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Israel Among World's Happiest Countries Despite Ongoing Conflict

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According to the World Happiness Report 2026, Israel has been ranked among the top 10 happiest countries in the world, despite being involved in ongoing regional conflicts.

Key Findings of the Report

Israel secured around the 8th position globally, reflecting high levels of life satisfaction and well-being among its citizens.

The report evaluates happiness based on factors such as:

GDP per capita

Social support

Healthy life expectancy

Freedom to make life choices

Generosity and corruption levels

Why is This Significant?

Israel's ranking is notable because it continues to perform well despite war and geopolitical tensions

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It highlights the resilience and social cohesion of its population

Demonstrates that economic and social support systems play a key role in overall happiness

Global Context

Finland remains the happiest country in the world (top position)

Nordic countries dominate the rankings due to strong welfare systems and low corruption

Countries facing conflict rarely rank high, making Israel an exception

Additional Facts:

World Happiness Report:

? Published by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford in partnership with UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Data Source:

? Based on Gallup World Poll surveys

Israel's Consistent Ranking:

? Has frequently ranked within the top 10 globally in recent years

Human Development:

? Israel has a high Human Development Index (HDI) and strong economy

International Day of Happiness:

? Celebrated on 20 March (UN initiative)