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Greetings,

Following the MoU between Israel and the United States government regarding a VWP, please see a number of updates on the matter, following the meetings held between the parties.

- A. As of August 2024, anyone travel to Israel must have a valid visa or ETA-IL approval before they start their journey to Israel.
- B. All visitors from visa-exempt countries can apply for traveling through the ETA-IL system. Those who are eligible will be able to travel to Israel, and stay for up to 90 days or less upon receipt of approval to enter.
- C. ETA-IL approval will remain valid for up to 2 years, or until your current passport expires – whichever comes first. This means that as long as you received an ETA-IL authorization to travel, you do not have to reapply during the validity period.
- D. If you obtain a new passport or change your name, sex or country of citizenship, you will be required to apply for a new travel authorization.
- E. An ETA-IL will costs NIS 25
- F. American-Palestinian US citizens:
  - Entry of American-Palestinian US citizens to Israel through international crossings will follow the standard entry procedures for all international travelers who are exempt from obtaining a visa in advance. This means that they will need to obtain an ETA-IL authorization prior to their trip, and then receive a B2 permit upon arrival at the border crossing.
  - Transit of American-Palestinian US citizens from Judea and Samaria to Israel via crossings will need to obtain prior approval through two systems:  
MAROM system: This system will issue a permit to arrive at the crossing (PIBA).  
Al-Munassiq system: This system will issue a permit equivalent to a B2 permit for a period of 90 days (COGAT).
- G. In order to assist applicants, a service center will be available to those who encounter technical problems or other substantive issues.  
This is the contact address for the service center – [eta@piba.gov.il](mailto:eta@piba.gov.il)



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- H. The ETA-IL system will enter the pilot phase on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. During the pilot period, only citizens of U.S. and Germany will be able to fill out an application form for travel to Israel. Other nationalities cannot and do not need to apply yet. The system will open to apply for all other nationalities on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, and a traveler will not be able to arrive without an ETA-IL approval as of August 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. Also, during the pilot period the application will be free of charge.
- I. The purpose of the pilot is to run the system and examine the process of submitting the application before the mandatory obligation to submit the application. During this period the request will be voluntary only for visitors who are interested in it from the countries participating in the pilot.

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