

1948. AN AGE-OLD HOPE REBORN.



This week, Israel and its friends all over the world marked the 45th anniversary of Israel's independence. It is a time for celebration.

On this joyous day, we are reminded of the words of Winston Churchill: *"The coming into being of a Jewish state... is an event in world history to be viewed in the perspective not of a generation or a century, but in the perspective of a thousand, two thousand or even three thousand years."*

Churchill was right: the rebirth of a Jewish state, after thousands of years of yearning, was an historic development of monumental significance.

Faced with war, terrorism, isolation and economic boycott, Israel has not only survived against all the odds, it has flourished.

Israel's commitment to democracy, unique in the Middle East, has never wavered; its resolve to achieve peace with its neighbors, articulated since the day of its birth, is today clearly demonstrated in its approach to the peace talks; and its determination to create a home for Jews from all over the world underscores its distinctive purpose.

We salute the people of Israel for all they have achieved in building such a vibrant and dynamic country.

**CONGRATULATIONS,
ISRAEL,
ON YOUR 45th
BIRTHDAY!**



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