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Israel and Florida: A Strong and Growing Economic Partnership

The State of Israel and the U.S. State of Florida have a strong relationship, sharing many common areas of business activity. In 2013, Florida and Israel signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote collaborative research, development, and commercialization of projects related to aviation, aerospace and life sciences. Under this agreement, the governments of Israel and Florida are matching each other, dollar for dollar, to establish a fund to provide grants to Israeli and Florida companies that present joint R&D projects for innovative technologies.

Florida and Israel also have a history of strong cooperation in the [defense and homeland security](#) and [life sciences](#) sectors. Both of these high-tech industries are highly developed in both Israel and in Florida, and Israeli companies are increasingly looking to Florida when seeking to expand to the U.S and/or Latin America.

Florida's [information technology sector](#) is a global leader in Modeling, Simulation and Training, Photonics/Optics, and Software & Computer Systems Design. Home to iconic IT pioneers such as IBM and Citrix Systems, as well as home-grown start-ups with a global reach, Florida has the nation's third-largest tech industry, and is a leader in the production of graduates in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

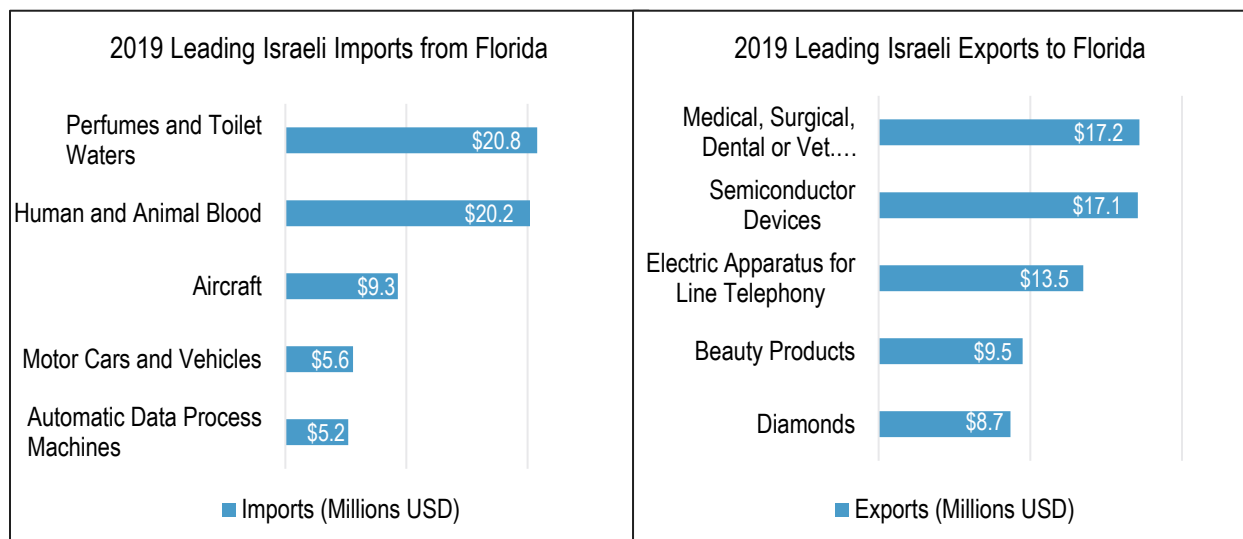
Florida has much to offer Israeli companies, and is home to a large and active Jewish community. [The Florida-Israel Business Accelerator](#) (FIBA), launched in 2016, is a technology accelerator designed to establish and grow successful Israeli high-growth tech ventures in the Tampa Bay Area. Furthermore, Florida has numerous accelerators and soft landing programs available to assist Israeli companies with market-ready products or technologies to expand in the U.S. market – and beyond.

In May 2019, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis led a [historic Business Development Mission to Israel](#) with more than 100 Florida delegates. This mission further strengthened the bonds between Florida and Israel through deeper cooperation among academia, government, and private-sector business, resulting in the concluding of more than 20 Memoranda of Understanding between Israeli and Florida entities.

Florida-Israel Bilateral Merchandise Trade (\$309.8 million in 2019)

Total merchandise trade between Florida and Israel was \$309.8 million in 2019, making it Florida's 54th largest bilateral merchandise trading partner. In the past five years *bilateral trade has grown 18.2%, and by 44.5%* in the last ten years.

- Israeli Imports from Florida to Israel were \$102.9 million in 2019.
- Israeli exports to Florida totaled \$206.8 million in 2019, making Israel Florida's 46th largest source for merchandise imports.



Israeli Investment in Florida

- Based on the most recent statistics from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Israel is the *twentieth largest foreign investor* in Florida, accounting for 2,200 jobs.
- Israeli affiliates in Florida are estimated to have had total holdings of USD \$558 million in 2018, employing 2,200 Floridians.
- According to our database of Foreign Owned Affiliates in Florida, there are more than 40 Israeli companies, operating at approximately 70 individual business locations in Florida.

Select Israel Owned Companies with Operations in Florida

Israeli Parent Company	Florida Subsidiary Company
ADAMA Agricultural Solutions Ltd. (Agriculture)	ADAMA Americas, Inc.
Bank Hapoalim (Financial Services)	Bank Hapoalim
Bank Leumi Le Israel BM (Financial Services)	Bank Leumi USA, Inc.
Bank Discount (Financial Services)	Israel Discount Bank
El Al Israel Airlines Ltd. (Air Travel)	El Al Israel Airlines
Elbit Systems Ltd. (Aerospace/ Defense)	Elbit Systems of America, Inc.
Frutarom Industries Ltd. (Production and Distribution)	CitraSource
Hazera Genetics Ltd. (Agriculture)	Hazera Seeds USA, Inc.
INSIGHTEC Ltd (Medical Devices)	Insightec, Inc.
Memic (Medical Devices)	Memic Innovative Surgery Ltd
Rafael Advanced Defense Systems (Defense)	C4 Advanced Tactical Systems LLC
SimiGon Ltd (Aviation)	Simigon, Inc.
Tabit (Software)	Tabit Technologies Inc.
Wix.com Ltd (Software)	Wix.com Ltd
ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd. (Logistics)	Zim American Integrated Shipping Services Co. LLC

Florida Companies in Israel

Florida-headquartered companies in a variety of industry sectors have operation in Israel, including these well-known corporations:

- Airspan Networks, Inc (Communications)
- Amadeus North America (Travel)
- Arthur Murray International, Inc (Leisure)
- Duty Free Americas, Inc (Retail)
- GAMA Business Travel (Travel)
- Greenberg Traurig, LLP (Law)
- Hertz Global Holdings (Car/Equip. Rental)
- Jabil Inc (Manufacturing)
- Kaplan, Inc (Educational Services)
- Lee Hecht Harrison LLC (Professional Services)
- Medsim Inc (Medical Device)

Israeli Government & Business Associations in Florida

- [Consulate General of Israel in Miami](#)

Cultural Linkages

- Cocoa - Sister City agreement with Beit Shemesh, Israel
- Deerfield Beach - Sister City agreement with Akko, Israel
- Fort Lauderdale - Sister City agreement with Haifa, Israel
- Gainesville - Sister City agreement with Kfar Saba, Israel
- Hollywood - Sister City agreement with Herzliya, Israel
- Miami - Emeritus Status Sister City agreement with Ramat-Hasharon, Israel
- Miami Beach - Sister City agreements with Nahariya and Ramat Gan, Israel
- North Miami Beach - Sister City agreement with Migdal, Israel
- Sarasota - Sister City agreement with Tel Mond, Israel
- Sunny Isles Beach - Sister City agreement with Netanya, Israel
- Tallahassee - Sister City agreement with Ramat-Hasharon, Israel
- Tampa - Sister City agreement with Ashdod, Israel
- West Palm Beach - Sister City agreement with Tzahar Region, Israel

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