

# Celebrating 70 extraordinary women of Israel

*Celebrating those who have made the Jewish state their home, giving of themselves and their diverse talents*

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Happy 70th Birthday Israel!

Our land of hopes and dreams, millennia of yearning and prayer, and salvation.

As we reach this incredible milestone, I'm forced to think about the generations that came before us, their want and need of safety, home, purpose, spirit, tradition, and family.

What causes someone to leave everything they have known before and take a chance? A chance of a fledgling country, on finding and fitting in somewhere new, or a start-up nation wonder while battling a totally different language, culture and fate than everything they have ever known before?

Courage, conviction, resolve, belief, and most importantly HOPE is what makes our journey possible. Hope that together we can build something better, provide a better future, help others, enhance lives, affect change.

I'm proud and honored to present 70 Extraordinary Women of Israel. Women who have chosen to make Israel their home and uplift all of us along their unique journeys.

### 23. Dr Karen Friedman



With a doctorate from Harvard University, Karen is a working psychologist and mother to eight. Karen is the founding director of Keren Gefen Mind/Body Fertility Organization and the Rimon Mind/Body Fertility Center at Hadassah Mount Scopus, which provide psychological and emotional support for fertility-challenged women in Israel at no, or minimal, cost. The Gefen Center is a beautiful space in the German Colony in Jerusalem, where fertility challenged women are nurtured and supported. The center serves as a teaching resource to share its unique vision and innovative programs with Jewish communities throughout the world.