

## Asset Test 2021:

### How the U.S. Can Keep Benefiting from Its Alliance with Israel

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In the fifth in a series of TRANSITION 2021 memos examining the Middle East and North Africa, Michael Eisenstadt and David Pollock assess the multifaceted strengths of the U.S.-Israel partnership and its prospects for growth under the Biden administration. Areas for especially timely cooperation include climate resilience, agtech, and medical research, as well as longstanding work in the military and security arenas. Israel's recent normalization deals with several Arab states only further widen the horizon.

"Israel is a world-class innovator in technologies that will be critical to meeting future challenges, including artificial intelligence, information technology, and cybersecurity; sustainable water, food, and energy solutions; and high-tech medicine," explain the authors. "All these areas are supportive of America's foreign policy priorities."

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