

ABRAHAM ACCORDS

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Welcome

The second quarter of 2026 saw unprecedented cooperation between the United States, Israel, and other Abraham Accords partners in the face of Iran’s attacks during Operation Epic Fury. The close coordination between the U.S., Israel, and regional allies found expression in Israel’s deployment of the Iron Dome air defense system, developed together with the United States, to help defend the UAE. This cooperation represented one of the most important manifestations to date of the emerging regional security architecture that the Abraham Accords are helping to advance.

Abraham Accords cooperation continued to evolve during the quarter in additional areas as well, from trade, which continued to climb year over year, to interfaith dialogue, innovation, and transportation. Kazakhstan saw the fruits of its decision to become the first Central Asian country to join the Accords when Israeli President Isaac Herzog led a large government and business delegation to the country. The central importance of sustained American leadership was demonstrated both by the efforts of President Trump and his administration to expand the Accords and by several important pieces of legislation advanced in Congress aimed at strengthening Abraham Accords integration and coordination.

The Heritage Foundation’s Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy and the Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for National Security continued to play a key role in deepening Abraham Accords ties, both during and following Operation Epic Fury. The Davis Institute team traveled to Israel to meet with Israel’s Prime Minister, President, Foreign Minister, and other senior officials to discuss the future of the Abraham Accords, U.S.-Israel relations, and the fight against Iran, as well as to speak at an international policy conference in Jerusalem. On July 22, Heritage Foundation Visiting Fellow Asher Fredman testified at a special hearing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on ways in which Congress can contribute to advancing the next stage of the Accords.

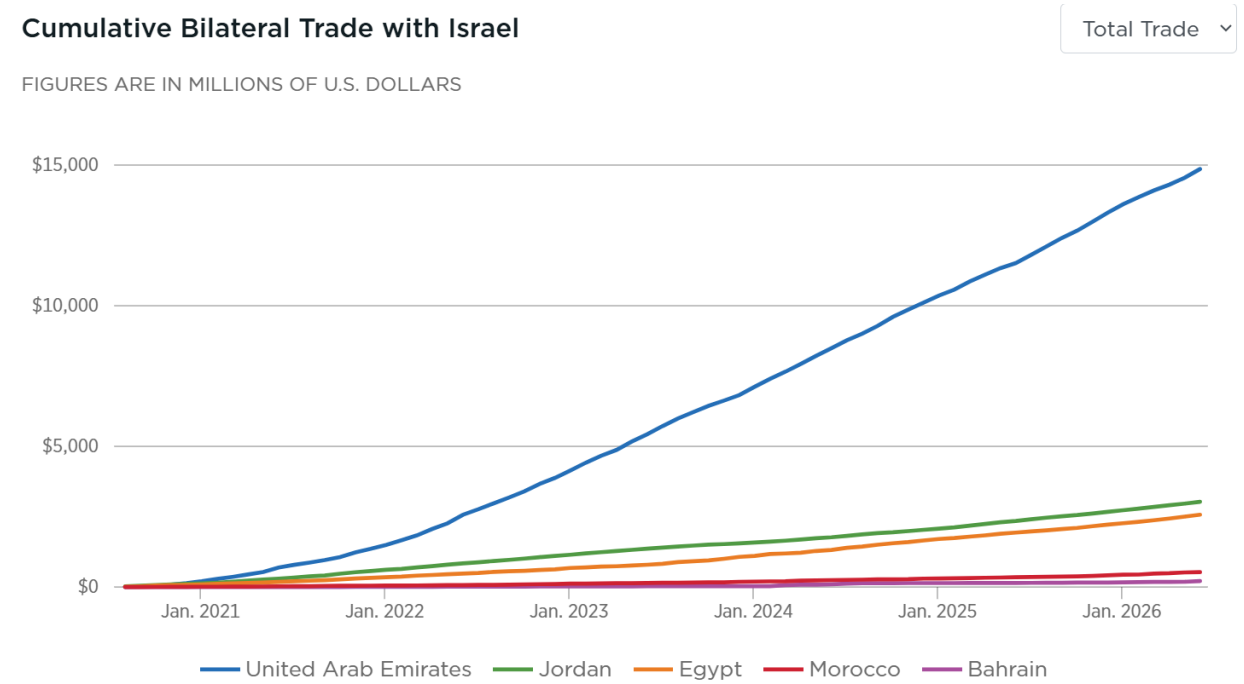
As we prepare to celebrate six years since the September 2020 signing of the Abraham Accords under the auspices of President Trump, we look forward to continuing to work with all of our partners to advance U.S.-led peace and prosperity across the Middle East and beyond.

— Victoria Coates, PhD
Vice President, Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy
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Trade Data, April 2026 – June 2026

Trade between Israel and its Abraham Accords and Arab peace partners has grown every year since the Accords were signed, despite regional tensions and disruptions. The first half of 2026 saw the continuation of this trend. As compared to the first half of 2025, Israel’s trade with the UAE was up by 10%, with Bahrain by 554%, with Morocco by 70%, with Egypt by 25%, and with Jordan by 12%.

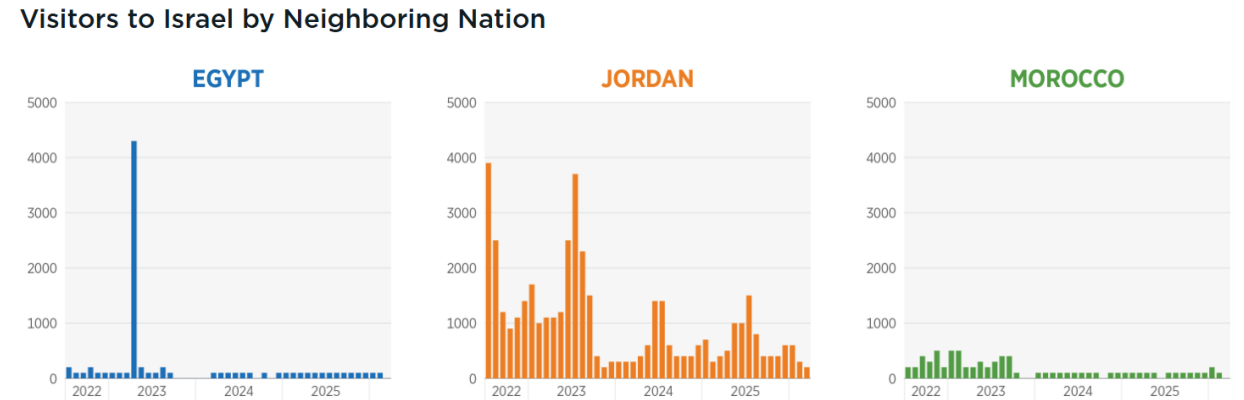
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Travel and Tourism Data, April 2026 – June 2026

In the first half of 2026, the UAE was the third most popular destination for passengers traveling to and from Israel’s Ben Gurion Airport, after Greece and the United States. 528,000 passengers traveled between the two countries, constituting 8.55% of all travelers transiting Ben Gurion Airport. Israel and Kazakhstan, the newest member of the Abraham Accords, announced the expansion of direct air travel. Incoming tourism to Israel from Abraham Accords countries remained low due to regional tensions, flight cancellations, and visa and travel obstacles.

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Key Developments, April 2026 – June 2026

The second quarter of 2026 demonstrated the diverse ways in which the Abraham Accords are shaping cooperation across the region. The most consequential example came in the security sphere, where the response to Iranian attacks brought the United States, Israel, the UAE, and other regional partners into close operational coordination. Israel’s deployment of an Iron Dome battery and personnel to the UAE was particularly significant, demonstrating that the relationships created since 2020 can provide a basis not only for diplomacy and commerce, but also for concrete cooperation in moments of acute regional threat.

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Special Report: Davis Institute Israel Trip, June 2026

From June 20–23, Dr. Victoria Coates and Darion Ouliguian from The Heritage Foundation traveled to Israel to attend the Jerusalem News Syndicate (JNS) International Policy Summit and meet with senior Israeli officials. They were joined by their Israel-based Heritage colleagues Yoram Hazony, Asher Fredman, and David Aaronson. Dr. Coates delivered remarks at the opening JNS plenary on the U.S.-Israel security partnership, chaired a forum discussion on U.S.-Israel Affairs, and participated in a panel focused on the future of the Iranian people. She and the Davis team met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Isaac Herzog, Foreign Minister Gideon Saar, Parliament Speaker Amir Ohana, and other senior figures. Heritage Visiting Fellow Asher Fredman also spoke at the JNS conference on the future of the Abraham Accords and the U.S.-Israel relationship.



Dr. Victoria Coates meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu



The Heritage team meets Israel’s President Herzog

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