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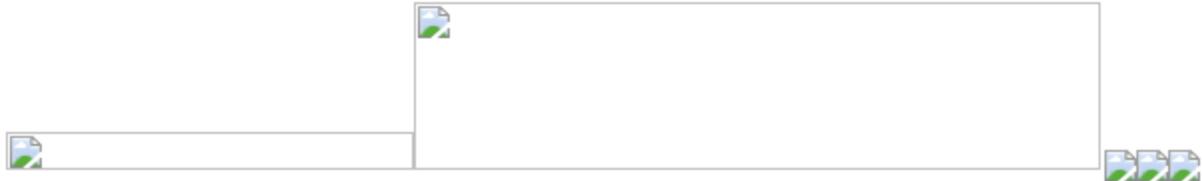
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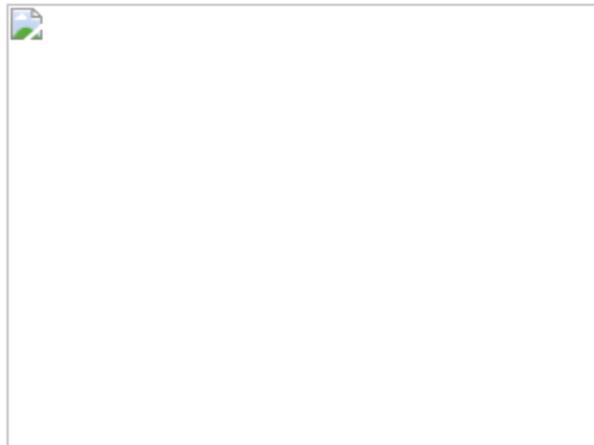
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*The Iranian nuclear program's heavy water reactor near Arak.*

## US and Israel now agree on opposing Iran deal, but remain unsure how to fix it

**By Yaakov Lappin/JNS.org**

Before being elected last November, President Donald Trump described the Iran nuclear agreement as “the worst deal ever negotiated” and said he would act to dismantle it. This position echoes the frequent comments on the deal by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Yet it remains far from clear whether the defense establishments of Israel and the U.S. would like to see the nuclear deal canceled, despite the deep misgivings and concerns they both hold about the accord. Prof. Eytan Gilboa, an expert on U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and the founding director of the School of Communication at Israel’s Bar-Ilan University, said there is wide agreement across the Trump administration that the nuclear deal is insufficient, yet it also “remains unclear how Trump and the Pentagon wish to fix its shortcomings....In Israel too, there is an agreement that the deal is not good, but there are disagreements over how bad it is, and what can be

done to address its faults.”

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## At last, a real threat

By Ben Cohen/JNS.org

It might sound perverse to say it, but Iran's recent ballistic missile test was welcome in one important sense, writes JNS.org columnist Ben Cohen. Away from the fervid rhetoric and intellectually insulting spin on all sides that has accompanied President Donald Trump's first steps into the world of governing, Iran represents a marked contrast when it comes to the clarity of the challenge it poses. By any standard, Iran's regime stands out as a clear and present threat to the Western world. And even as we agonize over what is to become of that world, we need to recognize that the primary goal is to save it. After years of denying the true nature of the Iranian threat, the American public is again in a position to understand its potency, writes Cohen.

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*An Iranian ballistic missile test in October 2015.*

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## More than 70 evangelical leaders express support for Trump's Israel ambassador

*(JNS.org)* Following a high-profile meeting with David Friedman, President Donald Trump's choice for U.S. ambassador to Israel, a group of more than 70 evangelical Christian leaders has issued a joint letter to the president expressing their enthusiastic support for Friedman's candidacy.

In the letter, the group expressed confidence that Trump “wisely selected a fellow man of faith, character and principle to represent our country’s interests in Israel.” Friedman, a bankruptcy lawyer, advised Trump on Israel-related issues during his 2016 presidential campaign.

The pro-Israel leaders who convened at the meeting represented millions of Christians around the world, including more than 100 million Hispanic evangelicals in more than 40,000 U.S.-based churches and an additional 500,000 congregations globally.

Regarding Friedman’s candidacy, Joseph Sabag, U.S. national director for the Israel Allies Foundation, stated, “While Mr. Friedman is someone we have known and trusted, our meeting today only strengthened our support...Mr. Friedman and President Trump represent a vast upgrade in our nation’s support for Israel, and that’s something all Americans should applaud and especially evangelical Christians.”

In addition to supporting Friedman as the U.S. ambassador to Israel, the evangelical leaders’ letter expressed unanimous support for relocating the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.



*U.S.  
Ambassador  
to Israel-  
designate  
David  
Friedman.*

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