



U.S. EMBASSY - JERUSALEM

For 3,500 years, Jerusalem has been the epicenter of the Jewish people. Since Israel's modern independence in 1948, the holy city has served as the Jewish state's capital, but was divided until its liberation and reunification in 1967. For decades, the United States refused to recognize the fact that Jerusalem is Israel's eternal capital. In 1995, Congress passed and the President signed the Jerusalem Embassy Act which recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital and called for the US Embassy in Israel to be moved there. But the law included a waiver, invoked by every president since the bill's passage, which enabled the application of the law to be delayed. For years, every president would sign that waiver every six months, delaying implementation of the law for more than two decades.

President Trump promised during his campaign to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and when the President took office, CUFI made the realization of this promise a top priority. 135,000 CUFI members emailed the White House asking the President to keep his pledge, and in the late summer of 2017, CUFI founder and Chairman Pastor John Hagee privately met with the President. During the meeting, the President assured Pastor Hagee that his promise on Jerusalem would be kept despite the effort by foreign policy elites to convince President Trump not to recognize Jerusalem.

In December of 2017 President Donald Trump formally recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Then in May of 2018, the US Embassy in Jerusalem was opened. In recognition of CUFI's integral role in the effort to advance this policy, Pastor Hagee was invited to give the benediction at Embassy's opening ceremony.

