

## Navigating Israel During Unprecedented Times Resources

**iCenter Encountering Israel's Declaration of Independence:**

[https://theicenter.org/icenter\\_resources/encountering-israels-declaration-of-independence/?gclid=CjwKCAjw5pShBhB\\_EiwAvmnNV2NOXbDE6wFOGcvx0537pEWAvGwcksK5Qro6aqRf\\_e8fGuhYlukKgBoCNz4QAvD\\_BwE](https://theicenter.org/icenter_resources/encountering-israels-declaration-of-independence/?gclid=CjwKCAjw5pShBhB_EiwAvmnNV2NOXbDE6wFOGcvx0537pEWAvGwcksK5Qro6aqRf_e8fGuhYlukKgBoCNz4QAvD_BwE)

This page offers exercises that provide opportunities to read, analyze, and question the Declaration of Independence, and to explore how the founders selected, defined, and incorporated founding values into this extraordinarily significant document.

**IPF: Hertzog – The Peoples Framework:** <https://israelpolicyforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/The-Peoples-Framework.pdf>

Read the proposal by the President of Israel to his Framework for Judicial Reform.

**IPF Judicial Legislation Tracker** - <https://israelpolicyforum.org/judicial-legislation-tracker/>

View the IPF tracker where you can read short bullet point descriptions of each law and where they stand in the process of becoming a Law in Israel.

**Unpacked – Why doesn't have a Constitution:** <https://youtu.be/-m22ceYjAwY>

Watch a short video explaining why Israel doesn't have a constitution and how the absence of a constitution connects to recent events in Israel.

**Unpacked – What is the Judicial Overhaul:** <https://youtu.be/QzbitDPG4No>

Watch a short video explaining the basic proposals in the Judicial Overhaul.

**Unpacked – The new Government:** <https://youtu.be/HgcJ056BRAs>

Watch a short video explaining notable and controversial figures of the current Israeli government.

**IDI – What do Israelis think:** <https://en.idi.org.il/articles/47607>

Read the main findings of a poll that was published early in February 2023, asking the Israeli public to weigh in on the proposed Judicial Reform.

**IDI – Data Israel Survey data base:** <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il/> - search for Values “Jewish and democratic” in all brackets

Use this survey data base to explore the different responses the Israeli population gave to questions regarding Israel as a Jewish or Democratic State.

**The Jewish Virtual Library – “The Values of the State of Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State” – Aharon Barak (2009)** [https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/israel-studies-an-anthology-israel-as-jewish-and-democratic-state#\\_ftn2](https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/israel-studies-an-anthology-israel-as-jewish-and-democratic-state#_ftn2)

**Part 1: Lawfare Blog: Why Now? What Do They Mean and What Will Happen?:**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/new-israeli-governments-constitutional-law-reforms-why-now-what-do-they-mean-and-what-will-happen>

**Part 2: Lawfare Blog: Reversing the ‘Constitutional Revolution’: The Israeli Government’s Plan to Undermine the Supreme Court’s Judicial Review of Legislation**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/reversing-constitutional-revolution-israeli-governments-plan-undermine-supreme-courts-judicial>

**Times of Israel: Adv. Yonatan Green – Why it’s Judicial Reform and not Judicial Ruin**

**Minutes 1:20:34-1:43:45**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kwmr9QXs9g&t=4880s&ab\\_channel=TimesofIsrael](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kwmr9QXs9g&t=4880s&ab_channel=TimesofIsrael)

Watch a legal response arguing that Judicial Reform isn’t the end of Israeli Democracy.

**Israel Story – Need something unrelated, but looking for a fun resource: Mixtape:**

[https://www.israelstory.org/recommended\\_list/mixtape/](https://www.israelstory.org/recommended_list/mixtape/)

Start a 4-part podcast series where Israeli history is framed through the music of the time.

**iCenter: Israel@75 Kahoot: [https://theicenter.org/icenter\\_resources/israel-trivia-are-you-smarter-than-dbg/](https://theicenter.org/icenter_resources/israel-trivia-are-you-smarter-than-dbg/)**

Find a friend and test your Israel trivia with a fun game of Kahoot!