



## GEORGIA - ISRAEL COUNTRY CONNECTION

### Government and Commerce

With a consular presence in Georgia since 1956, Atlanta is home to the Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast. Anat Sultan-Dadon has served as Consul General since July 2019.

The state of Georgia has had representation in Israel since 1994. Sima Amir serves as Managing Director of the state's office in Israel, leading the economic development efforts in the market.

Conexx: America Israel Business Connector was established in 1992 as the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce to help Israeli and Southeastern businesses explore new markets and develop business relations. The chamber is headquartered in Atlanta.

In January 2018, Commissioner Pat Wilson led an economic and trade delegation to Israel, attending the 2018 Cybertech cybersecurity conference.

Governor Kemp led an economic development mission to Israel in June of 2023.

Georgia and Israel have two sister-city agreements: Atlanta – Ra'anana and Sandy Springs – Western Galilee.

The Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) is a joint public safety partnership project that facilitates inter-agency cooperation and training between state of Georgia law enforcement agencies and the police force of the state of Israel. This partnership has been in place since 1992.

### Academics

In the Fall semester of 2024, 77 Israeli students will be enrolled in USG schools.

The University System of Georgia (USG) offers three study abroad programs to Israel in business and dance.

Emory University provides exchange programs with Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

### Arts, Culture and Tourism

In 2023, 3,800 Israeli visitors spent \$5.4 million in the state of Georgia.

Atlanta is home to the largest Jewish Film Festival in the world. The 23-day festival features contemporary and classic independent Jewish films from around the world.

Since 2009, the Atlanta Jewish Music Festival has expanded into a year-round producer of more than 60 diverse Jewish music experiences annually, often featuring Israeli traditional and contemporary musicians.

Emory University's Schwartz Center for Performing Arts featured a Festival of Contemporary Dance and Theater from Israel as part of its 2016-2017 season.

The Atlanta Opera's General and Artistic Director, Tomer Zvulun, is an Israeli citizen.

The Hambridge Center for Creative Arts and Sciences had one Nonfiction Writing Fellow in 2015 hailing from Israel.

### International Trade

**EXPORTS:** In 2023, Georgia exports to Israel totaled \$384 million. Israel is the 29th largest export market for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to Israel include turbojets, motor vehicles, civilian aircrafts, polymers of vinyl chloride, and polymers of ethylene.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Israel: turbojets, polymers of vinyl chloride, kraft paper, and chemical wood pulp.

**IMPORTS:** In 2023, Georgia imports from Israel totaled \$687 million. Israel ranks 27th among Georgia's importer nations.

Top imports from Israel to Georgia include plastics, centrifuges, medical instruments, and turbojets.

### Capital Investment

There are at least **6** Georgia companies with operations in Israel, including but not limited to:

- Arris Group
- Delta Air Lines
- McClarens
- PrimeGlobal
- Travelport

There are at least 40 Israeli facilities operating in Georgia. These Israeli-affiliated companies employ more than 2,100 Georgians. In February 2015, Caesarstone, an Israeli manufacturer of high-quality engineered quartz surfaces, announced an expansion in Bryan County that created more than 130 jobs for Georgians.

### Transportation

Delta Air Lines offers multiple daily one-stop flights from Atlanta to Tel Aviv via New York, Paris, and Amsterdam.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) has an established relationship with Israel. The Port of Savannah offers direct weekly container ship service to the ports of Ashdod and Haifa.

### About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects. For more information, visit [www.georgia.org](http://www.georgia.org).

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