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Editorials, Op. Eds. and Analysis

Publication	Headline	Journalist	Topic
<i>The Washington Post</i>	<u>Trump's Israeli ambassador pick could have dangerous consequences</u> A shake-up in the high-tension Middle East could have unexpected and unwanted fallout.	EDITORIAL	US-Israel relations
<i>The Washington Post</i>	<u>Trump's choice for Israeli ambassador is a danger to American lives</u> David Friedman is a zealot with a political potty mouth and an unsound mind.	RICHARD COHEN	US-Israel relations
<i>The Washington Post</i>	<u>Trump's nominee for ambassador to Israel is unfit to serve</u> David Friedman treats people in a way that's anathema to democratic values.	JEREMY BEN-AMI	US-Israel relations
<i>The Washington Post</i>	<u>Want to fight boycotts of Israel? Boycott West Bank settlements instead.</u> A targeted boycott helps show solidarity with Palestinians and with the Israeli left, unlike BDS.	NATHAN HERSH	BDS, settlements
<i>The Washington Times</i>	<u>A new path to peace in the Middle East?</u> Training young Israeli and Arab leaders together shatters the Cold War mentality	CHARLES C. KRULAK	Peace process, education
<i>Huffington Post</i>	<u>An Open Letter To President Obama: Decision Time For Israeli-Palestinian Peace</u>	RALPH NADER	Peace process, US Middle East policy
<i>Huffington Post</i>	<u>I Oppose Trump's Nomination For Ambassador To Israel And I Am Not a 'Kapo'</u>	ALAN SINGER	US-Israel relations

<i>The Wall Street Journal</i>	Why Diplomats Are Agog at Trump's Ambassador to Israel The foreign service resents any outsiders who leapfrog to the top—no matter their skills and qualifications.	VIVIAN BERCOVICI	US-Israel relations
<i>Newsweek</i>	Friedman Is The Right U.S. Ambassador for Israel Friedman's experience with Israel gives him better insights than the average diplomat has.	ELLIOTT ABRAMS	US-Israel relations
<i>Newsweek</i>	Transition in Washington: An Opportunity For An Israeli Reset Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu must seize this moment in order to enhance Israel's security and strategic interests.	NIMROD NOVIK	US-Israel relations
<i>The Atlantic</i>	Divergence Grows in the America-Israel Relationship Could Trump reverse it?	SHALOM LIPNER	US-Israel relations
<i>The Atlantic</i>	What His Pick for Ambassador to Israel Reveals About Trump David Friedman is the president-elect's latest high-level appointee with little substantive experience, but who looks like the kind of person who might possess it.	PETER BEINART	US-Israel relations

The Americas

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<i>Village Voice</i> (NYC)	New York's Pro-Israel Blacklist	AVIVA STAHL	Attitudes toward Israel in the US, BDS
<i>The Wall Street Journal</i>	Diamond Magnate Beny Steinmetz Arrested in Guinea Bribery Case His firm, BSGR, calls corruption allegations 'baseless'	SCOTT PATTERSON AND RORY JONES	Crime
<i>Bloomberg</i>	Billionaire Steinmetz Put Under House Arrest on Bribe Suspicion Steinmetz has been barred from leaving Israel for 180 days. Israeli Steinmetz's BSGR has always rejected bribery claims	JESSE RISEBOROUGH, THOMAS BIESHEUVEL AND FRANZ WILD	Crime
<i>CBN</i>	That Time Donald Trump Donated \$10,000 to Jewish Settlement	JOHN WAAGE	US-Israel relations

<i>Defense News</i>	US Representatives To Remain in Israel In Support of New F-35s	BARBARA OPALL-ROME	F-35s
<i>Newsweek</i>	Tunisia: Hamas Drone Expert Has Been Assassinated By 'Foreign Elements' Hamas has blamed Israel for the killing of Tunisian engineer Mohamed Zaouari.	JACK MOORE	Palestinian terrorism, Hamas

Europe and Australia

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<i>Financial Times</i>	Beny Steinmetz arrested in Israel in bribery probe Israeli billionaire detained in case involving African mining rights	JOHN REED, TOM BURGIS AND NEIL HUME	Crime
<i>The Economist</i>	Donald's daring diplomacy: Moving America's embassy to Jerusalem Death-knell or defibrillator for the peace process?	N/A	US-Israel relations, Jerusalem
<i>International Business Times</i> (UK edition)	Billionaire businessman Beny Steinmetz arrested in Israel over Guinea bribery claims Steinmetz accused of paying bribes to secure \$160m deal for iron ore mining rights in Guinea.	LUDOVICA IACCINO	Crime
<i>The Guardian</i>	Israeli tycoon Beny Steinmetz arrested over Guinea bribery claims Steinmetz alleged to have arranged bribes so his company could secure iron ore rights in poor west African country	IAN COBAIN AND PETER BEAUMONT	Crime
<i>The Daily Telegraph</i>	Israel's deal with West Bank settlers seeks to avert clashes at illegal site	RAF SANCHEZ	Settlements
<i>The Irish Times</i>	'Destruction of the peace process' if US moves embassy to Jerusalem Donald Trump pick for ambassador to Israel a strong supporter of West Bank settlements	MARK WEISS	US-Israel relations
<i>Cyprus Mail</i>	Israel poised to start drilling in Leviathan	ELIAS HAZOU	Natural gas, Cyprus
<i>Anadolu Agency</i>	World condemns assassination of Russian envoy to Turkey "... 'The Embassy of Israel in Turkey is shocked and saddened by the horrible assassination of a colleague, ambassador Andrey Karlov,' Israel's embassy in Ankara said as it conveyed its condolences to Karlov's family and the Russian people..."	SATUK BUĞRA KUTLUGÜN,DIYAR GÜLDOĞAN,MICHAEL HERNANDEZ,AHMET GÜRHAN KARTAL,AYŞE HÜMEYRA ATILGAN AND TALHA ÖZTÜRK	Turkey

Wire Services

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<i>AFP</i>	<u>Israeli politics rocked by 40 families on a hilltop</u>	MIKE SMITH	Settlements, politics
<i>AFP</i>	<u>Murder of Tunisian engineer planned abroad: minister</u>	N/A	Palestinian terrorism, Hamas
<i>AFP</i>	<u>UN appeals for \$547 million in aid for Palestinians</u>	N/A	UN
<i>AP</i>	<u>Israeli police arrest tycoon suspected of bribery in Guinea</u>	DANIEL ESTRIN	Crime
<i>AP</i>	<p><u>Survey: Israelis increasingly losing faith in government</u></p> <p>"... 'Israelis are shifting away from the cosmopolitan point of view to a more communitarian, nationalistic, ethnic, religious point of view, much like is happening in other countries,' said [Tamar] Hermann..."</p>	JOSEF FEDERMAN	IDI Report
<i>Reuters</i>	<u>Cracks deepen in Palestinian politics as Abbas clamps down</u>	NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI	Palestinian politics
<i>Reuters</i>	<u>Billionaire Steinmetz under Israel house arrest in Guinea bribery inquiry</u>	TOVA COHEN AND BARBARA LEWIS	Crime
<i>Reuters</i>	<u>Tunisia says initial evidence shows foreign organization may be behind Hamas assassination</u>	TAREK AMARA AND PATRICK MARKEY	Palestinian terrorism, Hamas
<i>Reuters</i>	<u>Israel's BrainStorm to begin advanced trial for ALS stem cell treatment</u>	TOVA COHEN	Health
<i>Xinhua</i>	<u>Israeli diamond tycoon arrested over bribery allegations in Africa</u>	N/A	Crime
<i>Xinhua</i>	<u>Israeli court jails Palestinian girl over alleged stabbing attempt</u>	N/A	Palestinian terrorism
<i>Xinhua</i>	<u>Palestinians seek donation to attend humanitarian needs</u>	N/A	Palestinian Authority
<i>Xinhua</i>	<u>Israeli troops raid illegal weapon warehouse in West Bank</u>	N/A	Palestinian terrorism

<i>Xinhua</i>	Israeli army demolishes Hamas post in Gaza to revenge gunshots	N/A	Gaza, IDF
<i>Xinhua</i>	Israel's former rapist president paroled after five years in jail	N/A	Crime
<i>Xinhua</i>	We cannot accept status quo because it destroys two state solution: Palestinian PM	N/A	Peace process

Asia and Africa

General Articles

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<i>The Times of India</i>	Israeli singer Limor Ballas: Language not a barrier for Indians, they understand emotions	RIYA SHARMAL	The arts, India

Middle East

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<i>The New Arab</i> (Al Araby Al Jadeed)	Abbas must iron out tensions at home and abroad Abbas must do all he can to smooth out relations between Ramallah and various Arab capitals ahead of the Paris conference this week	DAOUD KUTTAB	Palestinian politics

General Articles

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<i>Al Jazeera</i>	The history of Hezbollah, from Israel to Syria Despite faltering popularity abroad, Hezbollah enjoys extensive political power at home in Lebanon.	ZOE HU	Hezbollah, Lebanon
<i>Al Ahram</i>	Egypt's President Sisi meets delegation from American-Jewish Committee	AHRAM ONLINE	Egypt-Israel relations

The World Jewish Press

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<i>Forward</i> (NYC)	<u>When It Comes to New Israel Envoy David Friedman, Bibi Should Be Careful What He Wishes For</u>	JANE EISNER	US-Israel relations
<i>The Atlanta Jewish Times</i>	<u>Trump's First Steps on Israel, Palestinians</u>	MITCHELL KAYE	US-Israel relations
<i>The Jewish Chronicle</i> (UK)	<u>Trump's pick of a pro-settler envoy is about cronyism, not policy</u> The next administration's foreign policy will be decided in Washington by the new president and his chief advisers, not his Israel ambassador	ANSHEL PFEFFER	US-Israel relations

General Articles

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<i>JTA</i>	<u>Trump's Israel envoy pick shakes up American Jewish status quo</u>	RON KAMPEAS	US-Israel relations
<i>JTA</i>	<u>How the Israeli army wages war on waistlines</u>	ANDREW TOBIN	IDF, health
<i>JNS</i>	<u>Amona residents accept compromise as 'rule of law' prevails in Israeli settlement dispute</u>	ALEX TRAIMAN	Settlements
<i>Forward</i> (NYC)	<u>David Friedman Does More Than Write for Far-Right News Site</u>	JOSH NATHAN-KAZIS	US-Israel relations
<i>Forward</i> (NYC)	<u>Chuck Schumer Not Taking Sides on David Friedman as Ambassador to Israel</u>	NATHAN GUTTMAN	US-Israel relations
<i>Forward</i> (NYC)	<u>Amona Settlers Who Flouted Law Get \$35M Windfall From Israel</u>	NAOMI ZEVELOFF	Settlements
<i>Forward</i> (NYC)	<u>JNF Fundraises on Outdated Pledge to 'Replant' After Fires</u>	NAOMI ZEVELOFF	Fires, JNF

<i>Cleveland Jewish News</i>	<u>Ohio 14th state to pass anti-BDS bill</u>	AMANDA KOEHN	Attitudes toward Israel in the US, BDS
<i>The Canadian Jewish News</i>	<u>Did Ontario's anti-BDS motion go far enough?</u>	RON CSILLAG	Attitudes toward Israel in Canada, BDS

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