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# Surviving Israel: A Practical Guide For Visitors And Immigrants



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## Synopsis

Israel is a country full of paradoxes. On the one hand there's a war every decade or so, the people are ill-mannered and loud, and the heat is unbearable six months of the year. On the other hand, you're perfectly safe strolling down the street alone late at night, the people are among the warmest and most caring you'll ever meet, and the summers are epic. Visiting Israel, not to mention moving there, can be an overwhelming experience. Many foreign visitors and new immigrants are baffled or frustrated by one aspect or another of Israeli day-to-day life. The aim of this guidebook is to provide insights, practical tips and assistance that will make it easier to adapt to, and get the most out of, life in Israel. You'll find this book indispensable, no matter if you're an immigrant or if you're just doing a temporary relocation or a year aboard at an Israeli university — or even if you're just curious about Israeli life and society in general.

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## Customer Reviews

Excellent overview of what it's like for a foreigner arriving in the country. All the relevant historical facts, cultural quirks and must-know places to make visiting/immigrating less burdensome than it otherwise is for a newcomer.

It's a good book about the personality of Israel and the Jewish people. Unfortunately it was lacking in the specific details I was hoping for. Having said that, I found the book both entertaining and worthwhile.

A good look at the Israeli psyche and traditions. It's useful to know the background on certain behavior even though the explanation is a bit subjective and not a little humorous.

Very helpful. Great insight into the society as a whole. Totally worth it for those looking into understanding the country a bit better.

Enjoyed the book, especially the part on ceremonies, weddings and funerals. The book was to the point and direct. Very enjoyable quick read.

Very good place to start on the ground info that is good to know

There are two reasons to why I don't rate this book with five stars. The first one is that it came out after I left Israel, after one confusing expat year there with my family... Shainkman, manages to explain Israelis and their way of life to a Westerner, in a way that is accurate and above all, makes you laugh out loud....it would have been so helpful to have this book while living there. Shainkman is balancing delicately on the fine line between caricature and information. But thanks to his great sense of humour and what seems like a profound love for Israel, he manages to pull it off...The second reason for not giving it a fifth star is that the cover is dull. And this book is everything but dull. I would even say that is worth a read even if you are not going to Israel.

The book delivers as advertised and also tells you why things are the way they are. Having recently returned from Israel, I highly recommend this entertaining read.

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