

In this unit you will learn about David Ben Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister

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*** Indicates required question**

How much do you know about Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben Gurion? [Click on the picture to find out.](#)

Learn Vocabulary

Before you read the text learn this vocabulary:

There are games and a test (Hebrew)

https://quizlet.com/_cpocni?x=1jgt&i=29ruy

Practice the words: [Fill in the gap](#)

Crossword puzzle: [Click here.](#)

1. vision - חזון
2. dare - להעז
3. succeed - להצליח
4. organization - ארגון
5. settle - ליישב
6. war of independence - מלחמת העצמאות
7. establish - להקים
8. youth movement - תנועת נוער
9. leader - מנהיג
10. party - מפלגה
11. defend - להגן
12. prime minister - ראש ממשלה
13. patriotism - אהבת מולדת
14. make Aliya - לעלות לארץ ישראל
15. declaration of independence - מגילת העצמאות
16. right - זכות
17. self-determination - הגדרה עצמית
18. struggle - מאבק

1. Name: *

2. Class: *

David Ben Gurion and the Greater Picture



<http://youtube.com/watch?v=TBeFEhSPNTQ>

3. 1. Where was David Ben Gurion born? *

10 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ a. He was born in Russia
- ☐ b. He was born in Austria
- ☐ c. He was born in Poland.

4. 2. Ben Gurion established the Ezra youth movement because he wanted

* 10 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ a. many young people to be together and have fun
- ☐ b. to be an important person and a leader of a new organization
- ☐ c. to awaken patriotism among the Jews

5. 3. In 1906 Ben Gurion *

10 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ a. joined the Poalei Zion party
- ☐ b. made Aliya to Israel
- ☐ Answers a & b are correct.

6. 4. Ben Gurion believed that Jews must work the land and settle the country.

* 10 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ a. Yes
- ☐ b. No
- ☐ c. Not sure

7. 5. Ben Gurion understood that the workers will build the country and will be the key to promoting the struggle to independence so *

10 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ a. he made many organizations of workers
- ☐ b. he told people to work harder
- ☐ c. unified all the workers into one organization called the 'Histadrut'

8. 6. Ben Gurion taught himself the subject of security and prepared an army of Jews to defend the country

* 10 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ a. Yes
- ☐ b. No
- ☐ c. He prepared many armies

9. 7. What happened on November 29, 1947? *

10 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ a. Ben Gurion declared the establishment of the state of Israel
- ☐ b. The United Nations approved the partition plan (תכנית החלוקה)
- ☐ c. Israel's War of Independence broke

10. 8. In operation Nachshon, Ben Gurion gave the order *

10 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ a. to break the siege (מצור) of Tel Aviv
- ☐ b. to break the siege of Haifa
- ☐ c. to break the siege of Jerusalem

11. 9. When did Ben Gurion declare independence and become the first prime minister of the state of Israel? * 10 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ a. in April 1948
- ☐ b. in May 1948
- ☐ c. In June 1948

12. 10. The population of Israel doubled within four years. *

10 points

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ a. Yes
- ☐ b. No
- ☐ c. Not sure

13. 11. What can you learn about Ben Gurion as a leader? This is a bonus question :)

Click on Submit and then click on View your score.

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Submit

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صوروا الشاشة وأرسلوها الى معلمكم/تكم

Ben-Gurion and the Mass Aliya

1. Answer the questions in this video: [Ben Gurion and the Mass Aliya](#).

2. What were the difficulties that the state of Israel had to deal with?

Write your answer [in this Linoit](#).

(Picture from: Aliyah in Wikipedia).



Challenges David Ben Gurion faced

David Ben Gurion, the first prime minister of the State of Israel, faced many challenges in the first years of the establishment of Israel. Play [this game](#) to learn about the challenges. Match the difficulty to its description.

Ben Gurion as a Leader

1. Answer the questions in this video: [Who is a leader?](#)
2. Answer the following questions [in this Linoit](#).
 - A. What is Ben-Gurion's leadership style and how does it impact those around him?
 - B. What are the main beliefs and values of Ben-Gurion?
 - C. What is the most important quality of a leader in your opinion?
 - D. Think of other leaders that you know. In what way are they similar or different in their leadership style from David Ben-Gurion?

(In this picture: Kennedy and Ben-Gurion in 1961. Wikipedia).



November 29, 1947 (Kaf Tet B'November)

The United Nations (UN) created a plan to partition the land of Israel into two independent states, one Jewish and one Arab, in 1947. A committee called UNSCOP was appointed by the UN General Assembly to gather information and make recommendations. UNSCOP traveled to Israel and also met with representatives of Arab countries and saw refugee camps in Europe. They recommended ending the British mandate in Palestine and partitioning the land into two states. The plan was accepted by the UN General Assembly, and this led to the declaration of the state of Israel.

In the past [November 29th](#) was a very happy day in Israel. Today, it became just another regular day.

Should we celebrate November 29th like Israelis used to do in the past?

1. Add your idea [in this site](#) by clicking on the green button - Add idea, then click on save. Click on the + and add an argument that supports your answer.
2. Read what other people have written and vote on the best 3 ideas by clicking on the numbers.

Learn [more about November 29th here](#).



<http://youtube.com/watch?v=kpree8B1dkg>

Quotes by David Ben Gurion

“In Israel, in order to be a realist you must believe in miracles.” — David ben Gurion

Find three quotes that are especially inspiring in your opinion. Explain.

Write your answer [on this Padlet](#).

- <https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/david-ben-gurion-quotes>
- <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/select-quotations-of-david-ben-gurion>
- https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/David_Ben-Gurion

The Declaration of Independence - Research Paper

Full Recording - [Israeli Declaration of Independence](#)

Copy this [document](#) and answer the questions.

Prepare to present your findings in class.

Declaration of Independence - Research Paper

On May 14th, 1948, the State of Israel was established as a sovereign nation. The declaration outlined the values and principles upon which the new country would be founded.



The Declaration of Independence was written by a group of Jewish leaders, including David Ben-Gurion, who later became the first Prime Minister of Israel. It was a statement of the Jewish people's right to self-determination and their desire to establish a homeland in their ancient land of Israel.

The Declaration emphasized the values of democracy, equality, and justice, and stated that the new state would be open to all its citizens, regardless of religion, race, or ethnicity. It also outlined the rights and responsibilities of Israeli citizens, including the right to education, healthcare, and social security.



The Declaration of Independence was a significant moment in the history of Israel

and the Jewish people. It marked the end of centuries of persecution and the beginning of a new chapter in the nation's history. Today, Israel remains a beacon of hope and democracy in the Middle East, and the Declaration of Independence continues to be a cornerstone of its national identity.



**Enrichment: Research and talk about it: Countries that do not recognize Israel/
Describe the difficulties David-Ben Gurion faced**

You can CHOOSE to research and have your talk on ONE of these topics:

1. Have a look at [this map](#) and find the countries that do not recognize Israel. You can also [look here](#) and also [here](#).

Choose one country that does not recognize Israel, research that country and prepare to talk about it in class.

Answer these questions:

1. What's the name of the country that you chose that does not recognize Israel?
2. Explain What are the reasons this country does not have relations with Israel?
3. What is your opinion about it?

Prepare to talk about it in class.

OR

Prepare your talk by answering these questions:

- A. Describe David Ben-Gurion in short.
- B. What were the difficulties that Ben-Gurion had to deal with in the early years of the state of Israel.
- C. How did Ben Gurion deal with the difficulties?

Prepare to present in class.

Practice speaking using Vocaroo <https://vocaroo.com/>

Click on the red button to record. Then click on Save & Share. You will get a link which you can copy and send to your teacher.

Ben-Gurion's Desert Home & the Stories Behind the Objects

Learn about Ben Gurion's home in the desert, go through [the rooms](#) and view the rooms [also here](#) . Now solve this [escape room](#) (in Hebrew).

(In this picture: Ben Gurion's room in Sde Boker. Wikipedia).



Ben-Gurion Quiz

Take a quiz on [David Ben Gurion](#).

Chat with Ben-Gurion (Artificial Intelligence)

[Chat with David Ben Gurion](#) (you'll need to sign up)

Learn more

- [Ben Gurion hosts](#)
- [The Knesset](#)
- [Biography_ Anoter biography](#)
- [The Declaration of Independence](#)
- [Israel's Declaration of Independence Activity Guide](#)
- [Independence Day, Ministry of Education Portal](#)
- [Zionism.co.il](#)
- Full Recording of [Israeli Declaration of Independence](#)
- [David Ben Gurion - Landmarks](#)
- [Declaration of Independence](#)
- [History - Israel's 1st Prime Minister Ben Gurion](#)
- [Ben Gurion's House](#)
- [The First Woman to Sign Israel's Declaration of Independence](#)

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