

Modern Israel Online Help

Modern Israel Online is an interactive tour of Israel set in a Google Earth environment. You can explore dozens of preselected links to experience the sights and sounds of modern Israel.

Keywords found on the pages of *Experience Modern Israel* guide you on your virtual tour. You can even create your own tour of Israel, label your favorite places, and share them with your classmates.

For an overview on using Modern Israel Online, open “How to Use Modern Israel Online,” or watch the short demo video, both of which you can find on the Welcome screen within Modern Israel Online, or at the website address shown in *Experience Modern Israel*.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do first?

Take a look at the Places panel at the left side of the screen. Under Modern Israel Online, you should see a folder labeled Welcome to Modern Israel Online. Expand the folder by clicking on the + sign to the left of the folder. This will reveal nine folders that correspond to each of the chapters in *Experience Modern Israel*. Choose a chapter folder, and click on the + sign to expand it and view the Placemarks within.

What’s a Placemark?

The items listed beside yellow pushpins in the Places panel are called Placemarks. Click on any Placemark name to open up that subject and reveal the content within. (Or double-click on the name to “fly” to the pushpin on the Google Earth map.)

Can I adjust the Panels view?

Yes, you can enlarge the Places panel by dragging the lower or right-hand borders of the panel, or even closing the Search panel or Layers panel. You can also hide the Panels entirely, by clicking on the Hide Sidebar icon at the top of the screen.

Can I adjust the Map view?

Yes, you can use the slider in the top right area of the map to zoom in on a location or back out again. In addition, you can add or remove place names, border labels, buildings, and roads by checking the boxes in the Layers panel.

Can I add my own Placemarks to Modern Israel Online?

Yes! First choose a location by clicking on the map or by typing a place name into the “Fly To” box in the Search panel. Then create your own Placemark by clicking on the yellow pushpin icon at the top of the screen. You can enter your own words into the Placemark box. Open the Help menu at the top of the Google Earth screen for more information.

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How do I save my changes?

Choose “Save” in the dialogue box when you exit the Google Earth application. This saves the current version of Modern Israel Online to your My Places folder (in the Places panel on the left side of the screen) within Google Earth. The next time you visit Modern Israel Online, simply click on the Google Earth icon on your computer, rather than the original kmz file.

What if I want to start over with the original kmz file?

When you close Google Earth, choose “Discard” unsaved items. This cleans out the My Places folder so you won’t see multiple versions of Modern Israel Online the next time you open the kmz file.

How do I share my changes?

Click on the envelope icon at the top of the Google Earth screen. You can choose to e-mail either a jpeg of the current view, or a snapshot of the current view as a Google Earth file, or a selected Placemark or entire folder of Placemarks. To select the folders or Placemarks to be shared, first add check marks beside the folder or Placemark names in the Places panel.

Help! Sometimes a Placemark doesn’t open when I click on it.

If a Placemark doesn’t open when you click on the Placemark name in the Places panel, try double-clicking on it to zoom all the way in on the pushpin on the map. Then click on the base of the pushpin to open the Placemark box.

Why am I seeing an older version (or more than one version) of Modern Israel Online?

Google Earth saves your work in My Places, unless you Discard it when you exit. To remove old places that you don’t want anymore, right-click on the folder in the My Places panel and choose “Delete”. Then open Modern Israel Online directly from the **.kmz** file for a clean start.

What do I do if a link isn’t fully working?

Some links may not fully open within Google Earth, depending on which web browser you use. If you click through to a link, but the web page you’ve accessed is not fully functional, try clicking on the button labeled “Open in (default browser name)” at the top right corner of your screen. This will open the web page in a separate window, where it should be fully functional.

Where can I get more help with using Google Earth features?

For further information on using the variety of interactive features in Google Earth, open the Help menu at the top of the Google Earth screen and choose Help Resources. Then click on “Take a feature tour of Google Earth” in the lower half of the screen.

Where can I get technical help with using Google Earth?

The Google Earth platform offers a rich experience for exploring modern Israel. There are some idiosyncrasies with the application, however. For technical help with using Google Earth, open the Help menu at the top of the Google Earth screen and choose Help Resources. Choose your topic from the “Need to fix a problem?” section.