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JERUSALEM: MAPPING GUIDANCE

On U.S. Government maps that show national capitals, Jerusalem is now to be shown as the capital of Israel. The point symbol for the capital is to be placed at the coordinates found in the GEOnet Names Server (<http://geonames.nga.mil/namesgaz/>): 31° 46' 35" N, 035° 13' 37" E. (See the map on the following page).

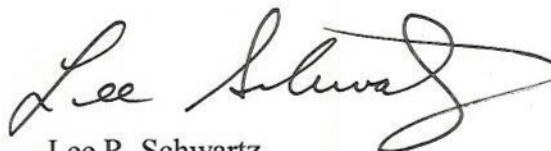
When scale allows, the following disclaimer should appear on the map:

“The United States recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital in 2017 without taking a position on the specific boundaries of Israeli sovereignty.”

This disclaimer replaces any former disclaimer concerning Jerusalem.

On whether or not to show a capital city symbol on a map, common sense practice applies. For instance, it is not necessary to show a capital city symbol for a large scale map of the city of Jerusalem, nor is it necessary to show a capital symbol and label for Jerusalem if no other countries on the map show capital cities.

Background: on December 6, 2017, President Trump formally recognized Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Schwartz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.

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