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**Go Metro to 57<sup>th</sup> Israel Independence Day Festival May 15**

Join a community-wide celebration of Israel's Independence Day Sunday, May 15 in Woodley Park in the San Fernando Valley. With more than 40,000 people regularly attending this annual one-day cultural event – called the biggest outside Israel – Metro is the best way to enjoy the fun without driving.

Running from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., the festival will feature live entertainment on four stages, and will include dance ensembles, a skydiving show and folk dancing. Festival-goers will also be able to sample ethnic foods, enjoy arts and crafts, see art and fashion shows and visit more than 200 non-profit booths.

Woodley Park, located between Victory and Burbank Boulevards, is near a future stop on the Metro Orange Line, the 14-mile dedicated transitway between North Hollywood and Woodland Hills scheduled to open later this year. But festival-goers can travel to this year's festival on Metro Lines 164 and 239.

Several additional bus lines are available at Ventura and Balboa Boulevards, which are close to Woodley Park: Metro Lines 150 and 240. Metro Rapid Line 750 will connect festival goers via the Universal City Metro Red Line Station.

All buses will follow a Sunday schedule. Get specific timetables on Metro Bus and Rail service by visiting [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net) or calling 1-800-commute.

Festival-goers can ride the Metro Bus and Rail system all day with the convenient \$3 Metro Day Pass. Passes may be purchased at station ticket vending machines or on board Metro buses.

For more information on the festival, visit [www.israelfestival.com](http://www.israelfestival.com).

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