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**Machon Puah for Fertility and
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YOM HA'ATZMAUT



The Jewish Nation Comes Home

The celebration of Yom Haatzmaut, Israel Independence Day, is multifaceted and is understood by many different people and different communities in different ways. Some see it as a religious holiday that warrants reciting Hallel, while others see it as a secular celebration.

In essence, beyond the establishment of the State of Israel, the day represents the Jewish people's return to the world's stage, a return to being full players in the course of history. Until the establishment of the State of Israel the Jews and the Jewish people were despised and degraded, insignificant as an ethnic people and, at the most, cogs in the gears of world history, but never active contributors. There were individual Jews who made great and significant impact on society, but the Jewish people as an entity was unable to do so.

Only when we returned home and rebuilt our national home were we able to contribute to the world as a people.

Rabbi Kook once told Meir Dizengoff, the first mayor of Tel Aviv, that he had a great responsibility as the first mayor of an entirely Jewish city. He was to show the world how to create a perfect town and this would influence other cities. People are influenced by people, cities are inspired by other cities, nations are motivated by nations.

And so Yom Haatzmaut is an opportunity to look at how the State of Israel has enabled the Jewish People to become a light unto the other nations. We are very used to looking at the problems of our State and our place in the world, it is important to invest time in looking at our successes.

The State of Israel is considered one of the most important and significant centers of medical expertise and, especially, fertility treatment in the world. Doctors and medical experts worldwide come to visit Israel and see the advances in fertility treatment. Israeli experts are sought out lecturers and appear in international conferences. Couples come to Israel for fertility treatment from all over the world seeking the best treatments.

This expertise, dedication and passion for medicine and solving the challenges of fertility problems are part of the Jewish people's return to the world's stage. No

longer is being a Jew and being part of the Jewish nation an embarrassment or a source of derision. We are proud to be Jewish and proud to be part of the Jewish people. This is what we have to celebrate on Yom Haatzmaut. ■

The Puah Institute is based in Jerusalem and helps couples from all over the world who are experiencing fertility problems. Offices in Jerusalem, New York, Los Angeles & Paris. Contact (Isr) 02-651-5050 (US) 718-336-0603 www.puahonline.org

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