12/2023 - IRGC commander Razi Moussavi
1/2024 - five more IRGC members were killed in Damascus.
4/1/24 - Israel airstrike on Iranian consulate in Damascus kills IRGC commander Mohammad Reza Zahedi high alert at all Israeli \& US embassies \& consulates

4/2/24 - seven international aid workers from the World Central Kitchen (WCK) were killed in an Israeli airstrike

4/2/24 - PA submits request to UNSC for Palestine full member status
4/5/24 - Quds day in Iran - marks Israel's destruction as a cornerstone of the Islamic Republic's foreign policy


4/7/24 - IDF withdraws almost all forces from southern Gaza \& Khan Younis. One brigade remains in Central Gaza. Erez crossing opens at north border

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## Israel 2023

- Population 9,842,000 - 7,208,000 Jews

> - 2,080,000 Arabs

- $\sim 45,500$ olim $-\left(3 / 4\right.$ from Russia \& Ukraine) 6,000 since Oct $7^{\text {th }}$
- 3,000,000 tourists - until O

World Jewish Population 2023-16.7 million<br>Israel - 7.2 million<br>US - 6.3 million<br>France, Canada, UK - less than 500,000 each



Half Shekel Coin
This half-shekel is an offering to the LORD - Ex 30:13



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Byzantine weights


Dome of the Rock Floor Plan



## Peter's house

Capernaum

$1^{\text {st }}$ century Stone Box



Tzitzit (tassels)
Tekhelet (blue dye)
"And you shall make a dividing curtain of blue (tekhelet), purple (argaman), and crimson wool, and twisted fine linen; the work of a master weaver he shall make it, in a [woven] cherubim design" (Exodus 26:30-31).
"you are to make tassels (tzitzit) on the corners of your nts, with a blue (tekhelet) cord on each You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the Lord" (Numbers 15:38-39)

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\begin{array}{r}
\text { Tzitzit }=600 \\
\text { Strings }=8 \\
\text { Knots }=5
\end{array}
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Total $=613$ mitzvot


Siloam Steps


