

ISRAEL IQ

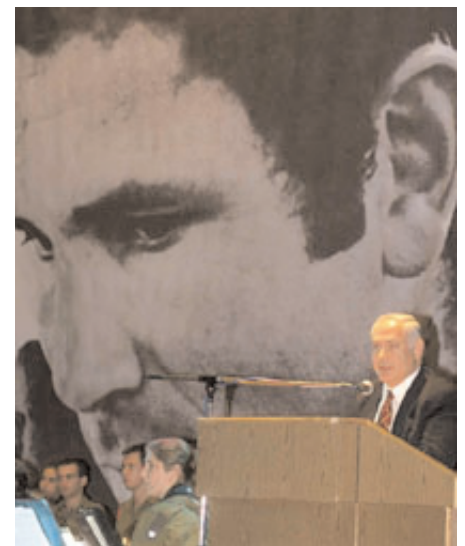
The American Jewish Committee challenges you to test your Israel knowledge

Part III. Israel: History

- In the Bible, the land of Israel is also referred to as:
 - Persia
 - Canaan
 - Babylon
 - Mesopotamia
- By 1870, Jews constituted a majority in what city?
 - Jerusalem
 - Hebron
 - Jericho
 - Haifa
- Who was the father of modern Zionism?
 - Albert Einstein
 - David Ben-Gurion
 - Theodor Herzl
 - Chaim Weizmann
- Which 19th-century British author wrote a Zionist novel?
 - Rudyard Kipling
 - Jane Austen
 - George Eliot
 - Charles Dickens
- Pogroms in which European country led to the first aliyah of 30,000 Jews to Palestine in the late 19th century?
 - France
 - Poland
 - Germany
 - Russia
- The young pioneers of the second aliyah, from Russia, founded the first kibbutz in Israel in 1909 called:
Fill in _____
- The founder of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization (1912), was:
 - Emma Lazarus
 - Henrietta Szold
 - Rebecca Gratz
 - Sarah Aaronsohn
- Who was the British foreign minister who supported the establishment of a "Jewish national home in Palestine" in 1917?
 - Neville Chamberlain
 - Arthur Balfour
 - Winston Churchill
 - Earl Peel
- Which of the following most accurately describes the Haganah?
 - Israeli army women's corp
 - Israeli police
 - Underground military organization in Israel prior to 1948
 - Israel's military academy
- In 1947, a ship with Jewish immigrants seeking safety sailed from France to what would become Israel. The British intercepted the ship and sent it back to Europe. What was the ship called?
 - Shalom
 - Exodus
 - Odyssey
 - Aliyah
- When was the first year an Israeli Arab served in the Knesset?
 - 1949
 - 1956
 - 1969
 - 1987
- Between 1948 and 1967, which two countries controlled the West Bank and Gaza?
 - Israel and Egypt
 - Great Britain and the United States
 - Syria and Lebanon
 - Jordan and Egypt
- Which Israeli war hero led the 1956 Suez campaign? (Hint: He later became a diplomat and helped negotiate the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.)
 - Moshe Dayan
 - Levi Eshkol
 - Menachem Begin
 - Benjamin Netanyahu



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14. Who was the only person ever given the death penalty and executed in Israel?

- a. Elie Cohen
- b. Adolf Eichmann
- c. Hermann Goering
- d. Ethel Rosenberg

15. Which countries fought against Israel in the Six-Day War?

- a. Syria
- b. Syria and Egypt
- c. Syria, Egypt, and Jordan
- d. Syria, Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon

16. On what holiday did Egypt and Syria coordinate a surprise attack on Israel in 1973?

- a. Purim
- b. Yom Kippur
- c. Passover
- d. Hanukkah

17. This country signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979:

- a. Turkey
- b. Jordan
- c. Egypt
- d. Lebanon

18. In what year did Israel launch a successful air attack on the French-built Iraqi Osirak nuclear reactor?

- a. 1970
- b. 1981
- c. 1991
- d. 2000

19. Yonathan Netanyahu was an Israeli commander killed while rescuing Jewish hostages from Arab and German terrorists at which airport in 1976?

- a. Athens
- b. Entebbe
- c. Tehran
- d. Cairo

20. In 1991, Israel was attacked, but did not retaliate, by Scud missiles from which Middle East country?

- a. Iran
- b. Yemen
- c. Syria
- d. Iraq



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21. In 1994, Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel. Identify the two leaders in the picture above who were signatories to this historic document?

Fill in: _____ & _____

22. The basic design of the Israeli flag, two broad horizontal stripes, is based on the:

- a. Traditional Jewish prayer shawl, or tallit
- b. Shape of Torah scrolls
- c. Tefillin
- d. Traditional Jewish doorpost marker, the mezuzah

23. The term used to describe a native-born Israeli is a:

- a. yehudi
- b. aliyah
- c. sabra
- d. charif

24. Who was the father of modern Hebrew? (Hint: A street in Tel Aviv is named after him.)

Fill in: _____

25. Which prime minister of Israel was born in Poland and lived in Milwaukee before moving to Israel?

- a. Shimon Peres
- b. Golda Meir
- c. Levi Eshkol
- d. Yitzhak Shamir

26. In February 1993, Israel became the first state to grant refuge to Muslims of which war-torn country? Israel also sent several shipments of humanitarian aid and food to this country.

- a. Azerbaijan
- b. Bosnia
- c. Pakistan
- d. Eritrea

27. True or False: Israel is the largest market for U.S. exports to the Middle East.

- True
- False

Bonus Question:

True or False: Israel was the only country in the world to end the 20th century with more trees than it had in the century before.

- True
- False



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