

# **Contemporary Relation between India and Israel in Historical Perspective**

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1. Historical Relations, Jewish people in India, Migration to the United States, Congress Party of India position in 1924, Recognition of Israel in 1948, but no diplomatic relation. Academic and cultural exchange in August 2012 agreement. Extensive exchanges of tourists.
2. After 1947 till 1991 independence of India, the same policy for Israel and Palestine namely recognition of Israel but no diplomatic relation and strong support for Palestinians. In 1991, diplomatic relation was established.
3. China's diplomatic relation with Israel in 1991. No Arab support for India regarding Kashmir.
4. Arafat did not think that India's relationship with Israel will diminish support for Palestinian cause.
5. Visit by Israel President, Weizman (1997) and Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon (2003)
6. Reference to Jerusalem.

1. Israeli arms sales to Russia and India (particularly during India and Pakistan war). Israel's military sales to China alarmed India because India thought weapons will be shipped to Pakistan.

Secret military sales from Israel to India.

2. Economic Interest

3. Trade Agreement

4. Science and Technology, and Space Collaboration

5. Agriculture, Food Security and Water Management

1. Nuclear weapon.
2. Reduction of India oil product export to Iran during US sanctions on Iran.
3. Domestic Pressures on India's Israel Policy.

1. International situation.

2. Pakistan's view point.

3. Terrorism- War on terror both in India and Israel.

1. Change in Leadership and Prime Minister Modi.