



THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO MOVING TO ISRAEL

Start with the life you want - then build the move around it.

The starting point

Before choosing a city, school, job or apartment, define what you actually want your life in Israel to look like.

Return to Israel

A simple planning framework for individuals and families considering a move to Israel.

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Step 1 - Who are you moving with?

Choose the situation closest to yours. Your household changes almost every decision that follows.

- Just me
- Couple
- Couple with young children
- Family with teenagers
- Single parent
- Retiring / retired
- Other

Step 2 - What stage of life are you in?

Think about where you are today and what you will need from Israel over the next several years.

- Studying
- Starting a career
- Established career
- Raising a family
- Children leaving home
- Retirement
- **Will you need to work?** Immediately / Eventually / Remotely / Business owner / No / Not sure

Step 3 - What do you imagine your life looking like?

When you picture yourself living in Israel, what does your ideal day look like? Select everything that matters.

- City life - restaurants, culture, nightlife and convenience
- Near the sea - beach and outdoor lifestyle
- Quiet suburban life - house, schools, parks and family environment
- Small community - quieter and more community-oriented
- Easy commuting - public transportation and employment access
- Nature and space - hiking, open areas and less density
- Family focused - schools, children and community
- International environment - an easier transition for English speakers

Step 4 - What matters most to you?

Pick your top five priorities. Then identify the one thing you would not compromise on.

- Housing cost
- Schools
- Employment
- Beach
- Community
- English speakers
- Public transport
- Healthcare
- Nightlife
- Nature
- Religious community
- Safety
- Larger home
- Walkability
- Proximity to family
- Airport access

Step 5 - What part of Israel feels right?

Do not worry if you cannot name a city yet. Start with the type of region that appeals to you.

- Tel Aviv and Central Israel
- Sharon area
- Jerusalem area
- Haifa and Carmel
- Northern Israel
- Southern Israel
- Coastal cities
- Smaller town/community
- I have no idea yet

Step 6 - What can you realistically afford?

Housing can dramatically change which locations are practical, so consider it early.

- Rent / Buy / Not sure
- **Approximate monthly rental budget:** Under NIS 5,000 / NIS 5,000-7,500 / NIS 7,500-10,000 / NIS 10,000-15,000 / NIS 15,000+ / Don't know yet
- **Home:** Apartment / Large apartment / House / House with garden / Doesn't matter

Step 7 - Children and education

If children are moving, start with their ages and what will make the transition successful.

- English support
- Strong academics
- International environment
- Sports
- Arts
- Religious education
- Secular education
- Special educational needs
- Being around other new immigrants
- **Hebrew:** None / Basic / Conversational / Fluent

Step 8 - Hebrew

Your Hebrew level can influence location, employment, education and how easy the first months feel.

- None
- A few words
- Basic
- Conversational
- Fluent
- **How important is initially managing in English?** Very important / Helpful / Not important

Step 9 - Work and income

Think about how your household expects to earn income after the move.

- Local Israeli employer
- Remote employer abroad
- Self-employed / business
- Looking for work
- Retired / passive income
- Not decided
- Record your profession or industry

Your Israel Life Profile

After answering the starting questions, combine the answers into one simple profile. This turns a generic relocation checklist into a plan built around the life you want.

Family	Couple + 2 children
Lifestyle	Family-oriented, coastal, active
Work	Remote
Hebrew	Beginner
Housing	NIS 8,000-10,000 / month
Priorities	Schools, community, beach, space and English accessibility
Areas worth exploring	Ra'anana, Kfar Saba, Netanya, Herzliya and selected nearby communities

Your biggest decisions before moving

- Choose your preferred region
- Research schools before choosing housing
- Determine realistic housing costs
- Build your Hebrew plan
- Begin your Aliyah eligibility and document preparation

What comes next?

Once you understand the life you are trying to build, move into the practical relocation process.

- Step 2 - Can I Make Aliyah?
- Step 3 - Documents & Eligibility
- Step 4 - Money & Budget
- Step 5 - Choosing Where to Live
- Step 6 - Schools
- Step 7 - Work & Income
- Step 8 - Healthcare
- Step 9 - Banking, Tax & Insurance
- Step 10 - Preparing the Move
- Step 11 - Your First Week in Israel
- Step 12 - Your First 90 Days

The guiding idea

Tell us the life you want. Then we help you figure out how to build that life in Israel.

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