

TEXT-BASED TORAH SESSIONS



ISRAEL: OUR HOMELAND

Why is Israel relevant for the Jews? What is unique about Israel? Engage with the sources to discover these answers and more. Learn about the importance of the land and its special place in Jewish life.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/c9NWUiTnfb/israel-our-homeland/>



CAN A PRISONER HAVE A PRICE? CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT THE ISRAELI PRISONER EXCHANGE

This session allows teens to think about both sides of the argument. Using case studies through history teens will study the sources and will consider is a price for a life can ever be too high.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/tOx6bmP4Om/can-a-prisoner-have-a-price/>



BUILDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL

This session takes you through 3 essential parts of Israel- Israel as our homeland, Israel as a Legal country and Israel as a thriving economy. Work through this session to learn more about these issues.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/WoBb1bwqJV/building-your-relationship-with-israel/>



THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL

Why is it important to study history? Why do the borders keep changing? Work through this session to understand the history of Israel and why it is such a coveted land. This session includes texts, torah sources, timelines and maps.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/DdcZsPrAz4/history-of-israel/>

ACTIVITIES



ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

This session provides material for a debate or presentation on 4 core issues of the Israeli – Palestinian conflict. (Borders, Jerusalem, Refugees and Settlements). Use these materials together with a powerful West Wing clip to educate teens about these 4 major barriers to peace.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/i1EN7lsWnx/israeli-palestinian-conflict-&-the-west-wing/>



DEBATE: LEARNING TO ARTICULATE YOUR OPINION

This session discusses the origin of debate in the U.S., the format of debate, and the ten steps to becoming an effective debater. It then provides four resolutions with background information for each and affirmative and negative arguments along with links for further study. Watch the accompanying Taylor Mali clip to show the importance of clear articulation.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/DzzlgzsPVa/debate-learning-to-articulate-your-opinion/>



EXAMINING DIFFERENT FACTIONS IN ISRAELI SOCIETY

This session allows teens to explore some of the factions of Israeli society (Chiloni, Chareidi and Dati Leumi), what they stand for, what they believe and how they view each other. There is a teen guide and an advisor guide available for running this session. By the end of the session teens should have a better understanding of the factions of Israeli society.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/Cf1QGFNtK4/exploring-factions-in-israeli-society/>



THE ITAMAR MASSACRE; 3 WAY REPORTING

This activity provides teens with 3 different reports on this tragic massacre. The discussion questions focus on thinking about how the media can spin a story and what that means for us. This activity asks teens to be critical and thoughtful about media bias and what they can do about it.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/je15MoVd8s/the-itamar-massacre-3-way-reporting/>

ARTICLES & IMAGES



WHERE WOULD BE WITHOUT ISRAEL

A fictional article set in 2020 looking at what life would be like if the State of Israel would dismantle itself for “the greater good”. A haunting look at what could be and how it could happen.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/pH6YB6gVQv/where-then-shall-we-go/>



25 SHORT ANSWERS

What are Settlements? Does Israel treat the Palestinians fairly? What’s happening in the West Bank? Use this leaflet to ask and answer some important questions about Israel today.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/eE6qg7RNbf/25-short-answers-about-israel/>



ISRAEL STRUGGLE

Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks discusses the meaning of the word Israel and how the world relates to Israel. Why is Israel always at the center of the world’s conflicts? What does Israel have to offer the world? Read this article and discussion questions to think about these issues.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/1pwyWcA7mp/israels-struggle/>

VIDEOS



ISRAEL IQ AT UCLA

Mark Schiff interviews students at UCLA asking them questions about Israel and the Middle East. Watch this clip and be shocked to see how little students on campus know about the Middle East.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/Z0D25WL30o/stand-with-us-on-ucla-campus/>



WHAT DOES MADE IN ISRAEL MEAN TO YOU?

Looking at technology Israel has introduced to the world. This clip highlights the contributions Israel has made to society in the fields of technology, communication, agriculture, environmental, medicine and entertainment.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/XK1YYNAbYe/what-does-/>



IRON DOME

Watch this clip to learn about a soldier who intercepts rockets. This AIPAC clip gives you a taste of the sacrifice Israeli soldiers put in every day.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/M0jldzGhch/iron-dome/>



ISRAEL: BY THE NUMBERS

A quick video about the impressive numbers in the State of Israel.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/AiWXMby64U/israel-by-the-numbers/>



BOYCOTTING ISRAELI PRODUCTS

What would a boycott of Israeli products look like? Watch this film to see how much of a contribution Israel had made to the world. A short clip that will inspire pride for Israel’s achievements.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/SNPrwXgIDA/boycott-on-israeli-products/>



HEROES OF ISRAEL- ROI KLEIN

What does it mean to truly see Israel as our home? Learn about Roi Klein; a hero of Israel, you will see what loving the land of Israel with all your heart and all your soul really means. Watch this clip and be inspired.

<http://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/HghNgEYkQ5/heroes-of-israel---roi-klein>



MIRACLE OF ISRAEL LAND OF PROMISE HISTORY

This clip outlines the history of Israel from the destruction of the Temple by the Romans. Watch history unfold and learn about the constant miracles that keep Israel alive today.

<http://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/5mvdQ87NsV/miracles-of-israel>



GARDEN STATE - TICKLE

A thought-provoking clip that highlights some key issues for teens. What is the importance of the Wailing Wall? How Jewish are you? Why do Jews keep Yom Kippur. Watch the clip and use the questions to create a discussion.

<https://staff.ncsy.org/education/material/1iiEszVFR/garden-state-tickle-and-yom-kippur/>