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Israel will cooperate with U.S. in fight against IS, envoy says

United States Ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro expressed confidence Thursday that Israel and the U.S. could work together in the fight against the Islamic State jihadist group. “There is no doubt that every nation has something to contribute to this effort, including Israel,” Shapiro told Israel Radio. Shapiro also said that “we will make an effort to arrange a meeting between [President Barack Obama] and [Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu] during his visit to the U.S.” after the Jewish New Year. On Wednesday, Obama called for a “systematic campaign of airstrikes, hitting IS targets as Iraqi forces go on the offensive.” Obama also said the U.S. would work with allies, including Sunni Arab states in the region, to “degrade and ultimately destroy ISIL through a comprehensive and sustained counter-terrorism strategy.” Defense Minister Moshe Ya’alon on Tuesday called for world intelligence agencies to work together against the Islamic State jihadist group.