

10 Fun Facts about Israel

- 1 It's about the same size as Massachusetts.
- 2 The cell phone, voicemail and Xbox Kinect were all invented there.
- 3 It's the only country in the Middle East that allows Jews, Christians and Muslims to vote.
- 4 In 1952, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion asked Albert Einstein to accept the presidency.
- 5 The glue on the back of Israeli stamps is kosher.
- 6 The national colors are white and light blue.
- 7 The two most common last names in Israel are Levi and Cohen.
- 8 The Dead Sea in Israel is the lowest point on earth, at 1,315 feet below sea level.
- 9 The country has three official languages: Hebrew, English and Arabic.
- 10 Many bus stops in busy areas have *tzedakah* (charity) boxes.



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