The Immigration and Absorption Department is committed towards maintaining Israel as a prominent focus of Jews everywhere and of stimulating interest in Israel as a viable living option. The return of the Jewish people to the land of Israel is an integral part of what Israel stands for and the department plays an active part in every aspect of that dynamic process.

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**Summer Programs 2008**

Numerous possibilities exist for summer programs in Israel. Whether you are a student or family, learn about the various programs offered such as Reform family adventure and Summer Ulpan at Kibbutz Na'an for an exciting and creative summer adventure. [More](#)

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**The New Aliyon - Israel still young at 60**

Israel at sixty remains, with all its complexities, contrasts and contradictions, a success story of almost implausible dimensions. Born into poverty and war, upon its inception the young State could barely feed itself. Sixty years later, Israel can gaze with gratification and pride upon its phenomenal accomplishments. Yet, pride by no means translates into complacency.
Israel is not all we would wish her to be; of course, no place is. Israel is a work in progress of the Jewish people. In these pages, we try to present a slice of Israel — spirited and sober, Jewish and worldly, introverted and extroverted, impassioned and fun. We invite you to come and visit: explore her cities, climb her mountains, swim in her waters, get a feel for her people, discover her spirituality, sing her songs and taste of her bounty. More

Israel@60 Celebrations in North America

As the State of Israel celebrates its first 60 years, the Jewish people, all around the world, join in the celebration.

Several large events in North America took place recently to mark Israel's 60th birthday: A Walk for Israel in Toronto with over 15,000 participants, Jewish College Night with 600 students, and at the Israel in the Gardens 2008 event, over 20,000 people converged on Yerba Buena Gardens in San Francisco for the hottest and freshest in Israeli music, food, film and more.