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ISRAEL AT 70!

Pew Research center defines Baby Boomers as being born between 1946 and 1964. The “baby boomer” in question has ancestors going back thousands and thousands of years. The parents were born November 2, 1917 and were forced to learn English as their primary language, although they yearned to speak Hebrew. While in their 20s, the parents tried to expand their family and there was limited success as more and more family members joined them. Soon after, most of their relatives suffered tremendous and heartbreaking losses; however then more and more relatives joined them.

And finally, the “baby boomer” was born on May 14, 1948.

As a young child, the “boomer” suffered many conflicts among cousins, other relatives and strangers. In the teenage years, there were many attempts at reconciliation, but there were only quick solutions which resulted in continued conflict. At about age 25, and during the High Holy days, there was a major struggle that caused much damage to all involved. Yet, this was only one of several clashes.

Although some maturity came when the “baby boomer” was in its 30s and 40s, the remnants of past conflicts continued to return. Life was never easy.

While getting older and wiser, and attempting to settle into middle age, there were still rumblings about the past, but there was always hope for the future. When the “boomer” was in its 60s, there were times when matters seemed on their way to resolution; however, constant turmoil--both internal and external--threatened good health.

As in any life, there have been many times of anguish and many times of happiness. It has been a tremendous challenge to survive this long in what could be a hostile world. It has taken great perseverance, dedication, hard work, resilience and faith to come this far.

Happy 70th birthday Israel. Long may you continue to thrive.

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