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souq in the Old City, Mamilla Mall, the Knesset, the Dome of the Rock, the citadel (known as the Tower of David) and the Western Wall. FlagCoat of armsNickname(s): Ir ha-Kodesh (The Holy City), Bayt al-Maqdis (House of the Holiness) Jerusalem Show map of
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637 1099 1187 1244 1834 1917 1948 Places East West Old City Temple Mount Temple Western Wall Dome of the Rock Synagogues Mosques Al-Agsa Church of the Holy Sepulchre Hebrew University Knesset Biblical Zoo People Demographic history Mayor Chief Rabbi Grand Mufti
Greek Orthodox Patriarch Crusader kings Political status Religious significance Judaism Christianity Islam Jerusalem Day Quds Day Alleged Judaization U.S. Jerusalem Embassy Act U.S. recognition Other topics Names Flag Emblem Municipality Greater
Jerusalem City Line Transport Songs Historical Maps vte Jerusalem (/dʒəˈruːsələm/; Hebrew: יְרוּשָׁלַיִם Yerushaláyim; Arabic: יְרוּשָׁלַיִם al-Quds or Bayt al-Maqdis, also spelled Baitul Muqaddas[10][11][note 2]) is a city in Western Asia, on a plateau in the Judaean Mountains between the
Mediterranean and the Dead Sea. It is one of the oldest cities in the world, and is considered holy to the three major Abrahamic religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Both Israel and the Palestinian Authority claim Jerusalem as their capital, as Israel maintains its primary governmental
institutions there and the State of Palestine ultimately foresees it as its seat of power. Neither claim, however, is widely recognized internationally. [note 3][12] Throughout its long history, Jerusalem has been destroyed at least twice, besieged 23 times, captured and recaptured 44 times, and
attacked 52 times.[13] The part of Jerusalem called the City of David shows first signs of settlement in the 4th millennium BCE, in the shape of encampments of nomadic shepherds.[14] In the Canaanite period (14th century BCE), Jerusalem was named as Urusalim on ancient Egyptian
tablets, probably meaning "City of Shalem" after a Canaanite deity. During the Israelite period, significant construction activity in Jerusalem began in the 9th century BCE (Iron Age II), and in the 8th century BCE the city developed into the religious and administrative center of the Kingdom of
Judah.[15] In 1538, the city walls were rebuilt for a last time around Jerusalem under Suleiman the Magnificent. Today those walls define the Old City, which has been traditionally divided into four-quarters—known since the early 19th century as the Armenian, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim
Quarters.[16] The Old City became a World Heritage Site in 1981, and is on the List of World Heritage in Danger.[17] Since 1860 Jerusalem has grown far beyond the Old City's boundaries. In 2015, Jerusalem had a population of some 850,000 residents, comprising approximately 200,000 for some 850,000 residents.
secular Jewish Israelis, 350,000 Haredi Jews and 300,000 Palestinians.[18][note 4] In 2016, the population was 882,700, of which Jews comprised 536,600 (61%), Muslims 319,800 (36%), Christians 15,800 (2%), and 10,300 unclassified (1%).[20] According to the Bible, King David
conquered the city from the Jebusites and established it as the capital of the united kingdom of Israel, and his son, King Solomon, commissioned the building of the First Temple. [note 5] Modern scholars argue that Jews branched out of the Canaanite peoples and culture through the
development of a distinct monolatrous—and later monotheistic—religion centered on El/Yahweh,[22][23][24] These foundational events, straddling the dawn of the 1st millennium BCE, assumed central symbolic importance for the Jewish people.[25][26] The sobriquet of holy city (עיר הקודש,
transliterated 'ir hagodesh) was probably attached to Jerusalem in post-exilic times. [27][28][29] The holiness of Jerusalem in Christianity, conserved in the Septuagint[30] which Christians adopted as their own authority, [31] was reinforced by the New Testament account of Jesus's crucifixion
there. In Sunni Islam, Jerusalem is the third-holiest city, after Mecca and Medina.[32][33] In Islamic tradition, in 610 CE it became the first qibla, the focal point for Muslim prayer (salat),[34] and Muhammad made his Night Journey there ten years later, ascending to heaven where he speaks
to God, according to the Quran. [35][36] As a result, despite having an area of only 0.9 km2 (3/8 sq mi), [37] the Old City is home to many sites of seminal religious importance, among them the Temple Mount with its Western Wall, Dome of the Rock and al-Agsa Mosque, and the Church of
the Holy Sepulchre. Outside the Old City stands the Garden Tomb. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains one of the core issues in the Israeli—Palestinian conflict. During the 1948 Arab—Israeli War, West Jerusalem was among the areas captured and later annexed by Israel while East
Jerusalem, including the Old City, was captured and later annexed by Jordan. Israel captured East Jerusalem from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War and subsequently annexed it into Jerusalem, together with additional surrounding territory. [note 6] One of Israel's Basic Laws, the 1980
Jerusalem Law, refers to Jerusalem as the country's undivided capital. All branches of the Israeli government are located in Jerusalem, including the Knesset (Israel's parliament), the residences of the Prime Minister (Beit Aghion) and President (Beit HaNassi), and the Supreme Court. The
international community rejects the annexation as illegal and treats East Jerusalem as Palestinian territory occupied by Israel.[41][42][43][44] Names: history and etymology Further information: Names of Jerusalem Ancient Egyptian sources A city called Rušalim in the execration texts of the
Middle Kingdom of Egypt (c. 19th century BCE) is widely, but not universally, identified as Jerusalem. [45][46] Jerusalem is called Urušalim in the Amarna letters of Abdi-Heba (1330s BCE). [47] Etymology The name "Jerusalem" is variously etymologized to mean "foundation (Semitic yry' to
found, to lay a cornerstone') of the god Shalem";[48][49] the god Shalem was thus the original tutelary deity of the Bronze Age city.[50] Shalim or Shalem was the name of the god of dusk in the Canaanite religion, whose name is based on the same root S-L-M from which the Hebrew word
for "peace" is derived (Salam or Shalom in modern Arabic and Hebrew).[51][52] The name thus offered itself to etymologizations such as "The City of Peace",[54][55] "dwelling of peace" ("founded in safety"),[56] alternately "Vision of Peace" in some Christian
authors.[57] The ending -ayim indicates the dual, thus leading to the suggestion that the name Yerushalayim refers to the fact that the city initially sat on two hills.[58][59] Hebrew Bible and Jewish sources The form Yerushalayim first appears in the Bible, in the Book of
Joshua. According to a Midrash, the name is a combination of two names united by God, Yireh ("the abiding place", the name given by Abraham to the place where he planned to sacrifice his son) and Shalem ("Place of Peace", the name given by high priest Shem).[60] Oldest written
mention of "Jerusalem" One of the earliest extra-biblical Hebrew writing of the word Jerusalem is dated to the sixth or seventh century BCE[61][62] and was discovered in Khirbet Beit Lei near Beit Guvrin in 1961. The inscription states: "I am Yahweh thy God, I will accept the cities of Judah
and I will redeem Jerusalem",[63][64][65] or as other scholars suggest: "Yahweh is the God of the whole earth. The mountains of Judah belong to him, to the God of Jerusalem".[66][67] An older example on papyrus is known from the previous century.[68] In extra-biblical inscriptions, the
earliest known example of the -ayim ending was discovered on a column about 3 km west of ancient Jerusalem, dated to the first century BCE.[68] Jebus, Zion, City of David An ancient settlement of Jerusalem, founded as early as the Bronze Age on the hill above the Gihon Spring, was,
according to the Bible named Jebus. [69][70]. [71] Called the "Fortress of Zion" (metsudat Zion), it was renamed by David as the City of David, [72] and was known by this name in antiquity. [73][74] Another name, "Zion", initially referred to a distinct part of the city, but later came to signify the
city as a whole and to represent the biblical Land of Israel. Greek, Roman and Byzantine names In Greek and Latin the city's name was transliterated Hierosolyma (Greek: Ἱεροσόλυμα; in Greek hieròs, ἱερός, means holy), although the city was renamed Aelia Capitolina for part of the Roman
period of its history. Salem The Aramaic Apocryphon of Genesis of the Dead Sea Scrolls (1QapGen 22:13) equates Jerusalem with the earlier "Salem" (שלם), said to be the kingdom of Melchizedek in Genesis 14.[75] Other early Hebrew sources, [76] early Christian renderings of the
verse[77] and targumim,[78] however, put Salem in Northern Israel near Shechem (Sichem), now Nablus, a city of some importance in early sacred Hebrew writing,[79] Possibly the redactor of the Apocryphon of Genesis wanted to dissociate Melchizedek from the area of Shechem, which at
the time was in possession of the Samaritans.[80] However that may be, later Rabbinic sources also equate Salem with Jerusalem, mainly to link Melchizedek to later Temple traditions.[81] Arabic names In Arabic, Jerusalem is most commonly known as القُدس, transliterated as al-Quds and
meaning "The Holy" or "The Holy Sanctuary".[54][55] Official Israeli government policy mandates that أُورُ شَلِيمَ -القُدس.[28] transliterated as Ūršalīm, which is the cognate of the Hebrew and English names, be used as the Arabic language name for the city in conjunction with 82]. القُدس. [48]
Palestinian Arab families who hail from this city are often called "Qudsi" or "Magdisi", while Palestinian Muslim Jerusalemites may use these terms as a demonym.[83] History of Jerusalem See also: Historical maps of Jerusalem Given the city's central position in both
Jewish nationalism (Zionism) and Palestinian nationalism, the selectivity required to summarize some 5,000 years of inhabited history is often influenced by ideological bias or background. [84] Israeli or Jewish nationalists claim a right to the city based on Jewish indigeneity to the land,
particularly their origins in and descent from the Israelites, for whom Jerusalem is their capital, and their yearning for return. [85][86] In contrast, Palestinian nationalists claim the right to the city based on modern Palestinians' longstanding presence and descent from many different peoples
who have settled or lived in the region over the centuries. [87][88] Both sides claim the history of the city has been politicized by the other in order to strengthen their relative claims to the city, [89][90][91] and that this is borne out by the different focuses the different writers place on the
various events and eras in the city's history. Overview of Jerusalem's historical periods Further information: Timeline of Jerusalem proper For historians and archaeologists, it is Jerusalem's South-East Hill, known as the City of David, that is taken into consideration when
discussing the age of Jerusalem, since it is the most widely accepted site considered to be where permanent settlement began in ancient Jerusalem. Shuafat There have been confusing press headings claiming that the age of Jerusalem has to be pushed back, when in fact the respective
articles were dealing with findings from nearby Shuafat, a town that historically and archaeologically cannot be equated with Jerusalem. After the Six-Day War in 1967, Shuafat was incorporated into the Jerusalem municipal district, in a move not internationally recognized. [92] [93] Shuafat
lies about 6 kilometres north of Jerusalem's oldest historical part, the so-called City of David, and about 5 kilometres north of the walled Old City. What is today Shuafat laid outside the settlement area of its neighbour, Jerusalem, throughout the Bronze Age and until Jerusalem's destruction
in 70 CE,[94] and even outside Jerusalem's main Second Temple period northern necropolis.[95] Shuafat is officially described in archaeological terms as being "in the vicinity of Jerusalem".[96] Shuafat has an intermittent settlement history, in part from periods other than Jerusalem's, with
7,000-year-old architectural findings from the Chalcolithic,[97] then from the Second Temple period (2nd-1st century BCE, a fortified agricultural settlement)[98][99][100] and the short period between the end of the First Jewish-Roman War (66-70) and the Bar Kokhba revolt (132-135),
being re-inhabited on a smaller scale during the 2nd-4th centuries CE.[101] Prehistory The South-Eastern Hill, also known as the City of David, is the initial nucleus of historical Jerusalem.[102][14] There, the Gihon Spring attracted shepherds who camped near the water between 6000 and
7000 years ago, leaving behind ceramics and flint artifacts[14] during the Chalcolithic, or Copper Age (c. 4500-3500 BCE).[102][103] Ancient period Further information: City of David and History of ancient Israel and Judah Stepped Stone Structure in Ophel/City of David, the oldest part of
Jerusalem Permanent houses only appeared on the South-Eastern Hill several centuries later, with a small village emerging around 3000–2800 BCE,[14][103] during the Early Bronze Age I or II.[102] Some call the site of this first settlement, the Ophel ridge.[104] The city's inhabitants at this
time were Canaanites, who are believed by scholars to have evolved into the Israelites via the development of a distinct Yahweh-centric monotheistic belief system. [105][106][24] The Execration Texts (c. 19th century BCE), which refer to a city called rwš3lmm, variously transcribed as
Rušalimum/Urušalimum/Rôsh-ramen[103][107] and the Amarna letters (c. 14th century BCE) may be the earliest mention of the city.[108][109] Nadav Na'aman argues its fortification as the centre of a kingdom dates to around the 18th century BCE.[110] In the Late Bronze Age, Jerusalem
was the capital of an Egyptian vassal city-state, [111] a modest settlement governing a few outlying villages and pastoral areas, with a small Egyptian garrison and ruled by appointees such as king Abdi-Heba, [112] At the time of Seti I (r. 1290–1279 BCE) and Ramesses II (r. 1279–1213
BCE), major construction took place as prosperity increased. [113] Archaeological remains from the ancient Israelite period include the Siloam Tunnel, an aqueduct built by Judahite king Hezekiah and once containing an ancient Hebrew inscription, known as the Siloam Inscription; [114] the
so-called Broad Wall, a defensive fortification built in the 8th century BCE, also by Hezekiah;[115] the Silwan necropolis with the Monolith of Silwan and the Tomb of the Royal Steward, which were decorated with monumental Hebrew inscriptions;[116] and the so-called Israelite Tower,
remnants of ancient fortifications, built from large, sturdy rocks with carved cornerstones. [117] A huge water reservoir dating from this period was discovered in 2012 near Robinson's Arch, indicating the existence of a densely built-up quarter across the area west of the Temple Mount during
the Kingdom of Judah.[118] The First Temple period ended around 586 BCE, as Nebuchadnezzar's Neo-Babylonian Empire conquered Judah and Jerusalem, and laid waste to Solomon's Temple and the city.[119] Biblical account This period, when Canaan formed part of the Egyptian
empire, corresponds in biblical accounts to Joshua's invasion, [120] but almost all scholars agree that the Book of Joshua holds little historical value for early Israel. [121] In the Bible, Jerusalem is defined as lying within territory allocated to the tribe of Benjamin [122] though occupied by
Jebusites. David is said to have conquered these in the Siege of Jebus, and transferred his capital from Hebron to Jerusalem which then became the capital of a united Kingdom of Israel, [123] and one of its several religious centres. [124] The choice was perhaps dictated by the fact that
Jerusalem did not form part of Israel's tribal system, and was thus suited to serve as the centre of its confederation.[113] Opinion is divided over whether the so-called Large Stone Structure and the nearby Stepped Stone Structure may be identified with King David's palace, or dates to a
later period.[125][126] Antiquated (1910) reconstruction of Solomon's Temple, based on the biblical text According to the Bible, King David reigned for 40 years[127] and was succeeded by his son Solomon,[128] who built the Holy Temple on Mount Moriah. Solomon's Temple (later known
as the First Temple), went on to play a pivotal role in Jewish religion as the repository of the Ark of the Covenant. [129] On Solomon's death, ten of the northern Tribes of Israel broke with the United Monarchy to form their own nation, with its kings, prophets, priests, traditions relating to
religion, capitals and temples in northern Israel. The southern tribes, together with the Aaronid priesthood, remained in Jerusalem, with the city becoming the capital of the Kingdom of Judah.[130][131] When the Assyrians conquered the Kingdom of Israel in 722 BCE, Jerusalem was
strengthened by a great influx of refugees from the northern kingdom. Classical antiquity Main articles: Jerusalem during the Second Temple Period and Aelia Capitolina In 538 BCE, the Persian King Cyrus the Great invited the Jews of Babylon to return to Judah to rebuild the Temple.[132]
Construction of the Second Temple was completed in 516 BCE, during the reign of Darius the Great, 70 years after the destruction of the First Temple.[133][134] Sometime soon after 485 BCE Jerusalem was besieged, conquered and largely destroyed by a coalition of neighbouring states
[135] In about 445 BCE, King Artaxerxes I of Persia issued a decree allowing the city (including its walls) to be rebuilt. [136] Jerusalem resumed its role as capital of Judah and center of Jewish worship. The Holyland Model of Jerusalem Second Temple model, first created in 1966 and since
then updated according to advancing archaeological knowledge Many Jewish tombs from the Second Temple period have been rediscovered in Jerusalem. One example, discovered north of the Old City, contains human remains in an 1st century CE ossuary decorated with the Aramaic
inscription "Simon the Temple Builder."[137] The Tomb of Abba, also located north of the Old City, bears an Aramaic inscription with Paleo-Hebrew letters reading: "I, Abba, son of the priest Eleaz(ar), son of Aaron the high (priest), Abba, the oppressed and the persecuted, who was born in
Jerusalem, and went into exile into Babylonia and brought (back to Jerusalem) Mattathi(ah), son of Jud(ah), and buried him in a cave which I bought by deed."[138] The Tomb of Benei Hezir located in Kidron Valley is decorated by monumental Doric columns and Hebrew inscription.
identifying it as the burial site of Second Temple priests. The Tombs of the Sanhedrin, an underground complex of 63 rock-cut tombs, is located in a public park in the northern Jerusalem neighborhood of Sanhedria. These tombs, probably reserved for members of the Sanhedrin[139][140]
and inscribed by ancient Hebrew and Aramaic writings, are dated to between 100 BCE and 100 CE. When Alexander the Persian Empire, Jerusalem and Judea came under Macedonian control, eventually falling to the Ptolemaic dynasty under Ptolemy I. In 198 BCE,
Ptolemy V Epiphanes lost Jerusalem and Judea to the Seleucids under Antiochus III. The Seleucid attempt to recast Jerusalem as a Hellenized city-state came to a head in 168 BCE with the successful Maccabean revolt of Mattathias and his five sons against Antiochus IV Epiphanes, and
their establishment of the Hasmonean Kingdom in 152 BCE with Jerusalem as its capital. In 63 BCE, Pompey the Great intervened in a struggle for the Hasmonean throne and captured Jerusalem, extending the influence of the Roman Republic over Judea.[141] Following a short invasion
by Parthians, backing the rival Hasmonean rulers, Judea became a scene of struggle between pro-Roman and pro-Parthian forces, eventually leading to the emergence of an Edomite named Herod. A coin issued by the Jewish rebels in 68 CE. Obverse: "Shekel, Israel. Year 3". Reverse:
"Jerusalem the Holy", in the Paleo-Hebrew alphabet As Rome became stronger, it installed Herod as a Jewish client king. Herod the Great, as he was known, devoted himself to developing and beautifying the city. He built walls, towers and palaces, and expanded the Temple Mount,
buttressing the courtyard with blocks of stone weighing up to 100 tons. Under Herod, the area of the Temple Mount doubled in size.[128][142][143] Shortly after Herod's death, in 6 CE Judea came under direct Roman rule as the Iudaea Province,[144] although the Herodian dynasty through
Agrippa II remained client kings of neighbouring territories until 96 CE. Roman rule over Jerusalem and the region was challenged in the First Jewish-Roman War, which ended with a Roman victory. The Second Temple was destroyed in 70 CE, and the entire city was destroyed in the war.
The contemporary Jewish historian Josephus wrote that the city "was so thoroughly razed to the ground by those that demolished it to its foundations, that nothing was left that could ever persuade visitors that it had once been a place of habitation."[145] Roman rule was again challenged
during the Bar Kokhba revolt, beginning in 132 CE and suppressed by the Romans in 135 CE. More recent research indicates that the Romans had founded Aelia Capitolina before the outbreak of the revolt, and found no evidence for Bar Kokhba ever managing to hold the city.[146] Roman
siege and destruction of Jerusalem (David Roberts, 1850) Jerusalem mural depicting the Cardo in Byzantine period Following the Bar Kokhba revolt, Emperor Hadrian combined Iudaea Province with neighboring provinces under the new name of Syria Palaestina, replacing the name of
Judea.[147] The city was renamed Aelia Capitolina,[148] and rebuilt it in the style of a typical Roman town. Jews were prohibited from entering the city on pain of death, except for one day each year, during the holiday of Tisha B'Av. Taken together, these measures[149][150][151] (which
also affected Jewish Christians)[152] essentially "secularized" the city.[153] The ban was maintained until the 7th century, [154] though Christians would soon be granted an exemption: during the 4th century, the Roman Emperor Constantine I ordered the construction of Christian holy sites
in the city, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Burial remains from the Byzantine period are exclusively Christian, suggesting that the population of Jerusalem in Byzantine times probably consisted only of Christians. [155] In the 5th century, the eastern continuation of the Roman
Empire, ruled from the recently renamed Constantinople, maintained control of the city. Within the span of a few decades, Jerusalem shifted from Byzantine to Persian rule, then back to Roman-Byzantine dominion. Following Sassanid Khosrau II's early 7th century push through Syria, his
generals Shahrbaraz and Shahin attacked Jerusalem (Persian: Dej Houdkh) aided by the Jews of Palaestina Prima, who had risen up against the Byzantines.[156] In the Siege of Jerusalem of 614, after 21 days of relentless siege warfare, Jerusalem was captured. Byzantine chronicles
relate that the Sassanids and Jews slaughtered tens of thousands of Christians in the city, many at the Mamilla Pool,[157][158] and destroyed their monuments and churches, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This episode has been the subject of much debate between historians.
[159] The conquered city would remain in Sassanid hands for some fifteen years until the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius reconquered it in 629.[160] Jerusalem reached a peak in size and population at the end of the Second Temple Period, when the city covered two square kilometres (3/4)
square mile) and had a population of 200,000.[150][161] Early Muslim period Main articles: History of Jerusalem during the Early Muslim period and History of Jerusalem during the Middle Ages 1455 painting of the Holy Land. Jerusalem is viewed from the west; the octagonal Dome of the
Rock stands left of Al-Agsa, shown as a church, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre stands on the left side of the picture. Byzantine Jerusalem was conquered by the Arab armies of Umar ibn al-Khattab in 638 CE.[162] Among the first Muslims, it was referred to as Madinat bayt al-Magdis
("City of the Temple"),[163] a name restricted to the Temple Mount. The rest of the city "... was called Iliya, reflecting the Roman name given the destruction of 70 CE: Aelia Capitolina".[164] Later the Temple Mount became known as al-Haram al-Sharif, "The Noble
Sanctuary", while the city around it became known as Bayt al-Magdis, [165] and later still, al-Quds al-Sharif "The Holy, Noble". The Islamization of Jerusalem began in the first year A.H. (623 CE), when Muslims were instructed to face the city while performing their daily prostrations and
according to Muslim religious tradition, Muhammad's night journey and ascension to heaven took place. After 13 years, the direction of prayer was changed to Mecca. [166] [167] In 638 CE the Islamic Caliphate extended its dominion to Jerusalem. [168] With the Arab conquest, Jews were
allowed back into the city.[169] The Rashidun caliph Umar ibn al-Khattab signed a treaty with Christian Patriarch of Jerusalem Sophronius, assuring him that Jerusalem's Christian holy places and population would be protected under Muslim rule.[170] Christian-Arab tradition records that
when led to pray at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of the holiest sites for Christians, the caliph Umar refused to pray in the church to a mosque.[171] He prayed outside the church, where the Mosque of Umar (Omar) stands
to this day, opposite the entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. According to the Gaullic bishop Arculf, who lived in Jerusalem from 679 to 688, the Mosque of Umar was a rectangular wooden structure built over ruins which could accommodate 3,000 worshipers.[172] When the Arab
armies under Umar went to Bayt Al-Magdes in 637 CE, they searched for the site of al-masjid al-agsa, "the farthest place of prayer/mosque", that was mentioned in the Quran and Hadith according to Islamic beliefs. Contemporary Arabic and Hebrew sources say the site was full of rubbish,
and that Arabs and Jews cleaned it.[173] The Umayyad caliph Abd al-Malik commissioned the construction of a shrine on the Temple Mount, now known as the Dome of the Rock, in the late 7th century.[174] Two of the city's most-distinguished Arab citizens of the 10th-century were Al-
Mugaddasi, the geographer, and Al-Tamimi, the physician. Al-Mugaddasi writes that Abd al-Malik built the edifice on the Temple Mount in order to compete in grandeur with Jerusalem's monumental churches. [172] Over the next four hundred years, Jerusalem's prominence diminished as
Arab powers in the region vied for control of the city.[175] Jerusalem was captured in 1073 by the Seljuk Turkish commander Atsız.[176] After Atsız was killed, the Seljuk prince Tutush I granted the city to Artuk Bey, another Seljuk commander. After Artuk's death in 1091 his sons Sökmen
and Ilghazi governed in the city up to 1098 when the Fatimids recaptured the city. Medieval illustration of capture of Jerusalem during the First Crusade, 1099 A messianic Karaite movement to gather in Jerusalem took place at the turn of the millennium, leading to a "Golden Age" of Karaite
scholarship there, which was only terminated by the Crusades.[177] Crusader/Ayyubid period Further information: History of Jerusalem In 1099, the Fatimid ruler expelled the native Christian population before Jerusalem was besieged by the soldiers of the
First Crusade. After taking the solidly defended city by assault, the Crusaders massacred most of its Muslim and Jewish inhabitants, and made it the capital of their Kingdom of Jerusalem. The city, which had been virtually emptied, was recolonized by a variegated inflow of Greeks,
Bulgarians, Hungarians, Georgians, Armenians, Syrians, Egyptians, Nestorians, Maronites, Jacobite Miaphysites, Copts and others, to block the return of the surviving Muslims and Jews. The north-eastern quarter was repopulated with Eastern Christians from the Transjordan.[178] As a
result, by 1099 Jerusalem's population had climbed back to some 30,000.[179][failed verification] In 1187, the city was wrested from the Crusaders by Saladin who permitted Jews and Muslims to return and settle in the city.[180] Under the terms of surrender, once ransomed, 60,000 Franks
were expelled. The Eastern Christian populace was permitted to stay.[181] Under the Ayyubid dynasty of Saladin, a period of huge investment began in the construction of houses, markets, public baths, and pilgrim hostels as well as the establishment of religious endowments. However, for
most of the 13th century, Jerusalem declined to the status of a village due to city's fall of strategic value and Ayyubid internecine struggles. [182] From 1229 to 1244, Jerusalem peacefully reverted to Christian control as a result of a 1229 treaty agreed between the crusading Holy Roman
Emperor Frederick II and al-Kamil, the Ayyubid sultan of Egypt, that ended the Sixth Crusade.[183][184][185][186][187] The Ayyubids retained control of the Muslim holy places, and Arab sources suggest that Frederick was not permitted to restore Jerusalem's fortifications. In 1244,
Jerusalem was sacked by the Khwarezmian Tatars, who decimated the city's Christian population and drove out the Jews.[188] The Khwarezmian Tatars were driven out by the Ayyubids in 1247. Mamluk period From 1260[189] to 1517, Jerusalem was ruled by the Mamluks. In the wider
region and until around 1300, many clashes occurred between the Mamluks on one side, and the crusaders and the Mongols, on the other side. The area also suffered from many earthquakes and black plague. [190] When Nachmanides visited in 1267 he found only two Jewish families, in a
population of 2,000, 300 of whom were Christians, in the city.[191] The well-known and far-traveled lexicographer Fairuzabadi (1329–1414) spent ten years in Jerusalem.[192] Ottoman period (16th–19th centuries) Further information: Expansion of Jerusalem in the 19th century Topographic
map of the city, c. 1600 1844 daguerreotype by Joseph-Philibert Girault de Prangey (the earliest photograph of the city) David's Citadel and the Ottoman walls Ben-Zakai Synagogue in 1893 The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem – a new holy site established by British Protestants in the 19th
century. In 1517, Jerusalem and environs fell to the Ottoman Turks, who generally remained in control until 1917.[180] Jerusalem enjoyed a prosperous period of renewal and peace under Suleiman the Magnificent—including the rebuilding of magnificent walls around the Old City.
Throughout much of Ottoman rule, Jerusalem remained a provincial, if religiously important center, and did not straddle the main trade route between Damascus and Cairo. [193] The English reference book Modern history or the present state of all nations, written in 1744, stated that
"Jerusalem is still reckoned the capital city of Palestine, though much fallen from its ancient grandeaur".[194] The Ottomans brought many innovations: modern postal systems run by the various consulates and regular stagecoach and carriage services were among the first signs of
modernization in the city.[195] In the mid 19th century, the Ottomans constructed the first paved road from Jaffa to Jerusalem, and by 1892 the railroad had reached the city.[195] With the annexation of Jerusalem by Muhammad Ali of Egypt in 1831, foreign missions and consulates began
to establish a foothold in the city. In 1836, Ibrahim Pasha allowed Jerusalem's Jewish residents to restore four major synagogues, among them the Hurva. [196] In the countrywide Peasants' Revolt, Qasim al-Ahmad led his forces from Nablus and attacked Jerusalem, aided by the Abu
Ghosh clan, and entered the city on 31 May 1834. The Christians and Jews of Jerusalem were subjected to attacks. Ibrahim's Egyptian army routed Qasim's forces in Jerusalem the following month. [197] Ottoman rule was reinstated in 1840, but many Egyptian Muslims remained in
Jerusalem and Jews from Algiers and North Africa began to settle in the city in growing numbers. [196] In the 1840s and 1850s, the international powers began a tug-of-war in Palestine as they sought to extend their protection over the region's religious minorities, a struggle carried out
mainly through consular representatives in Jerusalem. [198] According to the Prussian consul, the population in 1845 was 16,410, with 7,120 Jews, 5,000 Muslims, 3,390 Christians, 800 Turkish soldiers and 100 Europeans. [196] The volume of Christian pilgrims increased under the
Ottomans, doubling the city's population around Easter time. [199] In the 1860s, new neighborhoods began to develop outside the Old City walls to house pilgrims and relieve the intense overcrowding and poor sanitation inside the city. The Russian Compound and Mishkenot Sha'ananim
were founded in 1860,[200] followed by many others that included Mahane Israel (1868), Nahalat Shiv'a (1869), German Colony (1873), Mea Shearim (1874), Shimon HaZadiq (1876), Beit Ya'aqov (1877), Abu Tor (1880s), American-Swedish Colony (1882), Yemin Moshe
(1891), and Mamilla, Wadi al-Joz around the turn of the century. In 1867 an American Missionary reports an estimated population of Jerusalem of 'above' 15,000, with 4,000 to 5,000 Jews and 6,000 Muslims. Every year there were 5,000 to 6,000 Russian Christian Pilgrims. [201] In 1872
Jerusalem became the center of a special administrative district, independent of the Syria Vilayet and under the direct authority of Istanbul called the Mutasarrifate of Jerusalem. [202] The great number of Christian orphans resulting from the 1860 civil war in Mount Lebanon and the
Damascus massacre led in the same year to the opening of the German Protestant Syrian Orphanage, better known as the Schneller Orphanage after its founder. [203] Until the 1880s there were no formal Jewish orphanages in Jerusalem, as families generally took care of each other. In
1881 the Diskin Orphanage was founded in Jerusalem with the arrival of Jewish children orphanages founded in Jerusalem at the beginning of the 20th century were Zion Blumenthal Orphanage (1900) and General Israel Orphan's Home for Girls
(1902).[204] British Mandate (1917–1948) Further information: Jerusalem Subdistrict, Mandatory Palestine Jerusalem on VE Day, 8 May 1945 In 1917 after the Battle of Jerusalem, the British Army, led by General Edmund Allenby, captured the city.[205] In 1922, the League of Nations at
the Conference of Lausanne entrusted the United Kingdom to administer Palestine, neighbouring Transjordan, and Iraq beyond it. The British had to deal with a conflicting demand that was rooted in Ottoman rule. Agreements for the supply of water, electricity, and the construction of a
tramway system—all under concessions granted by the Ottoman authorities—had been signed by the city of Jerusalem and a Greek citizen, Euripides Mavromatis, on 27 January 1914. Work under these concessions had not begun and, by the end of the war the British occupying forces
refused to recognize their validity. Mavromatis claimed that his concession, in effect despite earlier British attempts
to abolish it, covered Jerusalem and other localities (e.g., Bethlehem) within a radius of 20 km (12 miles) around the Church of the total population of the city rose from 52,000 to 165,000, comprised two-thirds of Jews and one-third of Arabs
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(Muslims and Christians).[207] Relations between Arab Christians and Muslims and the growing Jewish population in Jerusalem deteriorated, resulting in recurring unrest. In Jerusalem, in particular, Arab riots occurred in 1920 and in 1929. Under the British, new garden suburbs were built in
the western and northern parts of the city[208][209] and institutions of higher learning such as the Hebrew University were founded.[210] Divided city: Jordanian and Israeli rule (1948–1967) Further information: Battle for Jerusalem and City Line (Jerusalem) See also: Corpus separatum
(Jerusalem), United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194, and Jordanian annexation of the West Bank United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine-Jerusalem Corpus Separatum Lifta Shu'fat JERUSALEM at-Tur al-Eizariya Abu Dis Silwan Sur Baher Umm Tuba Ramat Rahel Sharafat
Beit Safafa Beit Jala BETHLEHEM Beit Sahur al-Maliha Ein Karim Deir Yassin Motza al-'Isawiya vte As the British Mandate for Palestine was expiring, the 1947 UN Partition Plan recommended "the creation of a special international regime in the City of Jerusalem, constituting it as a corpus
separatum under the administration of the UN."[211] The international regime (which also included the city of Bethlehem) was to be held in which the residents were to decide the future regime of their city.[212]
However, this plan was not implemented, as the 1948 war erupted, while the British withdrew from Palestine and Israel declared its independence. [213] In contradiction to the Partition Plan, which envisioned a city separated from the Arab state and the Jewish state. Israel took control of the
area which later would become West Jerusalem, along with major parts of the Arab territory allotted to the future Arab State; Jordan took control of East Jerusalem, along with the West Bank. The war led to displacement of Arab and Jewish populations in the city. The 1,500 residents of the
Jewish Quarter of the Old City were expelled and a few hundred taken prisoner when the Arab Legion captured the quarter on 28 May.[214][215] Arab residents of Katamon, Talbiya, and the German Colony were driven from their homes. By the time of the armistice that ended active
fighting, Israel had control of 12 of Jerusalem's 15 Arab residential quarters. An estimated minimum of 30,000 people had become refugees. [216][217] The war of 1948 resulted in the division of Jerusalem, so that the old walled city lay entirely on the Jordanian side of the line. A no-man's
land between East and West Jerusalem came into being in November 1948: Moshe Dayan, commander of the Israeli forces in Jerusalem, met with his Jordanian counterpart Abdullah el-Tell in a deserted house in Jerusalem's Musrara neighborhood and marked out their respective
positions: Israel's position in red and Jordan's in green. This rough map, which was not meant as an official one, became the final line in the 1949 Armistice Agreements, which divided the city and left Mount Scopus as an Israeli exclave inside East Jerusalem. [218] Barbed wire and concrete
barriers ran down the center of the city, passing close by Jaffa Gate on the western side of the old walled city, and a crossing point was established at Mandelbaum Gate slightly to the north of the old walled city. Military skirmishes frequently threatened the ceasefire. After the establishment
of the state of Israel, Jerusalem was declared its capital city.[219] Jordan formally annexed East Jerusalem in 1950, subjecting it to Jordanian law, and in 1953 declared it the "second capital" of Jordan.[213][220][221] Only the United Kingdom and Pakistan formally recognized such
annexation, which, in regard to Jerusalem, was on a de facto basis. [222] Some scholars argue that the view that Pakistan recognized Jordan's annexation is dubious. [223] [224] After 1948, since the old walled city in its entirety was to the east of the armistice line, Jordan was able to take
control of all the holy places therein. While Muslim holy sites were maintained and renovated, [225] contrary to the terms of the armistice agreement, Jews were denied access to Jewish holy sites, many of which were destroyed or desecrated. Jordan allowed only very limited access to
Christian holy sites, [226] and restrictions were imposed on the Christian population that led many to leave the city. Of the 58 synagogues in the Old City, half were either razed or converted to stables and hen-houses over the course of the next 19 years, including the Hurva and the Tiferet
Yisrael Synagogue. The 3.000-vear-old[227] Mount of Olives Jewish Cemetery was desecrated, with gravestones used to build roads, latrines and Jordanian army fortifications, 38,000 graves in the Jewish Cemetery were destroyed, and Jews were forbidden from being buried there, [228]
[229] The Western Wall was transformed into an exclusively Muslim holy site associated with al-Buraq. [230] Israeli authorities neglected to protect the tombs in the Muslim Mamilla Cemetery in West Jerusalem, which contains the remains of figures from the early Islamic period. [231]
facilitating the creation of a parking lot and public lavatories in 1964. [232] Many other historic and religiously significant buildings were demolished and replaced by modern structures during the Jordanian occupation. [233] During this period, the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque
underwent major renovations.[234] During the 1948 war, the Jewish residents of Eastern Jerusalem were expelled by Jordan's Arab Legion. Jordan allowed Arab Palestinian refugees from the war to settle in the vacated Jewish Quarter, which became known as Harat al-Sharaf.[235] In
1966 the Jordanian authorities relocated 500 of them to the Shua'fat refugee camp as part of plans to turn the Jewish quarter into a public park. [236][237] Israeli policemen meet a Jordanian Legionnaire near the Mandelbaum Gate (c. 1950) King Hussein of Jordan flying over the Temple
Mount in East Jerusalem when it was under Jordanian control, 1965 Israeli rule (1967-present) Main article: Reunification of Jerusalem (2010) In 1967, despite Israeli pleas that Jordan remain neutral during the Six-Day War, Jordan, which had concluded a defense
agreement with Egypt on 30 May 1967, attacked Israeli-held West Jerusalem on the war's second day. After hand-to-hand fighting between Israeli and Jordanian soldiers on the Temple Mount, the Israel Defense Forces captured East Jerusalem, along with the entire West Bank. On 27
June 1967, three weeks after the war ended, in the reunification of Jerusalem, Israel extended its law and jurisdiction to East Jerusalem, including the city's Christian and Muslim holy sites, along with some nearby West Bank territory which comprised 28 Palestinian villages, incorporating it
into the Jerusalem Municipality,[238][239] although it carefully avoided using the term annexation. On 10 July, Foreign Minister Abba Eban explained to the UN Secretary General: "The term 'annexation' which was used by supporters of the vote is not accurate. The steps that were taken [by
Israel] relate to the integration of Jerusalem in administrative and municipal areas, and served as a legal basis for the protection of the holy places of Jerusalem."[240] Israel conducted a census of Arab residents in the areas annexed. Residents were given permanent residency status and
the option of applying for Israeli citizenship. Since 1967, new Jewish residential areas have mushroomed in the eastern sector, while no new Palestinian neighbourhoods have been created. [241] Jewish and Christian access to the holy sites inside the old walled city was restored. Israel left
the Temple Mount under the jurisdiction of an Islamic wagf, but opened the Western Wall to Jewish access. The Moroccan Quarter, which was located adjacent to the Western Wall, was evacuated and razed[242] to make way for a plaza for those visiting the wall.[243] On 18 April 1968, an
expropriation order by the Israeli Ministry of Finance more than doubled the size of the Jewish Quarter, evicting its Arab residents and seizing over 700 buildings of which 105 belonged to Jewish inhabitants prior to the Jordanian occupation of the city.[citation needed] The order designated
these areas for public use, but they were intended for Jews alone. [244] The government offered 200 Jordanian dinars to each displaced Arab family. After the Six-Day War the population of Jerusalem increased by 196%. The Jewish population grew by 155%, while the Arab population grew
by 314%. The proportion of the Jewish population fell from 74% in 1967 to 72% in 1980, to 68% in 2000, and to 64% in 2010. [245] Israeli Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon proposed building a ring of Jewish neighborhoods around the city's eastern edges. The plan was intended to make East
Jerusalem more Jewish and prevent it from becoming part of an urban Palestinian bloc stretching from Bethlehem to Ramallah. On 2 October 1977, the Israeli cabinet approved the plan, and seven neighborhoods were subsequently built on the city's eastern edges. They became known as
the Ring Neighborhoods. Other Jewish neighborhoods were built within East Jerusalem, and Israeli Jews also settled in Arab neighborhoods. [246][247] The annexation of East Jerusalem was met with international criticism. The Israeli Foreign Ministry disputes that the annexation of
Jerusalem was a violation of international law. [248][249] The final status of Jerusalem has been one of the most important areas of discord have included whether the Palestinian flag can be raised over areas of
Palestinian custodianship and the specificity of Israeli and Palestinian territorial borders. [250] Political status Main article: Positions on Jerusalem Prior to the Creation of the State of Israel, Jerusalem served as the administrative capital of Mandatory Palestine. [251] From 1949 until 1967,
West Jerusalem served as Israel's capital, but was not recognized as such internationally because UN General Assembly Resolution 194 envisaged Jerusalem as an international city. As a result of the Six-Day War in 1967, the whole of Jerusalem came under Israeli control. On 27 June
1967, the government of Levi Eshkol extended Israeli law and jurisdiction to East Jerusalem, but agreed that administration of the Temple Mount compound would be maintained by the Jordanian waqf, under the Jordanian Ministry of Religious Endowments. [252] In 1988, Israel ordered the
closure of Orient House, home of the Arab Studies Society, but also the headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization, for security reasons. The building reopened in 1992 as a Palestinian questhouse. [253][254] The Oslo Accords stated that the final status of Jerusalem would be
determined by negotiations with the Palestinian Authority. The accords banned any official Palestinian presence in the city until a final peace agreement, but provided for the opening of a Palestinian trade office in East Jerusalem. The Palestinian Authority regards East Jerusalem as the
capital of a future Palestinian state.[255][256] President Mahmoud Abbas has said that any agreement that did not include East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine would be unacceptable.[257] Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has similarly stated that Jerusalem would remain
the undivided capital of Israel. Due to its proximity to the city, especially the Temple Mount, Abu Dis, a Palestinian suburb of Jerusalem, has been proposed as the future capital of a Palestinian state by Israel. Israel has not incorporated Abu Dis within its security wall around Jerusalem. The
Palestinian Authority has built a possible future parliament building for the Palestinian Legislative Council in the town, and its Jerusalem Affairs Offices are all located in Abu Dis. [258] International status While the international community regards East Jerusalem, including the entire Old City,
as part of the occupied Palestinian territories, neither part, West or East Jerusalem, is recognized as part of the territory of Israel or the State of Palestine. [259][260][261][262] Under the United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in
1947, Jerusalem was envisaged to become a corpus separatum administered by the United Nations. In the war of 1948, the western part of the city was occupied by Jordan. The international community largely
considers the legal status of Jerusalem to derive from the partition plan, and correspondingly refuses to recognize Israeli sovereignty over the city. [263] Status under Israeli rule Supreme Court of Israel Following the 1967 Six-Day War, Israel extended its jurisdiction and administration over
East Jerusalem, establishing new municipal borders. In 2010, Israel approved legislation giving Jerusalem the highest national priority status in Israel. The law prioritized construction throughout the city, and offered grants and tax benefits to residents to make housing, infrastructure,
education, employment, business, tourism, and cultural events more affordable. Communications Minister Moshe Kahlon said that the bill sent "a clear, unequivocal political message that Jerusalem will not be divided", and that "all those within the Palestinian and international community
who expect the current Israeli government to accept any demands regarding Israel's sovereignty over its capital are mistaken and misleading".[264] The status of the city, and especially its holy places, remains a core issue in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Israeli government has
approved building plans in the Muslim Quarter of the Old City[265] in order to expand the Jewish presence in East Jerusalem, while some Islamic leaders have made claims that Jews have no historical connection to Jerusalem, alleging that the 2,500-year-old Western Wall was constructed
as part of a mosque. [266][267] Palestinians regard Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine, [268] and the city's borders have been the subject of bilateral talks. A team of experts assembled by the then Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak in 2000 concluded that the city must be
divided, since Israel had failed to achieve any of its national aims there. [269] However, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in 2014 that "Jerusalem will never be divided". [270] A poll conducted in June 2013 found that 74% of Israeli Jews reject the idea of a Palestinian capital in
any portion of Jerusalem, though 72% of the public regarded it as a divided city.[271] A poll conducted by Palestinian Center for Public Opinion and American Pechter Middle East Polls for the Council on Foreign Relations, among East Jerusalem Arab residents in 2011 revealed that 39% of
East Jerusalem Arab residents would prefer Israeli citizenship contrary to 31% who opted for Palestinian residents would prefer to leave their neighborhoods if they would be placed under Palestinian rule.[272] Jerusalem as capital of
Israel Israeli Foreign Ministry building On 5 December 1949, Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, proclaimed Jerusalem as Israel's "eternal" and eight days later specified that only the war had "compelled" the Israeli leadership "to establish the seat of
Government in Tel Aviv", while "for the State of Israel there has always been and always will be one capital only - Jerusalem the Eternal", and that after the war, efforts had been ongoing for creating the conditions for "the Knesset... returning to Jerusalem." [273] This indeed took place, and
since the beginning of 1950 all branches of the Israeli government—legislative, judicial, and executive—have resided there, except for the Ministry of Defense, which is located at HaKirya in Tel Aviv.[274][275] At the time of Ben Gurion's proclamations and the ensuing Knesset vote of 24
January 1950,[275] Jerusalem was divided between Israel and Jordan, and thus the proclamation only applied to West Jerusalem Law as Basic Law. The law declared Jerusalem the "complete and united" capital of Israel.[276] The Jerusalem Law
was condemned by the international community, which did not recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. The United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 478 on 20 August 1980, which declared that the Jerusalem Law is "a violation of international law", is "null and void and must
be rescinded forthwith". Member states were called upon to withdraw their diplomatic representation from Jerusalem.[277] Following the resolution, 22 of the 24 countries that previously had their embassy in (West) Jerusalem relocated them in Tel Aviv, where many embassies already
resided prior to Resolution 478. Costa Rica and El Salvador followed in 2006.[278] There are two embassies—United States and Guatemala—and two consulates located within the city limits of Jerusalem, and two Latin American states maintain embassies in the Jerusalem District town of
Mevaseret Zion (Bolivia and Paraguay),[279][280] There are a number of consulates-general located in Jerusalem, which work primarily either with Israel, or the Palestinian authorities. In 1995, the United States Congress passed the Jerusalem Embassy Act, which required, subject to
conditions, that its embassy be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, [281] On 6 December 2017 U.S. President Donald Trump officially recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital and announced his intention to move the American embassy to Jerusalem, reversing decades of United States
policy on the issue.[282][283] The move was criticized by many nations.[284] A resolution condemning the US decision was supported by all the 14 other members of the UN Security Council, but was vetoed by the US on 18 December 2017,[285] and a subsequent resolution condemning
the US decision was passed in the United Nations General Assembly. [286] [287] [288] On 14 May 2018, the United States officially moved the location of its embassy to Jerusalem, transforming its Tel Aviv location into a consulate. Due to the general lack of international recognition of
Jerusalem as Israel's capital, some non-Israeli media outlets use Tel Aviv as a metonym for Israel. [290] [291] [292] In April 2017, the Russian Foreign Ministry announced it viewed Western Jerusalem as Israel's capital in the context of UN-approved principles which include the status of
East Jerusalem as the capital of the future Palestinian state. [294][295][296] On 15 December 2018, Australia officially recognized West Jerusalem as Israel's capital, but said their embassy in Tel Aviv would stay until a two-state resolution was settled. [297] Government precinct and national
institutions The Knesset building in Givat Ram Many national institutions of Israel are located in Kiryat HaMemshala in Givat Ram in Jerusalem as a part of the Kiryat HaLeom project which is intended to create a large district that will house most government agencies and national cultural
institutions. Some government buildings are located in Kiryat Menachem Begin. The city is home to the Knesset, [298] the Bank of Israel, the National Headquarters of the Israel Police, the official residences of the President and Prime Minister, the Cabinet, and all
ministries except for the Ministry of Defense (which is located in central Tel Aviv's HaKirya district) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (which is located in Rishon LeZion, in the wider Tel Aviv metropolitan area, near Beit Dagan). Jerusalem as capital of Palestine See also:
East Jerusalem § Jerusalem as capital Orient House in East Jerusalem that served as the headquarters of the PLO in the 1980s and 1990s. It was closed by Israel in 2001, two days after the Sbarro restaurant suicide bombing. The Palestinian National Authority views East Jerusalem as
occupied territory according to United Nations Security Council Resolution 242. The Palestinian Authority claims Jerusalem, including the Haram al-Sharif, as the capital of the State of Palestine, [268] The PLO claims that West Jerusalem is also subject to permanent status negotiations.
However, it has stated that it would be willing to consider alternative solutions, such as making Jerusalem an open city. [300] The PLO's position is that East Jerusalem, as defined by the pre-1967 municipal boundaries, shall be the capital of Palestine and West Jerusalem the capital of
Israel, with each state enjoying full sovereignty over its respective part of the city and with its own municipality. A joint development council would be responsible for coordinated development. [301] Some states, such as Russia [302] and China, [303] recognize the Palestinian state with East
Jerusalem as its capital. United Nations General Assembly Resolution 58/292 affirmed that the Palestinian people have the right to sovereignty over East Jerusalem. [304] Municipal administration Main article: Municipality of Jerusalem The Jerusalem City Council is a body of 31 elected
members headed by the mayor, who serves a five-year term and appoints eight deputies. The former mayor of Jerusalem, Uri Lupolianski, was elected in 2003.[305] In the November 2008 city elections, Nir Barkat was elected. In November 2018, Moshe Lion was elected mayor.[306] Apart
from the mayor and his deputies, City Council members receive no salaries and work on a voluntary basis. The longest-serving Jerusalem mayor was Teddy Kollek, who spent 28 years—six consecutive terms—in office. Most of the meetings of the Jerusalem City Council are private, but
each month, it holds a session that is open to the public. [305] Within the city council, religious political parties form an especially powerful faction, accounting for the majority of its seats. [307] The headquarters of the Jerusalem Municipality and the mayor's office are at Safra Square (Kikar
Safra) on Jaffa Road. The municipal complex, comprising two modern buildings and ten renovated historic buildings surrounding a large plaza, opened in 1993 when it moved from the old town hall building built by the Mandate authorities. [308] The city falls under the Jerusalem District, with
Jerusalem as the district's capital. 37% of the population is Palestinian, but in 2014 not more than 10% of tax revenues were allocated for them. In East Jerusalem, 52% of the land was excluded from development, 35% designated for Jewish settlements, and 13% for Palestinian use, almost
all of which was already built on. [241] Geography Panorama of the Temple Mount, including Al-Agsa Mosque, and Dome of the Rock, from the Mount of Olives Jerusalem is situated on the southern spur of a plateau in the Judaean Mountains, which include the Mount of Olives (East) and
Mount Scopus (North East). The elevation of the Old City is approximately 760 m (2,490 ft).[309] The whole of Jerusalem is surrounded by valleys and dry riverbeds (wadis). The Kidron, Hinnom, and Tyropoeon Valleys intersect in an area just south of the Old City of Jerusalem.[310] The
Kidron Valley runs to the east of the Old City and separates the Mount of Olives from the city proper. Along the southern side of old Jerusalem is the Valley of Hinnom, a steep ravine associated in biblical eschatology with the concept of Gehenna or Hell.[311] The Tyropoeon Valley
commenced in the northwest near the Damascus Gate, ran south-southeasterly through the center of the Old City down to the Pool of Siloam, and divided the lower part into two hills, the Temple Mount to the east, and the rest of the city to the west (the lower and the upper cities described
by Josephus). Today, this valley is hidden by debris that has accumulated over the centuries in the Jerusalem region
thus built stone terraces along the slopes to hold back the soil, a feature still very much in evidence in the Jerusalem landscape. [citation needed] Water supply has always been a major problem in Jerusalem, as attested to by the intricate network of ancient aqueducts, tunnels, pools and
cisterns found in the city.[312] Jerusalem is 60 kilometers (37 mi)[313] east of Tel Aviv and the Mediterranean Sea. On the opposite side of the city, approximately 35 kilometers (22 mi)[314] away, is the Dead Sea, the lowest body of water on Earth. Neighboring cities and towns include
Bethlehem and Beit Jala to the south, Abu Dis and Ma'ale Adumim to the east, Mevaseret Zion to the west, and Ramallah and Giv'at Ze'ev to the north.[315][316][317] Mount Herzl, at the western side of the city near the Jerusalem Forest, serves as the national cemetery of Israel.
Astronauts' view of Jerusalem Sunset aerial photograph of the Mount of Olives Climate Snow visible on roofs in the Old City of Jerusalem The city is characterized by a hot-summer Mediterranean climate (Köppen: Csa), with hot, dry summers, and mild, wet winters. Snow flurries usually
occur once or twice a winter, although the city experiences heavy snowfall every three to four years, on average, with short-lived accumulation. January is the coldest month of the year, with an average temperature of 9.1 °C (48.4 °F); July and August are the hottest months, with an average
temperature of 24.2 °C (75.6 °F), and the summer months are usually rainless. The average annual precipitation is around 537 mm (21 in), with rain occurring almost entirely between October and May.[318] Snowfall is rare, and large snowfalls are even more rare.[319][320] Jerusalem
received over 30 centimetres (12 in) of snow on 13 December 2013, which nearly paralyzed the city.[319][320] A day in Jerusalem has on average, 9.3 sunshine hours. With summers averaging similar temperatures as the coastline, the maritime influence from the Mediterranean Sea is
strong, in particular given that Jerusalem is located on a similar latitude as scorching hot deserts not far to its east. The highest recorded temperature in Jerusalem was 44.4 °C (111.9 °F) on 28 and 30 August 1881, and the lowest temperature recorded was -6.7 °C (19.9 °F) on 25 January
1907. Most of the air pollution in Jerusalem comes from vehicular traffic. [321] Many main streets in Jerusalem were not built to accommodate such a large volume of traffic, leading to traffic congestion and more carbon monoxide released into the air. Industrial pollution inside the city is
sparse, but emissions from factories on the Israeli Mediterranean coast can travel eastward and settle over the city.[321][322] Climate data for Jerusalem Month Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Year Record high °C (°F) 23.4(74.1) 25.3(77.5) 27.6(81.7) 35.3(95.5)
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192.2 3,397.4 Source 1: Israel Meteorological Service[323][324][325][326] Source 2: NOAA (sun, 1961–1990)[327] Demographic history of Jerusalem Jerusalem Jerusalem's population size and composition has shifted many times over its 5,000-year
history. Since medieval times, the Old City of Jerusalem has been divided into Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Armenian quarters. Most population data before 1905 is based on estimates, often from foreign travellers or organisations, since previous census data usually covered wider areas
such as the Jerusalem District. [328] These estimates suggest that since the end of the Crusades, Muslims formed the largest group in Jerusalem until the mid-nineteenth century. Between 1838 and 1876, a number of estimates exist which conflict as to whether Jews or Muslims were the
largest group during this period, and between 1882 and 1922 estimates conflict as to exactly when Jews became an absolute majority of the population. Current demographics Guesthouse in Mishkenot Sha'ananim, the first Jewish neighborhood built outside the walls of the Old City of
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Christian.[329] At the end of 2005, the population density was 5,750.4/km2 (14,893/sq mi).[330][331] According to a study published in 2000, the percentage of Jews in the city's population had been decreasing; this was attributed to a higher Muslim birth rate, and Jewish residents leaving.
The study also found that about nine percent of the Old City's 32,488 people were Jews. [332] Of the Jewish population, 200,000 live in East Jerusalem settlements which are considered illegal under international law. [333] In 2005, 2,850 new immigrants settled in Jerusalem, mostly from the
United States, France and the former Soviet Union. In terms of the local population, the number of outgoing residents exceeds the number of incoming residents. In 2005, 16,000 left Jerusalem and only 10,000 moved in [330] Nevertheless, the population of Jerusalem continues to rise due
to the high birth rate, especially in the Haredi Jewish and Arab communities. Consequently, the total fertility rate in Jerusalem (4.02) is higher than in Tel Aviv (1.98) and well above the national average of 2.90. The average size of Jerusalem's 180,000 households is 3.8 people.[330] In
2005, the total population grew by 13,000 (1.8%)—similar to the Israeli national average, but the religious and ethnic composition is shifting. While 31% of the Jewish population is made up of children below the age fifteen, the figure for the Arab population is 42%.[330] This would seem to
corroborate the observation that the percentage of Jews in Jerusalem has declined over the past four decades. In 1967, Jews accounted for 74 percent of the population, while the figure for 2006 is down nine percent. [334] Possible factors are the high cost of housing, fewer job
opportunities and the increasingly religious character of the city, although proportionally, young Haredim are leaving in higher numbers. [citation needed] The percentage of secular Jews, or those who 'wear their faith lightly' is dropping, with some 20,000 leaving the city over the past seven
years (2012). They now number 31% of the population, the same percentage as the rising Haredi population. [335] Many move to the suburbs and coastal cities in search of cheaper housing and a more secular lifestyle. [336] In 2009, the percentage of Haredim in the city was increasing. As
of 2009[update], out of 150,100 schoolchildren, 59,900 or 40% are in state-run secular and National Religious schools, while 90,200 or 60% are in Haredi schools. This correlates with the high number of children in Haredi families.[337][338] While some Israelis avoid Jerusalem for its
relative lack of development and religious and political tensions, the city has attracted Palestinians, offering more jobs and opportunity than any city in the West Bank or Gaza Strip. Palestinian officials have encouraged Arabs over the years to stay in the city to maintain their claim.[339][340]
Palestinians are attracted to the access to jobs, healthcare, social security, other benefits, and quality of life Israel provides to Jerusalem who choose not to have Israeli citizenship are granted an Israeli identity card that allows them to pass
through checkpoints with relative ease and to travel throughout Israel, making it easier to find work. Residents also are entitled to the subsidized healthcare and social security benefits Israel provides its citizens, and have the right to vote in municipal elections. Arabs in Jerusalem can send
their children to Israeli-run schools, although not every neighborhood has one, and universities. Israeli doctors and highly regarded hospitals such as Hadassah Medical Center are available to residents. [342] Demographics and the Jewish-Arab population divide play a major role in the
dispute over Jerusalem. In 1998, the Jerusalem Development Authority proposed expanding city limits to the west to include more areas heavily populated with Jews.[19] Within the past few years, there has been a steady increase in the Jewish birthrate and a steady decrease in the Arab
birthrate. In May 2012, it was reported that the Jewish birthrate had overtaken the Arab birthrate. The city's birthrate stands about 4.2 children per Arab family. [343] [344] In addition, increasing numbers of Jewish immigrants chose to settle in Jerusalem. In
the last few years, thousands of Palestinians have moved to previously fully Jewish neighborhoods of East Jerusalem, built after the 1967 Six-Day War. In 2007, 1,300 Palestinians lived in the previously exclusively Jewish neighborhood of Pisgat Ze'ev and constituted three percent of the
population in Neve Ya'akov. In the French Hill neighborhood, Palestinians today constitute one-sixth of the overall population. [345] At the end of 2008, the population of East Jerusalem was 456,300, comprising 60% of Jerusalem's residents. Of these, 195,500 (43%) were Jews, (comprising 60%) and the overall population of East Jerusalem was 456,300, comprising 60% of Jerusalem's residents. Of these, 195,500 (43%) were Jews, (comprising 60%) and the overall population of East Jerusalem was 456,300, comprising 60% of Jerusalem's residents.
40% of the Jewish population of Jerusalem as a whole), and 260,800 (57%) were Muslim (comprising 98% of the Muslim population of Jerusalem).[346] In 2008, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics reported the number of Palestinians living in East Jerusalem was 208,000 according
to a recently completed census. [347] Jerusalem's Jewish population is overwhelmingly religious. Only 21% of Jewish residents are secular. In addition, Haredi Jews comprise 30% of the city's adult Jewish population. In a phenomenon seen rarely around the world, the percentage of Jewish
men who work, 47%, is exceeded by the percentage of Jewish women who work, 50%.[348] The young and less religious continue to leave according to a 2016 Central Bureau of Statistics report which noted 6,740 people left. The opening of high speed rail transit to Tel Aviv in 2018 and
the New Jerusalem Gateway Business District[349] currently under construction is designed to alter business, tourism, and hopefully reverse the population exodus. [350] Jerusalem had a population of 804,400 in 2011, of which Jews comprised 499,400 (62.1%), Muslims 281,100 (34.9%),
Christians 14,700 (1.8%), and 9,000 (1.1%) were not classified by religion. [20] Jerusalem had a population of 882,700 in 2016, of which Jews comprised 536,600 (60.8%), Muslims 319,800 (36.2%), Christians 15,800 (1.8%), and 10,300 unclassified (1.2%). [20] According to Peace Now,
approvals for building in Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem have expanded by 60% since Trump became U.S. president in 2017.[351] Since 1991, Palestinians who make up the majority of the residents in the area have only received 30% of the building permits.[352] Urban planning
issues Critics of efforts to promote a Jewish majority in Jerusalem say that government planning policies are motivated by demographic considerations and seek to limit Arab construction while promoting Jewish construction. [353] According to a World Bank report, the number of recorded
building violations between 1996 and 2000 was four and half times higher in Jewish neighborhoods but four times fewer demolition orders were issued in West Jerusalem; Arabs in Jerusalem were less likely to receive construction permits than Jews, and "the
authorities are much more likely to take action against Palestinian violators" than Jewish violators of the permit process. [354] In recent years, private Jewish foundations have received permission from the government to develop projects on disputed lands, such as the City of David
archaeological park in the 60% Arab neighborhood of Silwan (adjacent to the Old City),[355] and the Museum of Tolerance on Mamilla Cemetery (adjacent to Zion Square).[354][356] Religious significance Main article: Religious significance of Jerusalem The Temple Mount, the holiest site in
Judaism The al-Agsa Mosque, where Muslims believe Muhammad ascended to heaven The Western Wall, also known as the Kotel The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where most Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead Jerusalem has been sacred to
Judaism for roughly 3000 years, to Christianity for around 2000 years, and to Islam for approximately 1400 years. The 2000 Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem lists 1204 synagogues, 158 churches, and 73 mosques within the city.[357] Despite efforts to maintain peaceful religious
coexistence, some sites, such as the Temple Mount, have been a continuous source of friction and controversy. Jerusalem has been sacred to the Jews since King David proclaimed it his capital in the 10th century BCE. [note 5] Jerusalem was the site of Solomon's Temple and the Second
Temple.[25] Although not mentioned in the Torah / Pentateuch,[358] it is mentioned in the Bible 632 times. Today, the Western Wall, a remnant of the wall surrounding the Second Temple, is a Jewish holy site second only to the "Holy of Holies" on the Temple Mount itself.[359] Synagogues
around the world are traditionally built with the Holy Ark facing Jerusalem, [360] and Arks within Jerusalem face the Holy of Holies. [361] As prescribed in the Shulchan Aruch, daily prayers are recited while facing towards Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. Many
Jews have "Mizrach" plaques hung on a wall of their homes to indicate the direction of prayer. [361][362] Christianity reveres Jerusalem for its old Testament history, and also for its significance in the life of Jesus. According to the New Testament, Jesus was brought to Jerusalem soon after
his birth[363] and later in his life cleansed the Second Temple.[364] The Cenacle, believed to be the site of Jesus' Last Supper, is located on Mount Zion in the same building that houses the Tomb of King David.[365][366] Another prominent Christian site in Jerusalem is Golgotha, the site of
the crucifixion. The Gospel of John describes it as being located outside Jerusalem, [367] but recent archaeological evidence suggests Golgotha is a short distance from the Old City walls, within the present-day confines of the city. [368] The land occupied by the Church of the Holy
Sepulchre is considered one of the top candidates for Golgotha and thus has been a Christian pilgrimage site for the past 2000 years. [368][369][370] Southern Wall of Temple Mount (Harem esh-Sharif) Jerusalem is the third-holiest city in Sunni Islam. [32] For approximately a year, before it
was permanently switched to the Kaaba in Mecca, the gibla (direction of prayer) for Muslims was Jerusalem.[371][372] The city's lasting place in Islam, however, is primarily due to Muhammad's Night of Ascension (c. CE 620). Muslims believe Muhammad was miraculously transported one
night from Mecca to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, whereupon he ascended to Heaven to meet previous prophets of Islam.[373][374][375] The first verse in the Qur'an's Surat al-Isra notes the destination of Muhammad's journey as al-Aqsa (the farthest) mosque,[376][377] in reference to
the location in Jerusalem. The hadith, the recorded sayings of the Prophet Mohammad, name Jerusalem as the location of the Al-Agsa Mosque, derived from the name mentioned in the Our'an, was built on the Temple Mount under the Umayyad Caliph Al-Walid to
commemorate the place from which Muslims believe Muhammad ascended to Heaven.[379] Economy Bank of Israel Historically, Jerusalem's economy was supported almost exclusively by religious pilgrims, as it was located far from the major ports of Jaffa and Gaza.[380] Jerusalem's
religious and cultural landmarks today remain the top draw for foreign visitors, with the majority of tourists visiting the Western Wall and the Old City, [330] In 2010, Jerusalem was named the top leisure travel city in Africa and the Middle East by Travel + Leisure magazine. [381] in 2013, 75%
of the 3.5 million tourists to Israel visited Jerusalem. [382] Har Hotzvim high-tech park Since the establishment of the State of Israel, the national government has remained a major player in Jerusalem's economy. The government, centered in Jerusalem, generates a large number of jobs,
and offers subsidies and incentives for new business initiatives and start-ups. [380] Although Tel Aviv remains Israel's financial center, a growing number of high tech companies are moving to Jerusalem, providing 12,000 jobs in 2006. [383] Northern Jerusalem's Har Hotzvim industrial park
and the Jerusalem Technology Park in south Jerusalem are home to large Research and Development centers of international tech companies, among them Intel, Cisco, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, IBM, Mobileye, Johnson & Johnson, Medtronic and more. [384] In April 2015, Time
Magazine picked Jerusalem as one of the five emerging tech hubs in the world, proclaiming that "The city has become a flourishing center for biomed, cleantech, Internet/mobile startups, accelerators, investors and supporting service providers." [385] Mamilla Mall adorned with upscale
shops stands just outside the Old City Walls. Higher than average percentages are employed in education (17.9% vs. 12.7%); health and welfare (12.6% vs. 4.7%); hotels and restaurants (6.1% vs. 4.7%); and public administration (8.2% vs.
4.7%),[386] During the British Mandate, a law was passed requiring all buildings to be constructed of Jerusalem stone in order to preserve the unique historic and aesthetic character of the city.[209] Complementing this building code, which is still in force, is the discouragement of heavy
industry in Jerusalem; only about 2.2% of Jerusalem's land is zoned for "industry and infrastructure." By comparison, the percentage of land in Tel Aviv zoned for industry and infrastructure is twice as high, and in Haifa, seven times as high. [330] Only 8.5% of the Jerusalem District work
force is employed in the manufacturing sector, which is half the national average (15.8%). Although many statistics indicate economic growth in the city, since 1967, East Jerusalem has lagged behind the development of West Jerusalem. [380] Nevertheless, the percentage of households
with employed persons is higher for Arab households (76.1%) than for Jewish households (66.8%). The unemployment rate in Jerusalem (8.3%) is slightly better than the national average (9.0%), although the civilian labor force accounted for less than half of all persons fifteen years or older
—lower in comparison to that of Tel Aviv (58.0%) and Haifa (52.4%).[330] Poverty remains a problem in the city as 37% of the families in Jerusalem lived in 2011 below the poverty line. According to a report by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI), 78% of Arabs in Jerusalem lived
in poverty in 2012, up from 64% in 2006. While the ACRI attributes the increase to the lack of employment opportunities, infrastructure and a worsening educational system, Ir Amim blames the legal status of Palestinians in Jerusalem. [387] High-rise construction Jerusalem has traditionally
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had a low-rise skyline. About 18 tall buildings were built at different times in the downtown area when there was no clear policy over the matter. One of them, Holyland Tower 1, Jerusalem's tallest building, is a skyscraper by international standards, rising 32 stories. Holyland Tower 2, which
has been approved for construction, will reach the same height. [388] A new master plan for the city will see many high-rise buildings, including skyscrapers, built in certain, designated areas of downtown Jerusalem. Under the plan, towers will line Jaffa Road and King George Street.
One of the proposed towers along King George Street, the Migdal Merkaz HaYekum, is planned as a 65-story building, which would make it one of the tallest buildings in Israel. At the entrance to the city, near the Jerusalem Chords Bridge and the Central Bus Station, twelve towers rising
between 24 and 33 stories will be built, as part of a complex that will also include an open square and Tel Aviv, and will be connected by bridges and tunnels. Eleven of the skyscrapers will be either office or
apartment buildings, and one will be a 2,000-room hotel. The complex is expected to attract many businesses from Tel Aviv, and become the city's courts and the prosecutor's office will be built, as well as new buildings for Central
Zionist Archives and Israel State Archives. [390][391][392] The skyscrapers built throughout the city are expected to contain public space, shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues, and it has been speculated that this may lead to a revitalization of downtown Jerusalem. [393][394] In
August 2015, the city council approved construction of a 344-foot pyramid-shaped skyscraper designed by Daniel Libeskind and Yigal Levi, in place of a rejected previous design by Libeskind; it is set to break ground by 2019.[395] Transportation Main article: Transport in Jerusalem
Jerusalem Chords Bridge Jerusalem is served by highly developed communication infrastructures, making it a leading logistics hub for Israel. It is served by Egged Bus Cooperative, which is the
second-largest bus company in the world, [396] The Dan serves the Bnei Brak-Jerusalem route along with Egged, and Superbus serves the routes between Jerusalem, Modi'in Illit, and Modi'in-Maccabim-Re'ut. The companies operate from Jerusalem Central Bus Station. Arab
neighborhoods in East Jerusalem and routes between Jerusalem and locations in the West Bank are served by the East Jerusalem Central Bus Station, a transportation hub located near the Old City's Damascus Gate. The Jerusalem Light Rail initiated service in August 2011. According to
plans, the first rail line will be capable of transporting an estimated 200,000 people daily, and has 23 stops. The route is from Pisgat Ze'ev in the north via the Old City and city center to Mt. Herzl in the south. Light Rail tram on Jaffa Road Another work in progress[397] is a new high-speed
rail line from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, which became partially operational in 2018 and is expected to be completed in 2019.[398] Its terminus will be a new underground station (80 m or 262 ft deep) serving the International Convention Center and the Central Bus Station,[399] and is planned to
be extended eventually to Malha station. Israel Railways operates train services to Malha train station from Tel Aviv via Beit Shemesh. [400] [401] Begin Expressway is one of Jerusalem's major north—south thoroughfares; it runs on the western side of the city, merging in the north with Route
443, which continues toward Tel Aviv. Route 60 runs through the center of the city near the Green Line between East and West Jerusalem. Construction is progressing on parts of a 35-kilometer (22 mi) ring road around the city, fostering faster connection between the suburbs. [402][403]
The eastern half of the project was conceptualized decades ago, but reaction to the proposed highway is still mixed. [402] Airport, some 50 kilometres (30 miles) northwest of the Jerusalem, on the route to Tel Aviv. The Tel Aviv.—Jerusalem railway
runs non-stop from Jerusalem—Yitzhak Navon railway station to the airport and began operation in 2018.[404] In the past, Jerusalem was also served by the local Atarot ceased operation in 2000. Education Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus campus Hand in
Hand, a bilingual Jewish-Arab school in Jerusalem Universities Jerusalem Universities Jerusalem Universities Jerusalem Universities Jerusalem Universities Jerusalem In 1925, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has been ranked among the top 100 schools in the world. [405] The
Board of Governors has included such prominent Jewish intellectuals as Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud. [210] The university has produced several Nobel laureates; recent winners associated with Hebrew University include Avram Hershko, [406] David Gross, [407] and Daniel Kahneman.
[408] One of the university's major assets is the Jewish National and University Library, which houses over five million books. [409] The library opened in 1892, over three decades before the university was established, and is one of the world's largest repositories of books on Jewish
subjects. Today it is both the central library of the university and the national library of Israel.[410] The Hebrew University operates three campuses in Jerusalem, on Mount Scopus, on Giv'at Ram and a medical campus at the Hadassah Ein Kerem hospital. The Academy of the Hebrew
Language are located in the Hebrew university in Givat Ram and the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities located near the Presidents House. Hebron Yeshiva in Givat Mordechai neighborhood The Jerusalem College of Technology, founded in 1969, combines training in
engineering and other high-tech industries with a Jewish studies program. [411] It is one of many schools in Jerusalem, from elementary school and up, that combine secular and religious studies. Numerous religious educational institutions and Yeshivot, including some of the most
prestigious yeshivas, among them the Brisk, Chevron, Midrash Shmuel and Mir, are based in the city, with the Mir Yeshiva claiming to be the largest. [412] There were nearly 8,000 twelfth-grade students in Hebrew-language schools during the 2003–2004 school year. [330] However, due to
the large portion of students in Haredi Jewish frameworks, only fifty-five percent of twelfth graders took matriculation exams (Bagrut) and only thirty-seven percent were eligible to graduate. Unlike public schools, many Haredi schools do not prepare students to take standardized tests.[330]
To attract more university students to Jerusalem, the city has begun to offer a special package of financial incentives and housing subsidies to students who rent apartments in downtown Jerusalem. [413] Al-Quds University was established in 1984[414] to serve as a flagship university for the
Arab and Palestinian peoples. [citation needed] It describes itself as the "only Arab university in Jerusalem". [415] Bard College of Annandale-on-Hudson, New York and Al-Quds University agreed to open a joint college in a building originally built to house the Palestinian Legislative Council
and Yasser Arafat's office. The college gives Master of Arts in Teaching degrees. [416] Al-Quds University resides southeast of the city proper on a 190,000-square-metre (47-acre) Abu Dis campus. [414] Other institutions of higher learning in Jerusalem are the Jerusalem Academy of Music
and Dance[417] and Bezalel Academy of Art and Design,[418][419] whose buildings are located on the campuses of the Hebrew University. Arab schools for Arabs in Jerusalem and other parts of Israel have been criticized for offering a lower quality education than those catering to
Israeli Jewish students.[420] While many schools in the heavily Arab East Jerusalem are filled to capacity and there have been complaints of overcrowding, the Jerusalem Municipality is building over a dozen new schools in the city's Arab neighborhoods.[421] Schools in Ras el-Amud and
Umm Lison opened in 2008.[422] In March 2007, the Israeli government approved a 5-year plan to build 8,000 new classrooms in the city, 40 percent in the Haredi sector. A budget of 4.6 billion shekels was allocated for this project.[423] In 2008, Jewish
British philanthropists donated $3 million for the construction of schools for Arabs in East Jerusalem. [422] Arab high school students take the Bagrut matriculation exams, so that much of their curriculum parallels that of other Israeli high schools and includes certain Jewish subjects. [420]
Culture The Shrine of the Book, housing the Dead Sea Scrolls, at the Israel Museum Although Jerusalem is known primarily for its religious significance, the city is also home to many artistic and cultural venues. The Israel Museum attracts nearly one million visitors a year, approximately
one-third of them tourists. [424] The 8-hectare (20-acre) museum complex comprises several buildings featuring special exhibits and European art. The Dead Sea scrolls, discovered in the mid-20th century in the
Qumran Caves near the Dead Sea, are housed in the Museum's Shrine of the Book. [425] The Youth Wing, which mounts changing exhibits and runs an extensive art education program, is visited by 100,000 children a year. The museum has a large outdoor sculpture garden and a scale-
model of the Second Temple. [424] The Ticho House in downtown Jerusalem houses the paintings of Anna Ticho and the Judaica collections of her husband, an ophthalmologist who opened Jerusalem's first eye clinic in this building in 1912. [426] Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Next to the Israel
Museum is the Bible Lands Museum, near The National Campus for the Archaeology of Israel, which includes the Israel Antiquities Authority offices. A World Bible Center is planned to be built adjacent to Mount Zion at a site called the "Bible Hill". A planned World Kabbalah Center is to be
located on the nearby promenade, overlooking the Old City. The Rockefeller Museum, located in East Jerusalem, was the first archaeological museum in the Middle East. It was built in 1938 during the British Mandate. [427][428] In 2006, a 38 km (24 mi) Jerusalem Trail was opened, a hiking
trail that goes to many cultural sites and national parks in and around Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo has ranked consistently as Israel's top tourist attraction for Israelis. [429][430] The national cemetery of Israel is located at the city's western edge, near the Jerusalem Forest on
Mount Herzl. The western extension of Mount Herzl is the Mount of Remembrance, where the main Holocaust museum of Israel is located. Yad Vashem, Israel's national memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, houses the world's largest library of Holocaust-related information. [431] It
houses an estimated 100,000 books and articles. The complex contains a state-of-the-art museum that explores the genocide of the Jews through exhibits that focus on the personal stories of individuals and families killed in the Holocaust. An art gallery featuring the work of artists who
perished is also present. Further, Yad Vashem commemorates the 1.5 million Jewish children murdered by the Nazis, and honors the Righteous among the National Library of Israel The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, established in the 1940s, [433] has appeared around the
world.[433] The International Convention Center (Binyanei HaUma) near the entrance to city houses the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The Jerusalem Cinemateque, the Gerard Behar Center (formerly Beit Ha'Am) in downtown Jerusalem, the Jerusalem Music Center in Yemin Moshe,[434]
and the Targ Music Center in Ein Kerem also present the arts. The Israel Festival, featuring indoor and outdoor performances by local and international singers, concerts, plays, and street theater has been held annually since 1961, and Jerusalem has been the major organizer of this event.
The Jerusalem Theater in the Talbiya neighborhood hosts over 150 concerts a year, as well as theater and dance companies and performing artists from overseas. [435] The Khan Theater, located in a caravanseral opposite the old Jerusalem train station, is the city's only repertoire theater.
[436] The station itself has become a venue for cultural events in recent years as the site of Shav'ua Hasefer (an annual week-long book fair) and outdoor music performances. [437] The Jerusalem Film Festival is held annually, screening Israeli and international films. [438] In 1974 the
Jerusalem Cinemathegue was founded. In 1981 it was moved to a new building on Hebron Road near the Valley of Hinnom and the Old City. Jerusalem was declared the Capital of Arab Culture in 2009. [439] Jerusalem is home to the Palestinian National Theatre, which engages in cultural
preservation as well as innovation, working to rekindle Palestinian interest in the arts. [440] The Edward Said National Conservatory of Music sponsors the Palestine Youth Orchestra [441] which toured Arab states of the Persian Gulf and other Middle East countries in 2009. [442] The Islamic
Museum on the Temple Mount, established in 1923, houses many Islamic artifacts, from tiny kohl flasks and rare manuscripts to giant marble columns. [443] Al-Hoash, established in 2004, is a gallery for the preservation of Palestinian art. [444] While Israel approves and financially supports
some Arab cultural activities, [citation needed] Arab Capital of Culture events were banned because they were sponsored by the Palestine National Authority. [439] In 2009, a four-day culture festival was held in the Beit 'Anan suburb of Jerusalem, attended by more than 15,000 people [445]
The Museum on the Seam, which explores issues of coexistence through art, is situated on the road dividing eastern and western Jerusalem Intercultural Center (JICC) promote joint Jewish-Palestinian cultural projects. The Jerusalem Center for
Middle Eastern Music and Dance[447] is open to Arabs and Jews and offers workshops on Jewish-Arab dialogue through the arts.[448] The Jewish-Arab Youth Orchestra performs both European classical and Middle Eastern music.[449] In 2008, the Tolerance Monument, an outdoor
sculpture by Czesław Dźwigaj, was erected on a hill between Jewish Armon HaNetziv and Arab Jebl Mukaber as a symbol of Jerusalem's quest for peace. [450] Media Jerusalem is the state broadcasting center of Israel. The Israel Broadcasting Authority's main office is located in Jerusalem.
as well as the TV and radio studios for Israel Radio, Channel 2, Channel 10, and part of the radio studios of BBC News, The Jerusalem Post and The Times of Israel are also headquartered in Jerusalem, Local newspapers include Kol Ha'Ir and The Jerusalem Times, God TV, and The Times of Israel Radio, Channel 10, and part of the radio studios of BBC News, The Jerusalem Post and The Times of Israel Radio, Channel 10, and part of the radio studios of BBC News, The Jerusalem Post and The Times of Israel Radio studios of BBC News, The Jerusalem Post and The Times of Israel Radio studios for Israel
international Christian television network is also based in the city. Sports See also: Beitar Jerusalem F.C., and Jerusalem F.
Club is one of the most well known in Israel. Fans include political figures who often attend its games. [452] Jerusalem's other major football team, and one of Beitar's top rivals, is Hapoel Jerusalem F.C. Whereas Beitar has been Israel State Cup champion seven times, [453] Hapoel has won
the Cup only once. Beitar has won the top league six times, while Hapoel has never succeeded. Beitar plays in the more prestigious Ligat HaAl, while Hapoel is in the second division Liga Leumit. Since its opening in 1992, Teddy Stadium has been Jerusalem's primary football stadium, with
a capacity of 34,000.[454] The most popular Palestinian football club is Jabal Al Mukaber (since 1976) which plays in West Bank Premier League. The club hails from Mount Scopus at Jerusalem, part of the Asian Football Confederation, and plays at the Faisal Al-Husseini International
Stadium at Al-Ram, across the West Bank Barrier. [455] [456] In basketball, Hapoel Jerusalem is one of the top teams in the top division. The club has won Israel's championship in 2015, the State Cup four times, and the ULEB Cup in 2004. [457] The Jerusalem Marathon, established in
2011, is an international marathon race held annually in Jerusalem in the month of March. The full 42-kilometer race begins at the Knesset, passes through Mount Scopus and the Old City's Armenian Quarter, and concludes at Sacher Park. In 2012, the Jerusalem Marathon drew 15,000
runners, including 1,500 from fifty countries outside Israel. [458] [459] [460] [461] [462] A popular non-competitive sports event is the Jerusalem March, held annually during the Sukkot festival. International relations See also: List of Israeli twin towns and sister cities Jerusalem is twinned with
Prague, Czech Republic[463] Ayabe, Japan[464] New York City, United States (since 1993)[465][466] Partner city Marseille, France[citation needed] See also Greater Jerusalem List of people from Jerusalem List of places in Jerusalem List of songs about Jerusalem Notes ^ The State of
Palestine (according to the Basic Law of Palestine, Title One: Article 3) regards Jerusalem as its capital, and sometimes as the
current capital. One of its 2010 documents, described as "for discussion purposes only", says that Palestine has a "vision" for a future in which "East Jerusalem ... shall be the capital of Palestine, and West Jerusalem shall be the capital of Israel",[2][3] and one of its 2013 documents refers
to "Palestine's capital, East Jerusalem", and states that "Occupied East Jerusalem is the natural socio-economic and political center for the future Palestinian state", while also stating that "Jerusalem has always been and remains the political, administrative and spiritual heart of Palestine"
and that "The Palestinian acceptance of the 1967 border, which includes East Jerusalem, is a painful compromise".[4] ^ In other languages: official Arabic in Israel: Arabic: أور شليم القدس, romanized: Ûrshalîm-Al Quds (combining the Biblical and common usage Arabic names); Ancient
Greek: Ἱερουσαλήμ/Ἰεροσόλυμα, romanized: Hierousalém/Hierosóluma; Armenian: Եηημιωητί, romanized: Erusalem is the capital under Israeli law. The presidential residence, government offices, supreme court and parliament (Knesset) are there. The State of Palestine
(according to the Basic Law of Palestine, Title One: Article 3) regards Jerusalem as its capital.[1] The UN and most countries do not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, taking the position that the final status of Jerusalem is pending future negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian
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