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In April 2025, The Heritage Foundation adopted the mission of the Abraham Accords Peace Institute (AAPI), a nonpartisan, non-profit established in 2021 that was dedicated to supporting the implementation and expansion of the U.S.-brokered Abraham Accords between Israel and Muslim

As former senior members of the first Trump Administration, who were closely involved in advancing these peace agreements, we welcomed the opportunity to carry on AAPI's critical work of promoting Middle East security, cooperation, and integration. The alignment between AAPI and Heritage's activities in this field was natural. In the words of Heritage President Dr. Kevin Roberts: "Uniting AAPI's unique perspective and network with Heritage's deep policy and security expertise will advance the peace process in the region for a safer and more prosperous America."

We were also happy to welcome aboard two key members of AAPI's team, Asher Fredman and David Aaronson, who joined Heritage as Visiting Fellows, working with us and with Heritage Senior Policy Analyst for the Middle East and North Africa, Daniel Flesch.

Going forward, we will share regular updates, insights and analyses regarding the development and expansion of Abraham Accords ties, including through a dedicated quarterly newsletter and annual reports. We invite you to stay tuned for exciting events related to the Abraham Accords, as we continue to support efforts to advance peace and prosperity in the region.

- Dr. Victoria Coates and Robert Greenway

Trade Data, January 2025 – June 2025

The Allison Center for National Security is tracking Abraham Accords trade data, highlighting developments in Israel's bilateral trade with the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, Egypt, and Jordan. While Israel's trade with its peace partners rose in 2024 as compared to 2023, reflecting the resilience of Abraham Accords economic ties despite regional conflict, the first sixmonths of 2025 indicate a downward trend. This may reflect a slow-down in new business engagements due both to conflictrelated flight cancellations and geopolitical tensions.

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Cumulative Bilateral Trade with Israel Total Trade v FIGURES ARE IN MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS \$12,000 \$10,000 \$8,000 \$6,000 \$4,000 \$2,000 Jan. 2022 Jan. 2023 Jan. 2024 United Arab Emirates Jordan Egypt Morocco Bahrain

Key Developments, January 2025 – June 2025

In the first half of 2025, numerous developments related to the Abraham Accords demonstrated the continued resilience of these historic agreements, despite regional challenges stemming from Hamas' October 7 terror attack.

Prominent intergovernmental meetings between senior Israeli and Emirati officials, including multiple visits by Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar to the UAE and a bilateral customs cooperation agreement ratified in April, highlighted the sustained effort to strengthen economic and diplomatic relations. Relations with Morocco advanced notably as well, exemplified by the ratification of a bilateral maritime transport agreement.

Additionally, U.S. diplomatic engagement remained robust, with President Trump publicly expressing optimism regarding additional countries joining the Accords. Though the pace of developments has moderated amid geopolitical tensions, the steady dialogue and concrete progress achieved underscore the continuing vitality and future promise of the Abraham Accords.

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Articles and Analyses

<u>Trump's Landmark Deal Is the Real Key to Peace in the Middle East</u>

Dr. Victoria Coates and Robert Greenway, Fox News, July 30, 2025

The idea that Middle East peace cannot and should not advance without a formal agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority is outdated and demonstrably untrue. Indeed, it has done little but exacerbate conflict over the last 30 years and undermine U.S. interests in the region.

The Abraham Accords, brokered by President Trump in 2020, offer a far more reliable solution. They provide a new paradigm for peace between Israel and all of its neighbors, including the Palestinians. Continue Reading

Asher Fredman

Real Clear World, July 16, 2025

Morocco, a Country at 'Forefront' of Religious Now is the Time to Advance Middle East <u>Tolerance, Coexistence - Heritage Foundation</u> <u>Integration</u> **Expert**

Interview with David Aaronson

Maghreb Arabe Press, July 25, 2025

The India-Middle East-**Europe Corridor: A Catalyst** for Regional Integration and **Global Prosperity**

Asher Fredman and Joseph Rozen The Misgav Institute for National Security, June 26, 2025

The Path to Greater Peace in the Middle East is Clear Dr. Victoria Coates and Robert Greenway

The Heritage Foundation, May 2, 2025

With Trump Back in Office, **More Countries Are Expected** to Join Abraham Accords

Virginia Allen, with Asher Fredman The Daily Signal, May 1, 2025

Special Report: Heritage Visits Israel

From April 27 to May 1, 2025, Dr. Victoria Coates, Heritage Vice President and head of the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, Robert Greenway, Director of the Allison Center for National Security, and Daniel Flesch. Senior Policy Analyst for the Middle East and North Africa, visited Israel. The trip was an opportunity to discuss advancing the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership and the Abraham Accords with key Israeli decision-makers, and to demonstrate Heritage's commitment to advancing regional cooperation and the U.S.-Israel alliance.

While in Israel, the Allison Center team met with Israel's Foreign Minister, Defense Minister, Strategic Affairs Minister, Members of Knesset, the American, Emirati and Moroccan ambassadors to Israel, and leading Israeli policy centers and experts. They also spoke at a leading national security conference in Jerusalem, alongside Israel's Prime Minister and other dignitaries, and engaged with local and international media.



Dr. Victoria Coates and Robert Greenway meet with the Moroccan Head of Liason Office in Israel, H.E. Abderrahim Beyyoudh. (Photo



Heritage delegation meets the UAE Ambassador to Israel, H.E. Mohamed Al Khaja. (Photo Credit: Heritage)



Heritage delegation meets Israeli Defense Minister, H.E. Israel Katz, and his team. (Photo Credit: Israeli MoD)



Heritage delegation meets Israeli Foreign Minister, H.E. Gideon Saar, and his team. (Photo Credit: Israeli MFA)

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