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To provide for the inclusion of Israel in the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HONDA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GRIMM, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. ELLMERS, Ms. CHU, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. HOLT, Ms. HAHN, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. LANCE, Mr. HANNA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. STOCKMAN, and Mr. SCHNEIDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Visa Waiver for Israel
3 Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. ISRAEL DESIGNATED AS A PROGRAM COUNTRY FOR**
5 **VISA WAIVER PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date described
7 in subsection (c), Israel shall be deemed a program coun-
8 try for purposes of section 217 of the Immigration and
9 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187).

10 (b) EXEMPTION FROM APPLICATION OF CERTAIN
11 REQUIREMENTS.—In the case of Israel, section
12 217(c)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
13 U.S.C. 1187(c)(2)(A)) does not apply.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE; COMPLIANCE REQUIRE-
15 MENTS.—The date described in this subsection is the date
16 that the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation
17 with the Secretary of State, determines that Israel has
18 complied with the following:

19 (1) The government of Israel has entered into
20 an agreement with the Government of the United
21 States to report, or make available through Interpol
22 or other means as designated by the Secretary of
23 Homeland Security, to the United States Govern-
24 ment information about the theft or loss of pass-
25 ports within a strict time limit and in a manner
26 specified in the agreement.

1 (2) The government of Israel has entered into
2 an agreement with the Government of the United
3 States to share information regarding whether citi-
4 zens and nationals of Israel traveling to the United
5 States represent a threat to the security or welfare
6 of the United States.

7 (3) The government of Israel cooperates with
8 the Government of the United States on counterter-
9 rorism initiatives, information sharing, and pre-
10 venting terrorist travel, and the Secretary of Home-
11 land Security and the Secretary of State determine
12 that such cooperation will continue.

13 (4) The government of Israel issues all new and
14 reissued passports with biometric identifiers as de-
15 scribed in section 303 of the Enhanced Border Secu-
16 rity and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (8 U.S.C.
17 1732).

18 (5) The government of Israel has made every
19 reasonable effort, without jeopardizing the security
20 of the State of Israel, to ensure that reciprocal privi-
21 leges are extended to all United States citizens.

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