

The State of Israel



Iyar 5 1948 – Iyar 4 2016

As we celebrate, [b"h]this Thursday, 4 Iyar [12-05-2016], Israel's 68th Independence Day, in Eretz Yisrael, with song and praise, acclamation and hymns, we observe, with our very eyes, the glorious State of Israel in its strength and magnificence .

 <p>Population This is the first time in history that there are over 6 million Jews in the State of Israel. Today 6,377,000 Jews live in 1255 cities, towns, villages, <i>moshavim</i> and <i>kibbutzim</i> throughout the Land of Israel.</p>	 <p>Birth Rate – Mazal Tov Last year 195,000 Jewish babies were born, and Jews make up about 75% of the total population.</p>	 <p>Aliyah – We have Come Home Since Israel's establishment some 3.2 million new immigrants have arrived. In the past year over 30,000 made Aliyah to Israel . There was an increase of Aliyah from France, numbering 7,900 this past year.</p>
 <p>Synagogues and Batei Midrash In Israel there are over 10,000 synagogues, which a million and a half men, women and children pray regularly with their traditional liturgy. There are as well many hundreds of Community Batei Midrash where tens of thousands regularly study Torah, including parents and their children.</p>	 <p>Torah World According to experts, there has never been such a large number of Torah students, studying at such a high level as do today in the State of Israel. 130,000 Yeshivah students learn in Yeshivot Gevohot, Hesder Yeshivot, pre-army Mechinot and Kolllels.</p>	 <p>"From Zion The Torah Is Disseminated": Torat Eretz Yisrael – Over ten thousand Yeshivah students from abroad study in Yeshivot, Michlalot, Seminaries and Ulpanum in Israel.</p>
 <p>Education Over two million students (2,187,296) studied last year in the Israeli educational system as well as in 66 universities and academic colleges.</p>	 <p>Tradition and Jewish Culture In Israeli society there is increasing interest in traditional Jewish culture. Men, women and children take part in study days, conferences, and in the Holiday prayers.</p>	 <p>Torah Literature In the last two years hundreds of books were published on Halachah, Jewish thought, Poetry and Torah literature' including thousands of Responsa in Halacha and Hashkafa and accessible online.</p>

The information is based mainly on the **Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel**

