



U.S. Embassy Branch Office Tel Aviv Consular Sun Times

Overseas Voter's Week June 27-July 5, 2018

Election Day is coming soon! The U.S. Embassy in Israel is conducting voter outreach to assist U.S. citizens living in Israel to register and vote absentee. The Federal Voting Assistance Program will be holding two voter assistance workshops in Israel on June 20th and 21st (details below). During these interactive sessions, you will learn about voting from outside the United States, deadlines, ballot options, and more! Come with questions. This voter outreach program works to ensure that U.S. citizens overseas are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so – from anywhere in the world.

Upcoming Outreach Events:

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Kehillat Veahavta - Mercaz Mischari (Commercial Center)

Address: Hashmura 1, Zikhron Ya'akov

Second floor, Rooms 317-321

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Thursday, June 21, 2018

American Center Jerusalem

Address: Keren Hayesod 19, Jerusalem

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm



RSVP at Votetelaviv@state.gov or at VoteJerusalem@state.gov

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Upcoming Closures:

- ◆ Friday, June 15^{**}
(Eid Al Fitr) ^{**}
 - ◆ Wednesday, July 4
(U.S. Independence Day)
 - ◆ Tuesday, August 21^{**}
(Eid Al Adha) ^{**}
 - ◆ Monday, September 3
(Labor Day)
 - ◆ Monday, September 10
(Rosh HaShanah)
 - ◆ Tuesday, September 11
(Rosh HaShanah)
 - ◆ Wednesday, September 19
(Yom Kippur)
 - ◆ Monday, September 24
(Succot)
- **U.S. Embassy Jerusalem only, not observed at Branch Office Tel Aviv**

Consular Services in Israel

U.S. EMBASSY JERUSALEM (14 David Flusser Street) <https://il.usembassy.gov> // JerusalemACS@state.gov

The Embassy in Jerusalem provides passport, citizenship, notarial, and emergency consular services to U.S. citizens in Israel, as well as to U.S. citizens in the West Bank and Gaza who are able to come to Jerusalem to apply for consular services in person. The Embassy provides emergency assistance to U.S. citizens in Jerusalem. Individuals present in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza may apply for nonimmigrant and immigrant visa services and federal benefits (Social Security) at the Embassy. Consular services are available by appointment only. All immigrant visas and all federal benefits services for individuals living in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza are processed only at the Embassy in Jerusalem.

U.S. EMBASSY BRANCH OFFICE TEL AVIV (71 HaYarkon Street) <https://il.usembassy.gov> // TelAvivACS@state.gov

The Embassy Branch Office in Tel Aviv continues to provide the same consular and nonimmigrant visa services it provided before. It provides passport, citizenship, notarial, and emergency consular services to U.S. citizens in Israel, as well as to U.S. citizens in the West Bank and Gaza who are able to apply for consular services in person. The Branch Office in Tel Aviv provides emergency assistance to U.S. citizens in Israel outside of Jerusalem. Consular services are available by appointment only.

U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL JERUSALEM (18 Agron Road) <https://jru.usconsulate.gov> // ConGenJerusalemACS@state.gov

The Consulate General serves U.S. citizens in the West Bank and Gaza by providing *limited* passport, citizenship, and notarial services at offsite locations in the West Bank and at the Erez Crossing. These services are available to U.S. citizens who are unable to appear in person at the Embassy in Jerusalem, the Embassy Branch Office in Tel Aviv, or the Consular Agency in Haifa. The Consulate General assists U.S. citizens in the West Bank and Gaza, to include the Allenby Crossing and checkpoints between the West Bank and Israel, in the event of an emergency and in cases of arrest, death, or serious injury. The Consulate General does not provide any visa services or any other public consular services at its Jerusalem location.

U.S. CONSULAR AGENCY IN HAIFA (26 Ben Gurion) <https://il.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/consular-agent-in-haifa> // consage@netvision.net.il

The Consular Agency continues to provide the same consular services for U.S. citizens it provided before. The Consular Agency in Haifa provides routine passport, citizenship, and notarial services to U.S. citizens in northern Israel and assists U.S. citizens in case of emergency.

New Sensory-Friendly Consular Appointments

The Embassy Branch Office in Tel Aviv is conducting a pilot program to offer passport and Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) appointments in a sensory-friendly environment on the first and third Monday afternoon (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.) of every month. Our goal is to increase access and support for individuals with autism, special needs, and/or other sensitivity issues to obtain passport and citizenship services in a safe and comfortable environment.

Sensory-Friendly Appointment Overview

- Less crowding and noise
- Additional space for children to move around in the waiting room
- No television programming in the waiting room
- Additional staff support
- Reduction of lines and wait-time

To make a sensory-friendly appointment, please email TelAvivACS@state.gov with the subject line, "Sensory Friendly Appointment Request."

My U.S. Passport expires in August. Can I use it for a June trip?

While U.S. passports can be used to enter the United States until the day they expire, the Department of State recommends that a passport have **at least six months' validity remaining** whenever one travels abroad. Some countries require that one's passport be **valid at least six months beyond the dates of the trip**. Some airlines will not allow a person to board if this requirement is not met. While you should be able to board a non-stop, direct flight to the United States from Israel (and back) with less than 6 months validity on your U.S. passport, we suggest that you contact the airline to verify that you will not have any problems boarding.



What documents can be notarized at an embassy?

- A letter or form that you are signing (authentication of signature) for use in the United States
- Sworn statement/Affidavit
- Power of Attorney
- Financial or Real Estate Transaction (such as Grant or Warranty Deed, Bill of Sale, Closing Affidavit, Assignment of Lease or Disbursement Instructions)
- True Copy of a U.S. passport

What documents cannot be notarized at an embassy?

- Apostille
- Copies of U.S. Vital records (birth, marriage, divorce, or death certificates)
- Copies of Certificates of Naturalization/Citizenship
- Certified Copy of U.S. Academic Credentials
- Criminal Background Check
- Medallion Signature Guarantee

Every Consular seal is \$50 USD. For more details on notaries and to make an appointment, please visit our website:

<https://il.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/notarial-services-for-all-nationalities/>

2018 Elections. Your Vote Counts!

June 2018



When will I get my ballot?

Election offices are required to send absentee ballots at least 45 days before a federal election. If you asked to receive your ballot by email, it should arrive right away. Mailed ballots will take longer depending on the postal system in the country where you're located.

Can I vote at the Embassy or Consulate?

No. Elections are run at the State level. You must communicate directly with your State to register, request a ballot, and vote. Most embassies and consulates will help you to fill out the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA), and Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB), but they aren't polling places.

What if I don't get a ballot?

If you don't receive an absentee ballot in time to return it to your State, you can use the FWAB as a backup ballot to vote for federal offices. If your official absentee ballot arrives after sending in the FWAB, fill out and send in the official ballot as well. Your State will count only one.

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



Upcoming State Primaries:

- ◇ **June 5:** Alabama, Montana, California, Iowa, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota.
- ◇ **June 12:** Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina, Virginia.
- ◇ **June 19:** District of Columbia
- ◇ **June 26:** Colorado, Maryland, New York, Oklahoma, Utah.
- ◇ **August 2:** Tennessee
- ◇ **August 4:** Virgin Islands
- ◇ **August 7:** Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Washington.
- ◇ **August 11:** Hawaii
- ◇ **August 14:** Connecticut, Minnesota, Vermont, Wisconsin
- ◇ **August 21:** Alaska, Wyoming.
- ◇ **August 25:** Guam
- ◇ **August 28:** Arizona, Florida
- ◇ **September 4:** Massachusetts
- ◇ **September 6:** Delaware
- ◇ **September 11:** New Hampshire
- ◇ **September 12:** Rhode Island
- ◇ **November 6:** Louisiana



ACROSS THE POND? NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE, YOU CAN VOTE.

If you're an American living abroad, you can have your absentee ballot sent to you.

STEP 1

FILL OUT THE FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA) AT FVAP.GOV TO REGISTER AND REQUEST YOUR BALLOT

WHEN?
Send in your FPCA by your State's specific deadline. Find it at FVAP.gov.

STEP 2

FILL OUT AND SEND IN YOUR BALLOT WHEN IT ARRIVES

WHEN?
By the recommended mailing date of October 15, 2018

DIDN'T GET YOUR BALLOT IN TIME?
No worries. Get a *Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot* (FWAB) from FVAP.gov.

WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR BALLOT WAS RECEIVED?
Check the status at FVAP.gov.

If you are born in the U.S., are you automatically a U.S. Citizen?

Most people born in the United States are U.S. citizens, the only exception being children of foreign diplomats who have full diplomatic immunity. Anyone else can apply for a U.S. passport by presenting an original birth certificate showing birth in the United States and adequate identity documents.



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

American Citizen Services are available at three locations:

U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem;

U.S. Embassy Branch Office in Tel Aviv;

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.

	Jerusalem	Tel Aviv	Haifa
Physical Location	14 David Flusser, Jerusalem	71 HaYarkon St., Tel Aviv	26 Ben Gurion St., Haifa
Work Week	Monday-Friday	Monday-Friday	Sunday-Thursday
Hours	8:00AM-4:30PM	7:30AM-4:00PM	8:30AM-3:30PM
E-Mail Address	JerusalemACS@state.gov	TelAvivACS@state.gov	consage@netvision.net.il
Telephone During Working Hours	02-630-4000	03-519-7575 (emergencies only)	04-853-1470
After-Hour Emergencies	03-519-7575	03-519-7575	03-519-7575
On-Site Parking	YES	NO	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	Online	By Telephone
Emergency Passports	YES	YES	NO
Federal Benefits (e.g., Social Security)	Full (Federal Benefits Unit located onsite)	Federal Benefits Unit comes to the Embassy monthly to provide limited services.	None
Renunciations	YES	YES	NO

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.

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