

Against All Odds - I am a Jew

- **Only 65 years ago**, Jews were brought to death like Sheep to slaughter. NO country, NO army. We were disgraced and hopeless. We crawled out from the burning crematoriums of Europe and God returned many of us to the Promised Land.
- **Only 60 years ago**, seven Arab countries declared war on this little Jewish State called Israel. In just a few hours after it was established, we 650,000 Jews found ourselves against the whole Arab world with no IDF (Israeli Defence Forces) or Air Force. We were only a small group of stubborn people with nowhere to go and everything to fight for. Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Libya and Saudi Arabia all attacked at once.
- The United Nations "gave" us a State which was 65% desert, so we developed it from nothing and turned it into prosperous usable land. We now sell oranges, flowers, and vegetables to countries around the world.
- **Only 41 years ago**, we fought three of the strongest countries in the Middle East, and we defeated them in the Six Day War.
- **Over the years** we fought different coalitions of Arab countries with modern armies and yet we still won.
- **Today** we have a beautiful country, a powerful Army, a strong Air Force and adequate Navy.
- We have a thriving high tech industry, e.g. Intel, Microsoft and IBM develop technology here.
- Our doctors have won important prizes in the medical Development field.
- Israel today is among the few powerful countries that have launched its own satellites into space. We are in good company along with the USA (300 million Residents), Russia (220 million residents), China (1.3 Billion residents) and Europe (France, England and Germany over 100 million residents)!
- We have nuclear technology and capabilities, although we would never admit it.
- Who can frighten us? Certainly not ISIS, Hamas or Hezbollah.
- When we celebrate *Independence Day*, we remember on this Holy day that we are free and our destiny is in our own hands.
- We overcame the Greeks, we overcame the Romans, we overcame the Spanish Inquisition,
- We still live on after the Russian pogroms, Hitler's Holocaust and the armies of seven Arab countries and we will overcome our current enemies.
- Never mind where you look in human history. Think about it, the Jewish nation. Our condition has never been better than now. So let's lift our heads up never mind which country or culture tries to harm us or erase us from the world. We will still exist and persevere—we have to. We are that same Bible nation who, 3,500 years ago, escaped from slavery in Egypt and we are still here—still speaking the same Hebrew language. Perhaps the Arabs and other countries don't know it yet, but we are an eternal nation. As long as we keep our identity, we will stay eternal. So we will not fear, nor worry, complain or cry.
- Business in Israel is *beseder* (fine). It can definitely be much better, but it is still fine. Don't pay attention to the nonsense in the political media. They will not tell you why we are one of the happiest nations on earth, because they don't want to acknowledge that we still believe we are God's chosen people who loves us and commands us to be joyous with Him in our Sabbaths, Festivals and Holy Days.
- Always remember, we can never be always happy, but we can be always joyous.

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