

This is the season to celebrate the joyous, meaningful holidays of Christmas and Hanukkah. Throughout Israel, Hanukkah lamps will burn brightly for eight days. None will burn brighter than the one on our cover, atop the Azrieli Center skyscraper complex in Tel Aviv. It beams its magnificent holiday light across the Ayalon River and Ayalon Highway. Completed in 1999, the center's three towers house a convention center, amphitheater, enormous shopping mall, and more. The circular tower has 49 stories and is the second tallest building in Israel. The complex is another testimony to Israel's ability to reclaim the land: It was built on a former parking lot for garbage trucks (Tal Paz-Fridman/Israelimages).

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