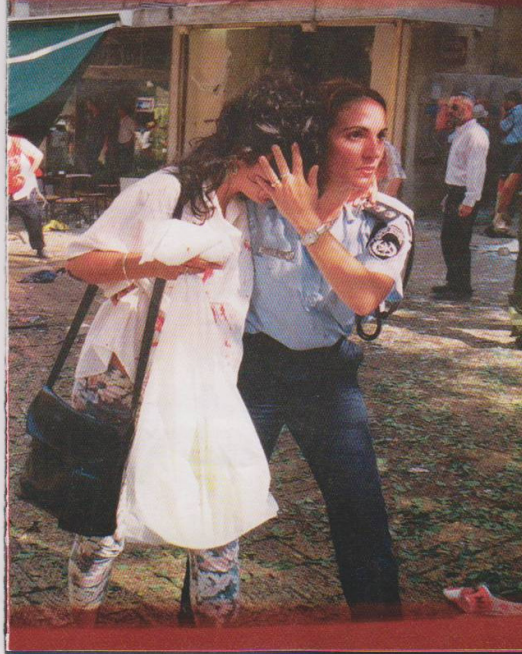




Israel Faces Increasing Threats

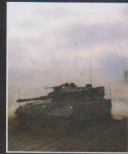


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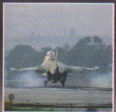
1951

The First Aid Package to Israel. AIPAC's lobbying efforts were crucial to Congress's 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.



1973

Emergency Airlift to Israel. In the midst 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.



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.



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.



2003

Holding Syria Accountable. AIPAC worked with Congress to overwhelmingly pass the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act, which included sanctions against Damascus for its support of international terrorism and occupation of Lebanon.



2009

Backing Israel's quest for peace and right to self-defense with Congressional resolutions supporting Israel after terrorists launched thousands of rocket attacks from Gaza.

2010

Supporting Crippling Iran Sanctions Legislation. This legislation has helped limit Iran's ability to import refined petroleum and participate in the international banking system, raising the price Iran pays for continuing its illicit nuclear activities.



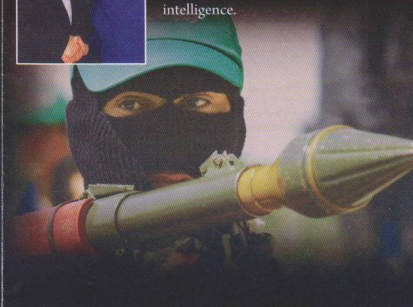
2011

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



2012

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

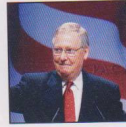


What America's Leaders Say About Israel and AIPAC

America's political leaders—from 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 our work to keep the vital U.S.-Israel bond strong.



"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



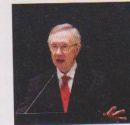
"Lawmakers depend on AIPAC for good, honest information and that's exactly what we've gotten."
—MITCH MCCONNELL (R-KY), SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER



"Before there was an AIPAC, securing American support for a Jewish state was the work of a dedicated few."
—JOHN BOEHNER (R-OH), SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



"The strength of the U.S.-Israel relationship lies in the bipartisan support that AIPAC has played such a huge role in building."
—ERIC CANTOR (R-VA), HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER



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



"The special relationship between the United States and Israel is as strong as it is because of you (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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Israel Faces Increasing Threats in the Region

- Israel today faces growing security challenges, including a potential nuclear-armed Iran, increased Hamas rocket attacks from Gaza and Hizballah in Lebanon armed with more than 60,000 rockets and missiles.
- In Egypt, Israel now faces the challenge of a government dominated by the Muslim Brotherhood, whose leaders previously called for the abrogation of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.
- There is overall instability throughout the Middle East. On Israel's northern front, the uprising in Syria has heightened fears that Syria's large stockpile of chemical weapons could fall into the hands of terrorists.



MIDDLE EAST IN TURMOIL

Lebanon

- Dominated by Iranian-backed terrorist group Hizballah
- Hizballah possesses 60,000 rockets and missiles aimed at Israel
- Violence and refugees spilling over from the Syria crisis



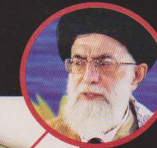
Turkey

- NATO member with a strained relationship with Israel
- Violence and refugees spilling over from the Syria crisis



Syria

- Ongoing civil war has killed 70,000
- Control of chemical weapons and strategic systems uncertain
- Instability spilling over to Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey



Iran

- Nearing a nuclear weapons capability
- Engaging in cyber-warfare against U.S. and Gulf states
- Possesses advanced missiles that can hit Israel, American forces, and other American allies
- Supporting Assad's rule in Syria with weapons, soldiers, and aid

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.



Egypt

- On verge of economic collapse
- Islamist radicals gaining in power
- Sinai remains lawless



Jordan

- Economy strained
- Syrian refugees flooding country
- Traditional pro-Western rule under challenge



Saudi Arabia

- Aging leadership facing domestic challenges
- Uncertain succession and future orientation

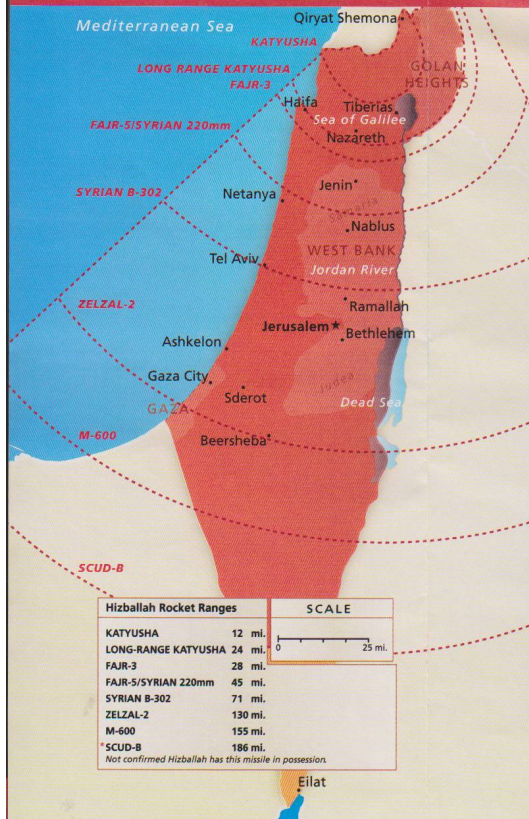


Gaza

- Power struggle between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas
- Weapons smuggling into Gaza
- Hamas rockets threaten 5 million Israelis



HIZBALLAH ROCKET RANGES



ISRAEL'S NARROW WAISTBAND



TERROR BUILD-UP IN THE GAZA

