Looking down from the VIP visitor section of Plenum Hall one sees the section where members of the Knesset and government officials. Dark wooden lines of desks occupy the space with tablets used for voting at eye level at every station.

What makes this space so unique though is the overall shape of all of the desks combined. I didn’t see it until the tour guide pointed out but all of the desks were in the shape of a menorah.

With the menorah, which is a well-known symbol of Judaism, used so prominently in a government building the statement is clear. Israel is a Jewish State.

Walking around I continued to notice aspects of the Jewish religion inserted into all aspects of the building. The mosaics and tapestries on the wall all depicted scenes that are well recognized in the Jewish religion.

I found it extremely interesting how much religion and state were integrated. While it is a proclaimed Jewish state the question of what that means is highly controversial. With such controversy in the air it is surprising the extreme perpetration of the religion.

I would not go so far as to analyze if it is either wrong or correct but I could not think of a better example of the Israeli Jews expressing their belief that there is not much room for others.