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It's time to celebrate Israel's 65th birthday! Our cover gives you a glimpse of what God has accomplished on a tiny sliver of land that used to be barren and barely habitable. Clockwise from top left: a prototype of a new nano spaceship designed to launch an Israeli robotic craft to land on the moon (Ilia Yefimovich/Getty Images), a sign for the Israeli stock exchange outside its headquarters in Tel Aviv (Ariel Jerozolinski/Bloomberg via Getty Images), beautiful gerberas blooming at a greenhouse in Kfar-Hess in central Israel (Yehuda Raizner/AFP/Getty Images), and an Israeli worker collecting crates of merlot grapes during the harvest at a kibbutz in the Judean hills (David Silverman/Getty Images). God truly has made the desert bloom for His people. To the only democracy in the Middle East, we say, "Congratulations, God bless you, and happy birthday."

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