



Israel & Iran: What's the Story?

What do you notice?

- Distance
- Size
- Location
- Resources
- Neighbors



586 BCE:

When the 1st Temple was destroyed, Jews were exiled to Babylonia (modern day Iraq)





538 BCE:

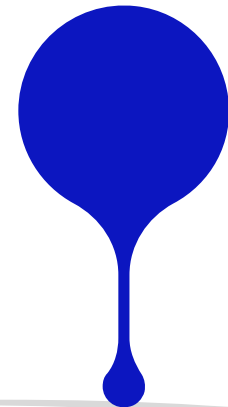
Seventy years later, with the rise of the Persian Empire over Babylonia, Cyrus the Great allowed Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple. But, many chose to remain and spread throughout the Persian empire.

In the city of Shushan lived a Jew by the name of Mordecai, son of Jair son of Shimei son of Kish, a Benjaminite.: [Kish] had been exiled from Jerusalem in the group that was carried into exile along with King Jeconiah of Judah, which had been driven into exile by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

Jews in Iran (Persia), 538 BCE – 1948 CE



538 BCE



1948 CE



Israel & Iran: 1948-1979

recognizes Israel

MILITARY COOPERATION

oil pipeline

ambassador exchange

100,000 Jews

trade ties

DAILY EL AL FLIGHTS

1979 - today: The Islamic Revolution



Current Iranian Regime

support
HAMAS, HEZBOLLA, HOUTIS

ISLAMIC THEOCRACY

calls for Israel's destruction

strongly anti-Western

censorship

8,000 Jews

RELIGIOUS LAW (SHARIA)

+35 assassinated leaders

+15 military bases & Missile depots hit

+5 nuclear facilities targeted

+3 energy sites hit

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WHY IS ISRAEL STRIKING IRAN'S **NUCLEAR PROGRAM**?

A May 2025 report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) showed that **Iran has enough material for 9 nuclear bombs**, and it would only take **a few days** for them to start building the first one.



Sources: IAEA, Institute for Science and International Security

VIA: REUTERS

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ISRAEL
UNDER
ATTACK

WAR WITH IRAN

JUNE 13 – JUNE 16, 2025



300+
MISSILES FIRED
FROM IRAN



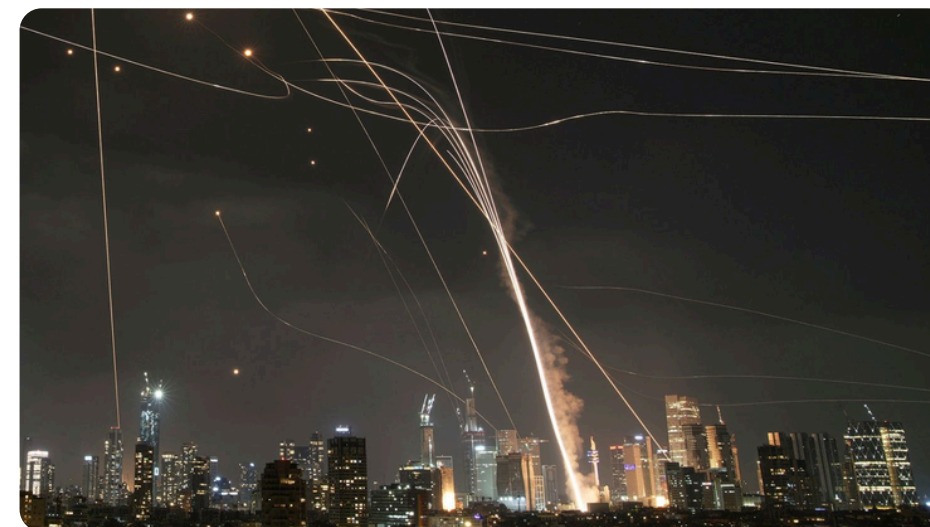
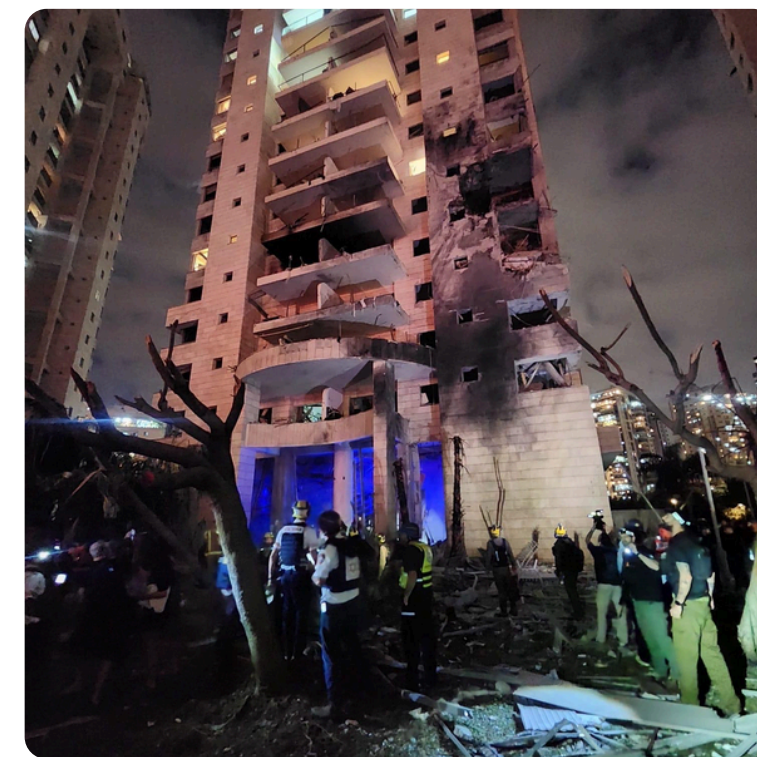
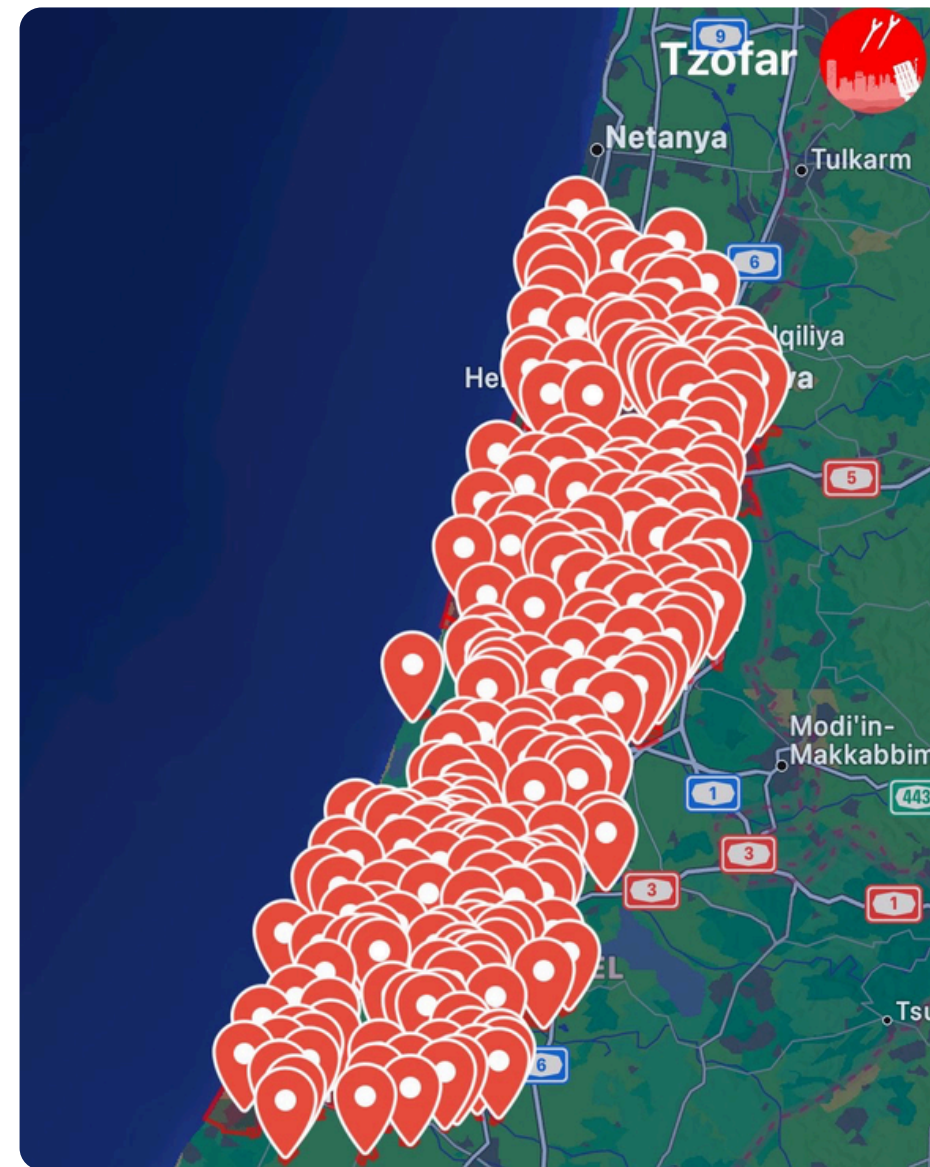
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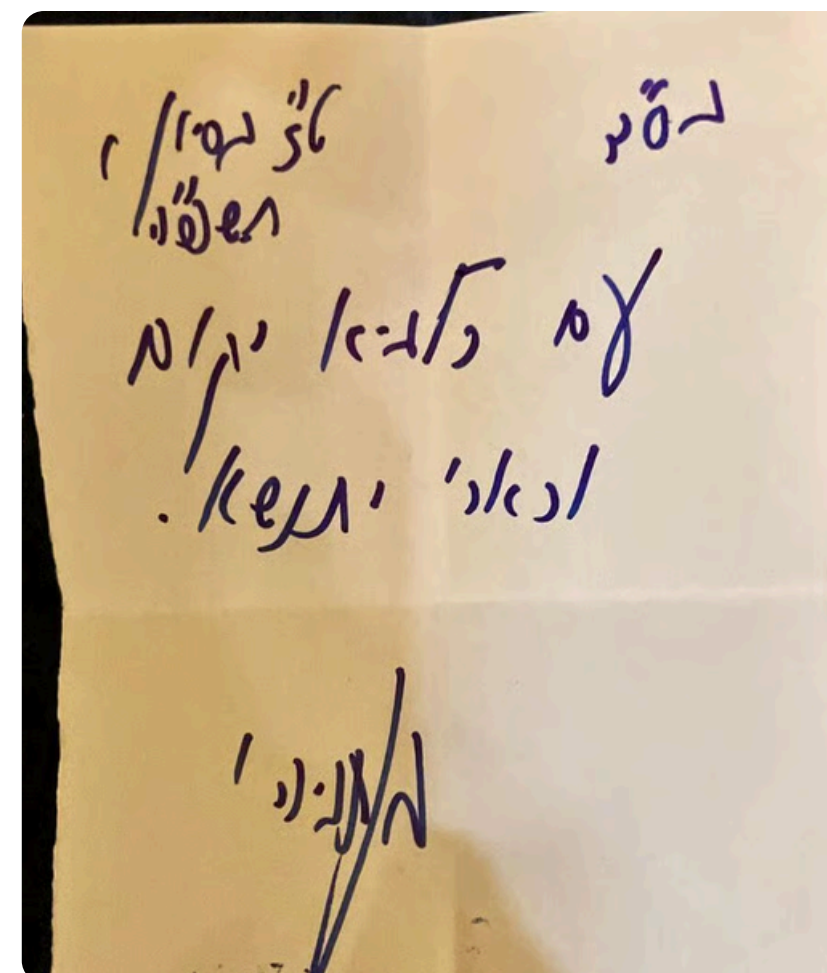


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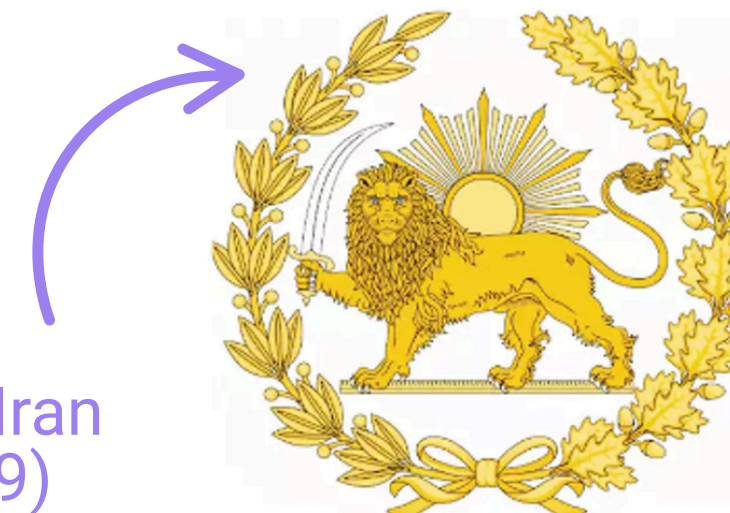
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ISRAELIS
DISPLACED





”הוֹן עַם כְּלָבִיָּא יָקוּם וְכַאֲרִי יִתְנַשֵּׂא...”
(במדבר כ”ג, כ”ד)

“This nation rises like a lioness, Leaps up like a lion...” (Numbers 23:24)



Symbol of Iran
(pre-1979)

Create Your Own



”הבא להורגך – השכם להורגו”

***“He who comes to kill you,
rise early to kill him [first].”***

(Sanhedrin 72)



What do you think this phrase means in your own words?



How does this phrase relate to Israel's current war with Iran?



How can we balance the Jewish value of peace (shalom) with the need to protect ourselves?

③ ***things I learned***

② ***things that surprised me***

① ***question I still have***

