the acceptance and respect it deserves as a member among the community of nations.

We pray for a lasting settlement so that Jew and Arab, the people of Israel and the people of Gaza, can live in harmony and peace and goodwill. AMEN