



THE JERUSALEM UNION

A TWO-STATE UNION FOR A SHARED FUTURE

The Jerusalem Union offers a practical alternative to permanent separation or one-state domination: two sovereign states linked through shared institutions, an open economic space, and Jerusalem as their common federal capital. It combines national self-determination with the cooperation required by a deeply interconnected land.

CORE FRAMEWORK

1

Two sovereign states

Israel and Palestine remain independent states, based broadly on the pre-1967 lines with negotiated adjustments.

2

A permanent Union

The states share agreed economic, security, environmental, judicial, and representative institutions.

3

Jerusalem as a shared capital

Jerusalem becomes a federal district with Israeli, Palestinian, and shared boroughs, including a jointly administered Holy Basin.

4

Freedom of movement

Internal barriers are removed gradually as security cooperation grows, enabling access, residency, trade, and an integrated economy.

5

Autonomy with equal rights

Semi-autonomous districts protect local identity and representation while a Union constitution safeguards individual and collective rights.

ADDRESSING THE HARDEST ISSUES

Communities and borders

Avoid mass displacement: Jewish communities may remain in Palestine under Palestinian sovereignty and local autonomy, with reciprocal protections for Palestinian communities in Israel.

Refugees and residency

Create negotiated pathways for Palestinian return, compensation, and residency, balanced with immigration arrangements that preserve national self-determination in both states.

Security and reconciliation

Combine Israeli, Palestinian, and Union policing with agreed regional security guarantees, a bill of rights, and a truth and reconciliation process.

A PHASED PATH TO IMPLEMENTATION

STAGE 1

Recognition and guarantees

Mutual recognition, non-violence, democratic commitments, legal transition, and immediate security guarantees.

STAGE 2

Joint institutions

Launch economic, policing, development, and reconciliation bodies while borders become progressively more flexible.

STAGE 3

Permanent Union

Complete final-status arrangements and establish durable federal representation and shared governance.

A framework for dignity, equality, security, and shared sovereignty.

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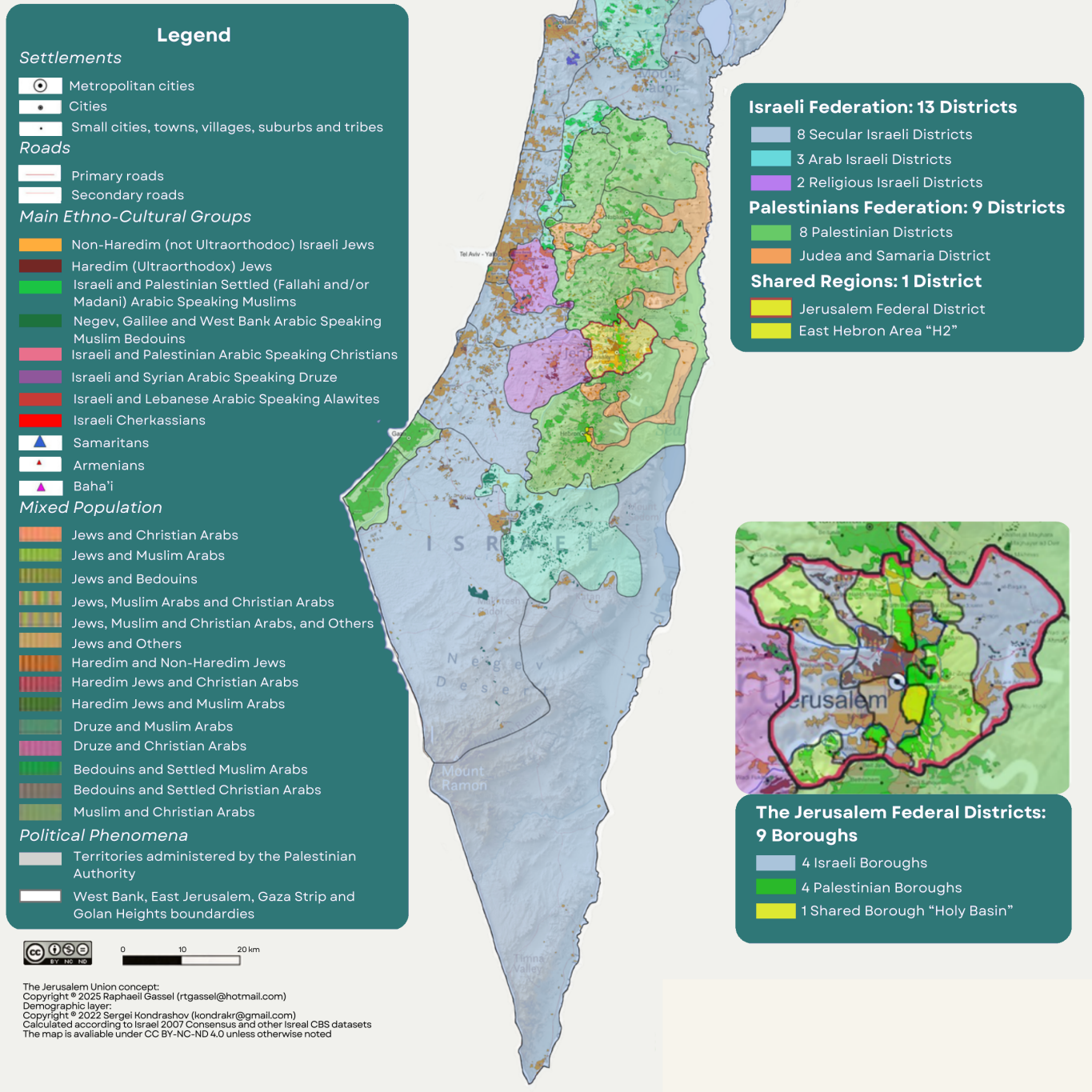




THE JERUSALEM UNION: 23 DISTRICTS

A CONCEPTUAL MAP OF TWO STATES AND SHARED FEDERAL REGIONS

11 Jewish Majority districts | 11 Arab/Palestinian Majority districts | 1 Shared Jerusalem Federal District



HOW TO READ THE MAP

The map illustrates one possible district structure: 13 districts in the Israeli Federation, 9 in the Palestinian Federation, and one shared Jerusalem Federal District. Colors distinguish proposed political districts and demographic patterns; they do not determine citizenship or individual rights.

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