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### **Consular Section to Close Temporarily for Renovations**

**American Citizens Services: Feb. 10 – 22, 2011**

**Non-Immigrant Visas: Feb. 18 - Mar. 8, 2011**

Jan. 31, 2011— U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv has announced the Consular section will close temporarily for renovations.

The American Citizens Services Section will be closed February 10 – 22, 2011 and the Non-Immigrant Visa Section will be closed February 18 – March 8, 2011.

No interviews for visas or passports will be conducted during this time. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for visas and passports well in advance of travel plans. Appointments can be scheduled for dates after the closure.

The American Citizens Services section will process a limited number of emergency cases during its closure. To request an emergency appointment, applicants should email [AMCTelAviv@state.gov](mailto:AMCTelAviv@state.gov).

The Non-Immigrant Visa Section will process a limited number of emergency cases during the closure. To request an emergency appointment, applicants should first apply through the VisaPoint website at <https://visainfo.us-visaservices.com>.

Pleasure travel does not qualify as an emergency. To determine if your circumstances qualify for an emergency appointment, visit: <http://israel.usembassy.gov/emergency-appointment2.html>.

During this time period, the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Consular Agency in Haifa will be open for business as usual.

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