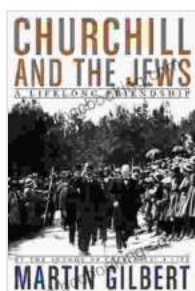


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Winston Churchill was one of the most important figures of the 20th century. As Prime Minister of Great Britain during World War II, he led his country to victory against Nazi Germany. Churchill was also a close friend of the Jewish people. He supported the Balfour Declaration, which called for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. He also worked to rescue Jews from the Holocaust. And he played a key role in the founding of the State of Israel.



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Churchill's friendship with the Jews began at a young age. He grew up in a wealthy family that had close ties to the Jewish community. Churchill's father, Lord Randolph Churchill, was a friend of Benjamin Disraeli, the first Jewish Prime Minister of Great Britain. Churchill's mother, Lady Randolph Churchill, was also a close friend of many Jews.

Churchill's first experience with anti-Semitism came when he was a young man. He witnessed the Dreyfus Affair, a political scandal in France in which a Jewish army officer was falsely accused of treason. Churchill was outraged by the anti-Semitism that was rampant in France at the time. He wrote an article defending Dreyfus and calling for an end to anti-Semitism.

Churchill's support for the Jewish people continued throughout his life. He was a strong supporter of the Balfour Declaration, which was issued by the British government in 1917. The Balfour Declaration called for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Churchill believed that the Jewish people had a right to a homeland of their own. He also believed that the establishment of a Jewish state would help to promote peace and stability in the Middle East.

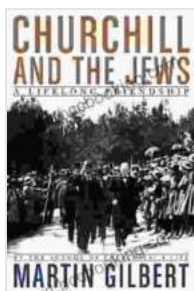
During World War II, Churchill worked to rescue Jews from the Holocaust. He persuaded the British government to provide sanctuary to Jewish refugees. He also worked to pressure the Nazis to stop the persecution of Jews. Churchill's efforts helped to save the lives of thousands of Jews.

After the war, Churchill continued to support the Jewish people. He played a key role in the founding of the State of Israel. He also worked to promote peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Churchill's friendship with the Jews was based on mutual respect and admiration. Churchill admired the Jewish people for their intelligence, their resilience, and their determination. The Jewish people admired Churchill for his courage, his leadership, and his commitment to justice.

Churchill's friendship with the Jews is a testament to the power of human connection. It shows that even the most different people can find common ground and work together to build a better world.

Martin Gilbert's book, *Churchill and the Jews: A Lifelong Friendship*, is a comprehensive and well-researched account of Churchill's relationship with the Jewish people. The book is based on extensive archival research and interviews with Churchill's friends, family, and colleagues. Gilbert's book provides a valuable insight into Churchill's character and his commitment to justice and equality.



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