



Many Christians come to Bethlehem in Israel every year to celebrate Christmas. You can literally find thousands of tourists and visitors from around the world in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. They go to the church of Nativity that's built where Jesus was born. The Church of Nativity has many flags and it says "Virgin Mary Jesus Christ was born here." Inside there is a manger with a silver star with fifteen silver lamps shining above it. Many people visit the manger and this special attraction. In the evening Christians put a red cross on their doors. There is a silver pole in the center of Manger Square. The Manger Square is full of people that enjoy Christmas. Bethlehem is a unique city in the atmosphere of Christmas. In addition you can find Christmas trees and many decorations all over Israel in honor of the holiday and the New Year. Since many Russians began immigrating to Israel, more people celebrate Christmas as it is a very big holiday in Russia.

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