

FAQs on the U.S. Embassy Move to Jerusalem

1. Where exactly will the United States embassy be located?

The plan is to house the embassy in the current Consular Section building, one of the two consular buildings in Jerusalem, until a permanent embassy site is built. The exact address of the Consular Section building is 14 David Flusser, Jerusalem, in a neighborhood called “Arnona,” near the former Diplomat hotel. That hotel, which was purchased by the United States in 2014, is expected to become part of the provisional United States embassy in the summer of 2020.



Source: Peace Now (Green Line, Jerusalem boundary)

2. How many staff will be moving?

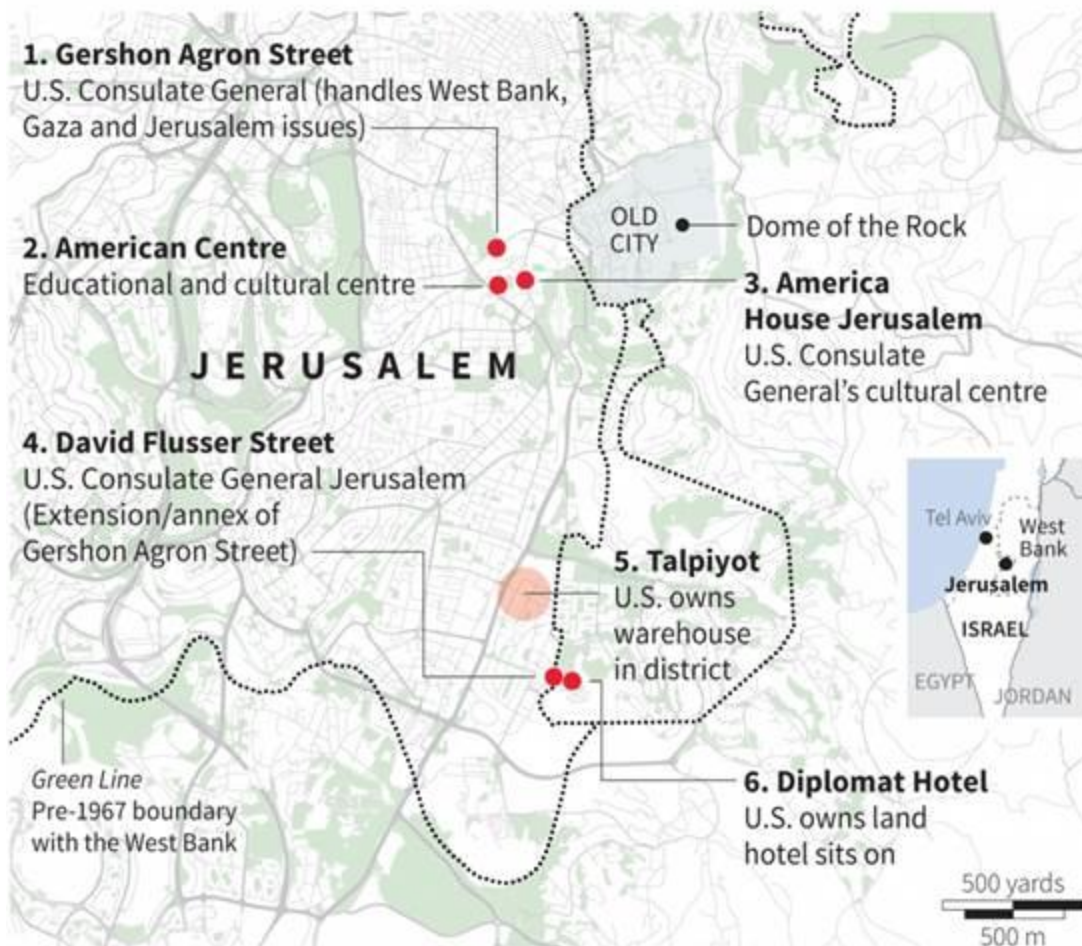
According to a Jpost [article](#) from February, the spokesperson from the State Department announced a plan to move staff in phases. At the first phase, only US Ambassador David Friedman and a small staff will move to the consulate. By the end of next year, the intention is to open an embassy annex to provide Friedman and his staff with expanded interim office space. It is [reported](#) that Friedman will keep his office in Tel Aviv and some functions will continue out of the already existing embassy.

3. What are the preparations for the embassy move?

Israel has been cutting through red tape to make this move happen. All signs point to the embassy move happening as scheduled. The press reported a planned delegation of 250 officials and Jewish leaders – including 40 members of Congress – who would attend the inauguration. The delegation will include Secretary Mnuchin, Jared Kushner, and Ivanka Trump. The notice on the embassy website indicates a planned move in May.

Possible Jerusalem US Embassy sites

President Donald Trump will announce that the United States recognises Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and will move its embassy there, breaking with longtime U.S. policy and potentially stirring unrest.



Source: U.S. government, Reuters

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