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Israel celebrated its 60th anniversary Thursday with much fanfare and jubilation as President Bush and over 700 world leaders arrived for what the nation boasted was a three day conference meant to address all the major challenges of the 21st century.

“We are a small land and a small people, but we can become a daring world laboratory, and that is our desire and plan,” boasted Israeli President Shimon Peres, according to The New York Times.

Of particular note during the anniversary of the State of Israel was the presence of evangelical Christians.

U.S. Evangelical Christians, who number about 80 million by most estimates, are known to be major backers of the Israeli state, funneling millions of dollars into the country every year. ...

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