



ISRAEL

REPAIRING THE WORLD

RABBI STEPHEN WISE

NEW Resource! Available May 2012! ISRAEL – Repairing the World



Ma tovu ohalekha Ya'akov, mishk'notekha Yisra'el.

— How lovely are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel! —

Just as true in present times, as it was in biblical times, perhaps even more so, it is hard to look at Israel without the feelings of awe over its many accomplishments in fields as diverse as agriculture, education, medicine, science, and technology. Despite its many enemies and its small size, Israel's creative energy makes a huge contribution to the global marketplace and quality of life worldwide.

Rabbi Wise's superbly written and attractively illustrated book shows why Israel ought to serve as an example to us all. Written for young readers, the subject matter is explained in simple, easy to understand language – despite its scientific complexity – supported by many colourful photographs.

The content of this resource was specifically chosen and constructed to affirm in Jewish youth a sense of pride of Israel and to also serve as an ambassador for Israel's uniqueness and role as a benefactor to non-Jewish communities throughout the world. With constant focus on tying the subject to the larger world, *ISRAEL – Repairing the World* can help students gain a complete understanding of the importance of Israel's achievements around the globe.

The book is meant to provide a great source for recreational reading, as well as short research assignments, discussions, and sharing.

"Israel stands at the center of Jewish life, and promoting the love of Israel – state, land, and people – is a sacred Jewish task. No book that I have ever seen is better than this one at conveying to children and young people why Israel is such an exciting, wondrous, and special place."

— Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President Emeritus, Union for Reform Judaism



LET'S HELP OPEN OUR CHILDREN'S EYES

to the fascinating country of Israel and its many contributions to the global marketplace and quality of life worldwide.



Reading Level: Gr. 4

Interest Level: Gr. 3-7

32 pages, 8.5 x 11 in

Full colour photographs and maps

Glossary and Index

✡ Written for young readers, the subject matter is explained in simple, easy-to-understand language. The book provides an abundance of informative and interesting information on Israel's land, history, breakthrough discoveries and inventions in medicine, computer technology, telecommunications, agriculture, the harnessing of solar energy, and more. Other sections of the book describe Israel's achievements in space research, in protecting its unique environment, and in providing humanitarian aid to people in need around the world. Young readers will also learn about the rich Israeli culture and popular tourist destinations Israel has to offer.

✡ The text of the book is accessible for younger readers with bold words either explained in the text or defined in the glossary.

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

Teacher's Manual that includes:

- Lesson Plans and Activity Masters
- Suggested Classroom Activities
- Differentiated Teaching Tips
- Student's Quiz – available at www.ma-tovu.ca

Rabbi Stephen Wise is the spiritual leader of Shaarei-Beth El Congregation of Oakville, Ontario. Rabbi Wise is excited to be part of a congregation as diverse, storied, and unique as SBE: leading meaningful worship experiences for all, teaching thought-provoking courses for adults and children, providing inspiring programming and being a catalyst for social activism.

Before joining SBE, Rabbi Wise spent two years as the assistant Rabbi at Temple Beth El in Boca Raton, Florida. Rabbi Wise was ordained by the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in May of 2005, and has a BA from the University of Toronto and an MA from Brandeis University.

Rabbi Wise sits on the council of the Reform Rabbis of Greater Toronto and is part of the Conference of North American Rabbi's prayerbook committee. Locally, Rabbi Wise is the chair of the Interfaith Council of Halton, and a member of the Halton Police Service multi-faith taskforce.

Rabbi Wise and his wife Cheryl, the director of education at SBE, have three young children, Jacob, Talia and Alexa.



"Rabbi Stephen Wise's *Israel – Repairing the World* ... eye-catching, easy-to-read descriptions of Israel's modern-day accomplishments contain a treasure trove of information accessible to young and old alike. Full of interesting facts on a wide range of subjects, *Israel – Repairing the World* will appeal to those with a wide knowledge of Israel, as well as those discovering Israel for the first time. Rabbi Wise provides readers with a tantalizing overview, which will no doubt inspire them to continue their research.

— Amir R. Gissin, Consul General of Israel in Toronto

ISRAEL – Repairing the World by Rabbi Stephen Wise



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