

Israel in the World – Changing Lives Through Innovation by Helen Davis and  
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At a time when news from the Middle East is usually about bloodshed and political upheaval, and when the State of Israel is a convenient whipping boy for wrongs that are nothing whatever to do with it, *Israel in the World* comes as a timely reminder that behind the negativity Israel is a dynamic place full of creative people whose work and discoveries are not only changing Israeli society and the life of individual Israelis but making a huge contribution to the world at large.

This book is a tribute to that creativity as well as an excellent description of it. The authors focus on five main areas, Medicine, Science and Technology, Agriculture, Society and Outreach. Each section is then subdivided into a number of short chapters looking at specific examples in the field under consideration. It is clear with each turn of the page that for a small country the output and quality of research in Israel is almost beyond belief, and that her scientists and innovators are lauded by fair-minded people the world over.

Perhaps the final section, that on Outreach, is the most moving and inspiring of all as it considers the role Israel has played and continues to play in the world at large, assisting other nations in times of crisis and offering its know how and skills wherever they are needed.

*Israel in the World* is a wonderful reflection of all that is great about Israel and an eloquent rebuttal of those whose negativity is motivated by bias and hatred.

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