

# “ISRAEL

was not created in order to disappear — Israel will endure and flourish.



It is the  
**CHILD OF HOPE**  
and  
**HOME OF**  
**THE BRAVE”**

— John F. Kennedy

President John F. Kennedy (1925-1963) paid tribute to Israel’s pioneering spirit in this 1960 quote. Beset by war from its birth in 1948, Israel nevertheless absorbed hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees from Europe and the Arab world. At the same time, it created a vibrant democracy that provided full citizenship to minority groups. Despite adversity, Israel remains a strong, secure democracy.

*Speech to the Zionist Organization of America, August 26, 1960.*



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