



Embassy Tel Aviv's Consular Sun Times

Opening of U.S. Embassy Jerusalem

Press Statement on February 23, 2018

In May, the United States plans to open a new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem. The opening will coincide with the 70th anniversary of President Harry S. Truman's official recognition of the State of Israel in 1948. The Embassy will initially be located in the Arnona neighborhood, in a modern building that now houses consular operations of U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem. Those consular operations, including American citizen and visa services, will continue at the Arnona facility without interruption, as part of the Embassy. Consulate General Jerusalem will continue to operate as an independent mission with an unchanged mandate, from its historic Agron Road location. Initially, the interim Embassy in Arnona will contain office space for the Ambassador and a small staff. By the end of next year, we intend to open a new Embassy Jerusalem annex on the Arnona compound that will provide the Ambassador and his team with expanded interim office space. In parallel, we have started the search for a site for our permanent Embassy to Israel, the planning and construction of which will be a longer-term undertaking. We are excited about taking this historic step, and look forward with anticipation to the May opening.

Consular operations in Jerusalem, Haifa, and Tel Aviv and will continue. If you have further questions, you may email: JerusalemACS@state.gov or amctelaviv@state.gov.

U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv

Upcoming Closures:

- ◆ Friday, April 6
(Final Day of Passover)
- ◆ Wednesday, April 11
(Consular Section Closed)
- ◆ Thursday, April 19
(Israeli Independence Day)
- ◆ Monday, May 28
(Memorial Day)

FEE INCREASED

The execution fee for a U.S. passport increased on

April 2, 2018 from **\$25 to \$35**.

The **\$10** execution fee increase only applies to U.S. passport applicants using the DS-11 form:

—First-time applicants over 16;

(now \$145)

—Children under 16;

(now \$115)

—Applicants who re-apply after reporting their previous passport lost or stolen.

(now \$145)

For more information click [here](#).



Tax Deadline!!!

Reminder: **Tuesday, April 17, 2018** is the regular deadline for form 1040 and tax payments. If you mail a tax return from outside the United States, the date of filing is the postmark date. However, if you send a payment, separately or with your tax return, your payment is not considered received until the date of actual receipt. You may use approved private delivery services. A list of approved delivery services is available on IRS.gov. You can prepare and e-file your income tax return, in many cases for free. Participating software companies make their products available through the IRS. Many Free File and e-file partners accept a foreign address. E-File options are listed on IRS.gov. The IRS has more information for taxpayers living overseas at the following website: www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/taxpayers-living-abroad

Need Fingerprints? Need an FBI "background check" report?

The U.S. Embassy is not authorized to collect fingerprints from U.S. citizens for law enforcement or other purposes. The U.S. Embassy has fingerprint cards that individuals may request for use by a private business to collect the fingerprints. After getting your fingerprints taken, you can then electronically request your FBI report directly from the FBI through the following website: <https://www.edo.cjis.gov/#/>

2018 Elections. Your Vote Counts!



VOTE!
#ProudOverseasVoter
travel.state.gov

Can I vote if I never resided in the U.S.?

In some states, U.S. citizens who are 18 years or older and were born abroad, but have never resided in the United States, are eligible to vote absentee.

For example, the state of New York says, "A U.S. citizen who has never resided in the U.S. and has a parent or legal guardian that was last domiciled in New York is eligible to vote as a federal voter and may vote for federal offices only."

You can check if you are eligible to vote if you have never resided in the U.S. through this link:
<https://www.fvap.gov/citizen-voter/reside>



I registered and voted last year, so why do I have to register every year?

As an overseas voter, you need to register and request your absentee ballot every year. This is because individual states are no longer required to automatically send ballots to voters.

You can complete the Federal Post Card Application, online at www.FVAP.gov.

Have You Changed Your Name?

If someone has changed his/her legal name in Israel, it is also legally changed in the U.S. The Department of State will recognize only one legal name, and the result of the most recent name change will be listed in the U.S. passport. Therefore, if you have a valid Israeli ID and/or Israeli passport in a name other than your previously issued U.S. passport, you should renew your U.S. passport with your current legal name. In addition to the passport renewal form, you need to show an original name change document.

What's an original name change document?

- Marriage certificate; -Court order; -Adoption decree; -Divorce decree;
- "Record of Name Change" (Teuda al Maida Shinui Shem) from the Ministry of Interior;
- Your Israeli passport if it has an amendment name change sticker inside;

What if I still want to have my old name in my passport to help with U.S. bank accounts, etc...?

If you can demonstrate that you are using both your current name and your old name openly and concurrently, we can endorse your new passport to that effect. **Please note** that the endorsement will appear on another page within the passport, not on the biopage of the passport. For more detailed information you can check our website on name changes: <https://il.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/change-name-u-s-passport/>.

April 2018

Upcoming State Primaries:

- ◇ **May 8:** Indiana, Ohio
North Carolina,
West Virginia.
- ◇ **May 15:** Idaho, Nebraska,
Oregon, Pennsylvania.
- ◇ **May 22:** Arkansas, Georgia,
Kentucky.
- ◇ **Jun 5:** Alabama, Montana,
California, Iowa,
Mississippi, New Jersey,
New Mexico, South
Dakota.
- ◇ **Jun 12:** Maine, Nevada,
North Dakota,
South Carolina, Virginia.
- ◇ **Jun 19:** District of Columbia
- ◇ **Jun 26:** Colorado,
Maryland, New York,
Oklahoma, Utah.
- ◇ **Aug 2:** Tennessee
- ◇ **Aug 4:** Virgin Islands
- ◇ **Aug 7:** Kansas, Michigan,
Missouri, Washington.
- ◇ **Aug 11:** Hawaii
- ◇ **Aug 14:** Connecticut,
Minnesota, Vermont,
Wisconsin
- ◇ **Aug 21:** Alaska, Wyoming.
- ◇ **Aug 25:** Guam
- ◇ **Aug 28:** Arizona, Florida

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I get married at the Embassy? How do I register my marriage with the U.S. Government?

U.S. embassy and consulate personnel cannot perform marriages in foreign countries. Depending on the law of the foreign country, local civil or religious officials generally perform marriages. Marriages performed overseas are considered valid in the country where they take place if they are entered into in accordance with local law. Recognition of the validity of marriages performed abroad depends on the laws of the place in which the marriage is to be recognized. The Embassy/Consulate does not register marriages. For more information: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/while-abroad/marriage-abroad.html>

Where to Apply for Consular Services in Israel, Jerusalem & the West Bank

American Citizen Services are available at three locations:

- The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv;
- the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem; and
- the Consular Agency in Haifa.

All three locations stand ready to provide routine consular services, including notarial services and acceptance of applications for passports and Consular Reports of Birth Abroad. You are welcome to apply anywhere.

See summary chart below for pertinent information, including how to schedule an appointment.

	Embassy Tel Aviv	Consulate General Jerusalem	Consular Agency Haifa
Physical Location	71 HaYarkon St., Tel Aviv	17 David Flusser, Jerusalem	26 Ben Gurion St., Haifa
Work Week	Monday-Friday	Monday-Friday	Sunday-Thursday
Hours	7:30AM-4:00PM	8:00AM-4:30PM	8:30AM-3:30PM
E-Mail Address	AMCTelAviv@state.gov	JerusalemACS@state.gov	consage@netvision.net.il
Telephone During Working Hours	03-519-7575 (emergencies only)	02-630-4000	04-853-1470
After-Hour Emergencies	03-519-7575	02-622-7230	03-519-7575 (Embassy Tel Aviv)
On-Site Parking	NO	YES	NO (Available nearby)
Passport Appointments	Online	Online	By Telephone
Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) Appointments	E-mail	E-mail	By Telephone
Notary Appointments	Online	E-mail	By Telephone
Emergency Passports	YES	YES	NO
Federal Benefits (e.g., Social Security)	Federal Benefits Unit comes to the Embassy monthly to provide limited services.	Full (Federal Benefits Unit located onsite)	NO
Renunciations	YES	YES	NO
Passport Roadshows (accept passport and CRBA applications and provide notary services)	Beit Shemesh, Beersheva, Dimona, Tzfat. (All Annually)	Ramallah and Erez Crossing	NO (conducted by Embassy Tel Aviv)

Important Note: If you have made an appointment at one location and subsequently find an appointment elsewhere please be sure to cancel any duplicate appointments.

**U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv
American Citizen Services
71 Hayarkon Street
Tel Aviv 6343229
Israel**

**Phone: 03-519-7575
(emergencies only)
Fax: 03-516-4390**

**E-mail: amctelaviv@state.gov
Voting: votetelaviv@state.gov**