

## Awaiting friend confirmation



Israel desires peace achieved through direct negotiations. Regardless of political party, Israeli leaders have consistently been willing to negotiate and make compromises on territory for peace. In 2000, Israel offered to withdraw from all of Gaza and up to 97 percent of the West Bank. In 2005, Israel unilaterally withdrew all its troops and Jewish families from the Gaza Strip, and in 2008 Israel offered roughly 98 percent of the West Bank as well as East Jerusalem for a future Palestinian capital. However, in all cases, Palestinian leadership has refused the gestures for peace.

*Peace requires two partners talking side by side.*

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