Use the following positive messaging to help educate and counter myths about Israel.

The following about Israel...

Israel has the largest number of people with university degrees per capita than any other country.

Israel has the largest number of scientists and technicians per capita.

Israel has more museums per capita than any other country.

The cell phone was developed in Israel at Motorola's largest location.

Voicemail was invented in Israel.

Israel has the largest number of solar-power water heaters per capita.

An Israeli company has developed technology that can collect the energy created by cars, planes and trains, and turn it into electricity.

Israel will become the first country in the world to install a cutting-edge network for electric cars.

In response to serious water shortages, Israeli engineers and agriculturalists developed a revolutionary drip irrigation system.

Israeli scientists have discovered that human hair can be used to diagnose stress levels, drug intake and risks of heart attack.

An Israeli company has developed a portable electrocardiograph machine that sends highly detailed medical information to physicians through cell phones.

An Israeli company developed a hearing aid that clips inside the mouth using the teeth and jawbone to transmit audio waves to the brain.

A team of Israeli researchers has discovered the molecular make-up of psoriasis.

Israeli researchers have found a gene that could cure blinding eye disease.

An Israeli doctor headed the Merck team that developed a vaccine against cervical cancer.

An Israeli system to help dyslexic readers is being used throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Israel has the third largest number of companies trading on Wall Street.

Israel has companies listed as "the Top 10 Most Efficient Foreign Companies" NICE Systems Ltd. ranks number four.

-Nasdaq.com

In proportion to its population, Israel has the largest number of startup companies in the world.

Israel is the only liberal democracy in the Middle East.

All citizens may be elected to office after age 21.

Women in Israel are guaranteed the right to vote.

Women in Israel are protected by law from discrimination and are guaranteed the right to live in dignity, including equality in work, education, health and social welfare.

Dozens of women have served in the Knesset, and presently, 23 are Knesset members.

Over the past 50 years, Israel is the only country in the Middle East where the Christian population has increased.

Israel is the only country in the Middle East that allows Jews, Christians and Muslims to vote.

Every person in Israel enjoys freedom of conscience, of belief, of religion and of worship. -Moshe Landau Former Israeli Supreme Court Justice

"The State of Israel ... will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants, irrespective of religion, race or sex..." -Israel's Declaration of Independence

"[Israel] will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture ... " -Israel's Declaration of Independence

"[Israel] will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations." -Israel's Declaration of Independence

One-third of Israelis are volunteers.

Israel has extended international humanitarian aid assistance to more than 140 countries, even to those who do not maintain – and even refuse - diplomatic relations.

Israel has granted asylum to refugees from Darfur, a region in Sudan plagued by war.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) was the first major team to arrive to Haiti after the devastating earthquake in 2010, with about 220 military and civilian medical personnel, rescue teams, search dogs and supplies.

In 1984 and 1991, Israel airlifted a total of 22,000 Ethiopian Jews at risk in Ethiopia to safety in Israel.

Israel receives more media coverage per capita than any other country in the world.

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