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**General Assessments**

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- The government’s handling of foreign policy: 5.99
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**The current status of Israel’s Foreign Ministry is 5.37 (out of 10)**

- Good: 21%
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- Rather poor: 25%
- Poor: 25%

**The state of Israel-US relations: 7.75 (out of 10)**

- Good: 64%
- Rather good: 9%
- Rather poor: 5%
- Poor: 5%

**The most important countries for Israel in the world (not including the US)**

- Great Britain: 26%
- Germany: 28%
- Russia: 48%
- France: 17%
- Egypt: 16%
- China: 24%

**How important it is for Israel’s next government to:** (out of 10)

- Strengthen Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs: 7.41
- Improve relations with the EU: 7.26
- Improve relations with Arab countries: 7.12
- Improve relations with countries in the Mediterranean: 6.96
- Advance peace with the Palestinians: 6.18

**When making decisions, Israel should take into account their impact on the Jewish diaspora**

- To a large extent: 50%
- To a moderate extent: 36%
- To a small extent: 29%
- Not at all: 6%

**To which region does Israel belong?**

- More to the Middle East: 32%
- More to Europe: 27%
- More to the Mediterranean Basin: 21%
- To none of the above: 7%

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How can the EU’s image in Israel be most improved?

- 32% Through statements by European politicians on the importance of ties with Israel
- 31% By disseminating more information on existing cooperation between Israel and the EU
- 8% Through Statements by Israeli politicians on the importance of ties with the EU
- 6% By providing more opportunities for meetings and conversations with Europeans

The EU is currently

- More of a friend to Israel: 45%
- More of a foe to Israel: 27%

Should Israel’s Arab citizens play a more central role in the formulation of Israel’s foreign policy?

- Yes: 37%
- No: 45%

Should Israel’s Arab citizens play a more central role in advancing peace with the Palestinians?

- Yes: 55%
- No: 24%

Which Arab country is the most important for Israel to try to develop cooperation with?

- Saudi Arabia (25%)
- Egypt (19%)
- Jordan (3%)
- No Arab country (34%)

Is another war between Israel and Gaza inevitable or avoidable?

- Inevitable: 32%
- Avoidable, via strengthening Israel’s deterrence: 24%
- Avoidable, via Israeli-Palestinian negotiations: 17%
- Avoidable, via international mediation: 14%

25 years after the signing of the Israel-Jordan peace treaty

- Peace with Jordan was and still is a strategic asset for Israel: 71%
- Peace with Jordan is less important for Israel today than in the past: 16%

Cooperation with Middle Eastern countries is

- Impossible: 20%
- Possible: 68%

Who should mediate in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, not including the US?

- The Arab Quartet (Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates): 26%
- Russia: 13%
- The EU: 12%
- The UN: 6%
- China: 4%

Is Palestinian President Abbas a partner for peace negotiations?

- No, Abbas is not a partner: 61%
- Yes, Abbas is a partner: 20%

In light of global protests regarding the climate crisis, Israel should

- Focus on solving its own problems: 43%
- Play a more active role in solving global problems: 35%

What is the main thing that an Israeli diplomat does?

- Advances diplomatic relations: 39%
- Represents Israel at events: 18%
- Assists Israelis in distress abroad: 7%
- Advances economic relations: 4%
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