

## Canadian-Israeli Collaboration

The long-standing relationship between Israel and Canada is built in large part on our shared values, including a firm belief in democracy. Israel is a strong and robust democracy in the Middle East, and Canada, for its part, is committed to promoting democratic values in the region. We also share a unique respect for immigration. Canada and Israel have long been a destination for new immigrants.

Today the links between the Canadian Jewish community and Israel are multi-faceted and diverse. Israel as a concept and as a "spiritual" homeland has had an important impact in shaping the identity of Canadian Jews over the last 60 years. Canadian Jews have also played a central role in expanding the trade relationship and have facilitated many partnering initiatives such as cultural exchanges and scientific cooperation.

Other examples of Israeli-Canadian collaboration are the interparliamentary friendship groups created by the Israeli and Canadian Parliaments. These groups work towards greater friendship, goodwill and cooperation between parliamentarians in Canada and Israel.



