

The Many Faces of Israel

If you think you know the real face of Israel, think again!



Arab nations threw out hundreds of thousands of Jews after Israel gained independence in 1948. These Israelis from Yemen celebrate their wedding.



Haifa's Baha'i Temple, international headquarters of the Baha'i faith.



Some 1,000 people from the Bnei Menashe sect immigrated to Israel from India and elsewhere. They descend from the tribe of Menasseh and today are full citizens.

Photo from Shavei



Israel has rescued thousands of Ethiopian Jews from starvation and persecution, offering them better lives.



This is Salim Jubran, an Israeli Arab. Since May 2004 he has been a Justice on Israel's Supreme Court. Israeli Arabs serve on other Israeli benches and in Israel's Knesset.

Israel has led progress programs in 31 Black African nations plus Singapore, Thailand, Burma, and the Philippines.

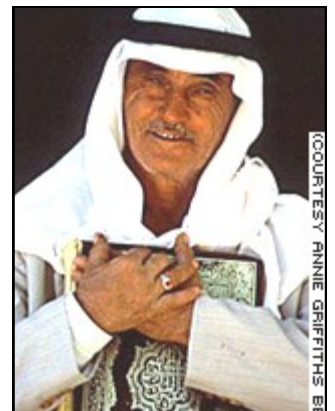
About 60% of Israel's population of is what we would call "non-Caucasian." Can such a state be racist?

The question is preposterous and the answer is obvious. — FLAME

Israel has provided refuge to the Kurds and citizens of war-torn Darfur, Albania and Bosnia, and has aided victims of the earthquake in Haiti, the Chernobyl disaster, "the tsunami" and other natural disasters: none of those people were Jews.

"I was particularly impressed that the first official action of his [Prime Minister Begin's] government was to admit into Israel 66 homeless refugees from Vietnam who had been floating around in the oceans of the world excluded by many nations who are their neighbors, who had been picked up by an Israeli ship and to whom he gave a home. It was an act of compassion, an act of sensitivity and recognition by him and his government about the importance for a home for people who were destitute.... again typifying the historic struggle of the people of Israel."

President Jimmy Carter
July 19, 1977 at the White House



An Israeli Arab embraces his Koran in a Galilee village. Unlike other Middle East lands, in Israel, all can openly practice their diverse faiths.

As you can see, like the United States, Israel is a multi-cultural, multi-religious and multi-ethnic society where everyone enjoys the same rights and freedoms, regardless of their faith, where they came from or their sexual orientation. Anyone can live where they want, attend any university they choose and vote. This is the true face of Israel.