

Family Education Day for Grade 5: YI SRAEL

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Schedule

Start Time	Activity
9:00	Shalom, Boker Tov, Introductions
9:10	Warmup project: Giant Team Jigsaw Geography Puzzle
9:30	Discussion project: Model Knesset
10:15	Hafsaka: food & music
10:30	Parents: Meet the Rabbi Students: Art project (part to keep, part to send to our friends in Israel)
11:15	Music project: explaining HaTikvah
11:30	Israeli dancing
12:10	Shalom, L'hitraot
12:15	Go home!



Israeli flag atop Matsada, overlooking the Dead Sea.
Photo by E. Yechiel, 2002.

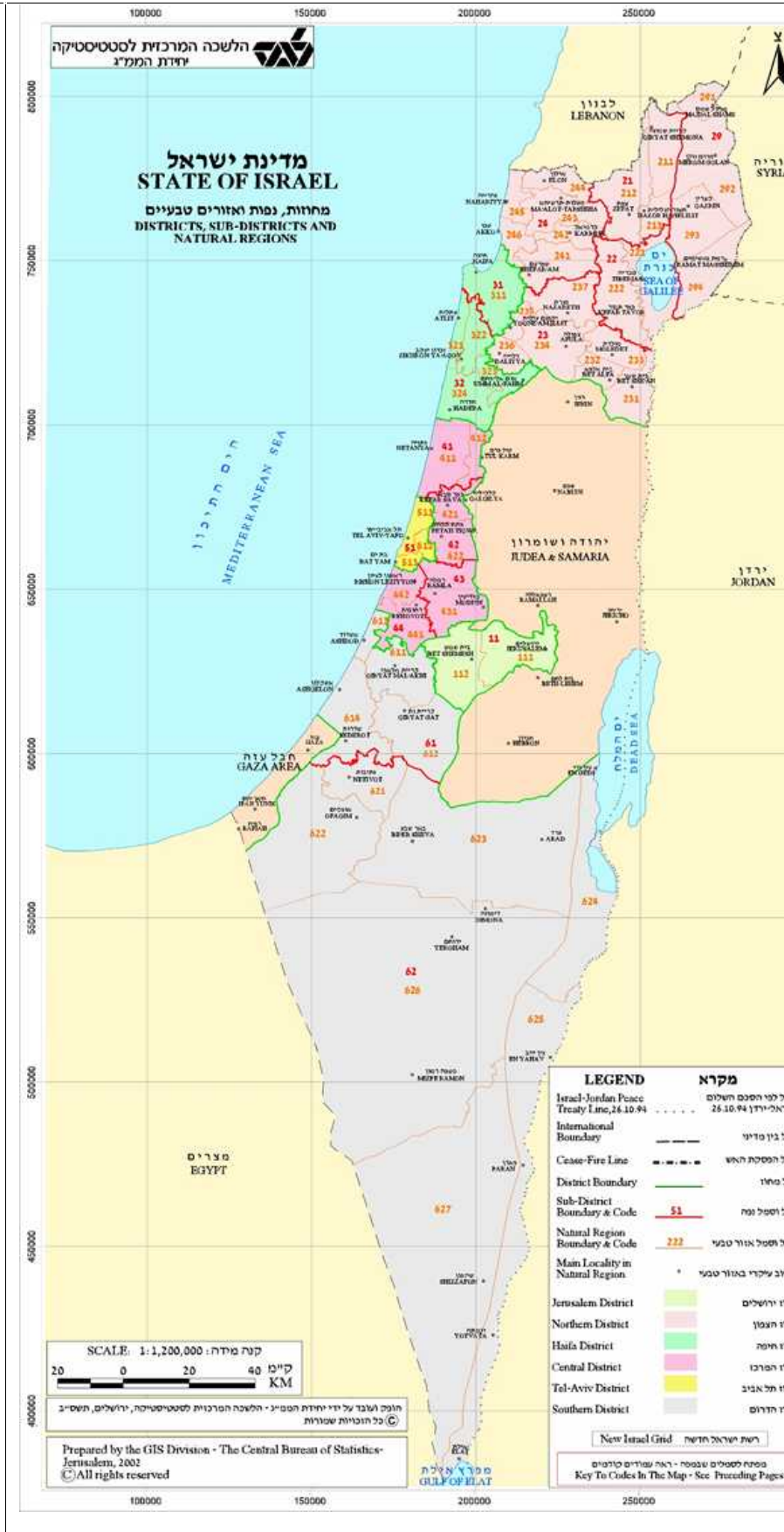
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Warmup project: Giant Team Jigsaw Geography Puzzle

It's easier to do a jigsaw puzzle if you can see the picture on the box. So, here is a picture to help you arrange your pieces into a giant map of Israel.

You can see a larger version of this map and several others online at Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics website, http://gis.cbs.gov.il/shnaton53/all_israel.jpg



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Discussion project: Model Knesset

Here are some headlines of recent Israeli newspaper stories:

Bassi to settlers: Come to terms with plan

YAAKOV KATZ; Jerusalem Post; Feb 28, 2005; pg. 03

Mofaz asks security forces to reduce disengagement period

MARGOT DUDKEVITCH; Jerusalem Post; Feb 25, 2005; pg. 03

Yamit evacuator: This time it'll be much worse

YAAKOV KATZ; Jerusalem Post; Feb 25, 2005; pg. 01

Halutz to assume post in May to plan for pullout. Treatment of Ya'alon has commanders treading carefully

MARGOT DUDKEVITCH; Jerusalem Post; Feb 24, 2005; pg. 03

PM to rethink razing homes of Gaza settlers

YAAKOV KATZ; Jerusalem Post; Feb 23, 2005; pg. 01

Karadi warns of strains on police during Gaza pullout

YAAKOV KATZ; Jerusalem Post; Feb 22, 2005; pg. 03

PA: Gaza pullout is insufficient. PLO calls on international community to stop 'big crime' of building fence

KHALED ABU TOAMEH; Jerusalem Post; Feb 21, 2005; pg. 03

Cabinet today to okay pullout, new fence route. Twin vote underlines PM's gambit: Give up Gaza and keep West Bank settlement blocs

HERB KEINON; Jerusalem Post; Feb 20, 2005; pg. 01

Disengagement now goes to cabinet

HERB KEINON; Jerusalem Post; Feb 17, 2005; pg. 03

Settlers rip up disengagement bill

YAAKOV KATZ; Jerusalem Post; Feb 17, 2005; pg. 02

1 in 3 secular Gush Katif youths sees pullout as 'legitimate' step

YAAKOV KATZ; Jerusalem Post; Feb 16, 2005; pg. 02

Netanyahu plans cabinet vote against pullout

GIL HOFFMAN; Jerusalem Post; Feb 16, 2005; pg. 01

Thousands protest in Gush Katif against pullout. ; Offshoot disturbances in Israel by 'Jewish Tanzim' leave 10 policemen wounded

50 arrested YAAKOV KATZ; Jerusalem Post; Feb 15, 2005; pg. 02

Yishai: Shas will never back pullout

GIL HOFFMAN; Jerusalem Post; Feb 14, 2005; pg. 02

Law Committee vote on pullout implementation expected today

DAN IZENBERG; Jerusalem Post; Feb 13, 2005; pg. 02

Amman names envoy to Israel. Premier, Abbas to meet on coordinating Gaza pullout

HERB KEINON; Jerusalem Post; Feb 10, 2005; pg. 01

Yosef opposes referendum on pullout

GIL HOFFMAN; Jerusalem Post; Feb 9, 2005; pg. 03

Revised pullout bill ups compensation by 60%

TOVAH LAZAROFF; Jerusalem Post; Feb 8, 2005; pg. 02

The young new faces of disengagement

SHEERA FRENKEL; Jerusalem Post; Feb 8, 2005; pg. 02

Gov't rules out Nitzanim as home for Gush Katif evacuees

MATTHEW GUTMAN; Jerusalem Post; Feb 6, 2005; pg. 01

Settlers in uproar over Gush Katif to Nitzanim plan. Hendel disowns bid for beachfront safety net' following Post' expose

MATTHEW GUTMAN and GIL HOFFMAN; Jerusalem Post; Feb 4, 2005; pg. 01

Hendel looking for land inside Green Line

MATTHEW GUTMAN; Jerusalem Post; Feb 2, 2005; pg. 02

A-G to probe settlers' use of Nazi imagery

HILARY LEILA KRIEGER; Jerusalem Post; Feb 1, 2005; pg. 03

Over 100,000 protest Gaza pullout

TOVAH LAZAROFF; Jerusalem Post; Jan 31, 2005; pg. 01

When we finish our discussion project, you will know what news stories like these are all about.

To keep up with this and other current Israeli news, read The Jerusalem Post, online at

<http://www.jpost.com/>

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Art project: My Heart is in the East

This very old (1874) Mizrah sign is from the collection of the Jewish Virtual Library.

An explanation is online at

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsourceloc/art.html>

When we finish our art project, you will know what signs like this have to do with poems like this.

לבי במזרח יהודה הלוי

(1) לבי במזרח, ואנכי בסוף מערב.
(2) איך אטעמה את אשר אכל ואיך יערב?
(3) איכה אשלים נדרי ואסרי, בעוד
(4) ציון בחבל אדום ואני בכבל ערב?
(5) יקל בעיני עזב כל טוב ספרד, כמו
(6) יקר בעיני ראות עפרות דביר נחרב.

(1) My heart is in the East and I am in the furthest West. (2) How shall I taste that which I eat and how shall it be pleasing? (3) How shall I pay my vows and pledges while (4) Zion is in Edom Land and I am in the chains of Arabia? (5) It would be easy in my eyes to leave all the good things of Spain; as (6) It would be precious to my eyes to see the dust of the destroyed Holy of Holies.

This even older (before 1041) poem is by Judah HaLevi, who lived in Spain but wished he lived in Israel. The National Center for the Hebrew Language discusses it online at <http://www.ivrit.org/html/literary/ambivalence.htm>

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Music project: explaining HaTikvah

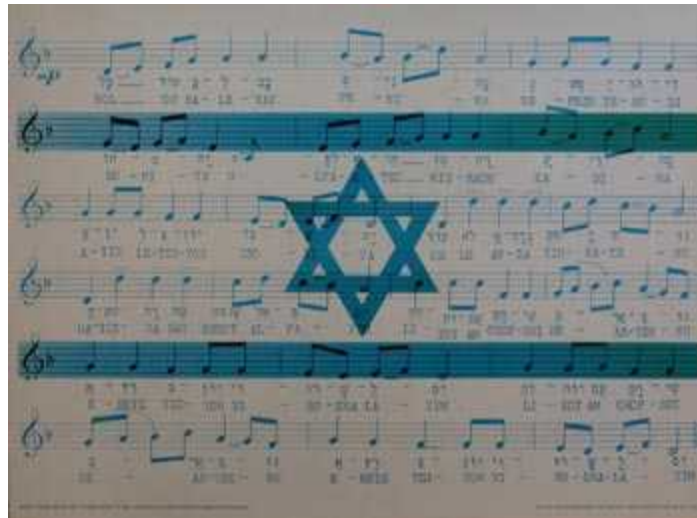
*Kol od balevav penima
Nefesh yehudi homiya
Ulfatey mizrakh kadima
Ayin leTziyon tzofiya*

*Od lo avda tikvateynu
Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim
Lihyot am khofshi beartzeynu
Eretz Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim
Lihyot am khofshi beartzeynu
Eretz Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim*

*As long as deep in the heart
The soul of a Jew yearns,
And towards the East
An eye looks to Zion*

*Our hope is not yet lost
The hope of two thousand years.
To be a free people in our land
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.
To be a free people in our land
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.*

To get ready for our music project, pick out the NOUNS in this song and think of good ways to explain them without words.



This poster and the transliterated (changed from Hebrew letters into English letters) and translated lyrics are from <http://www.judaicaposters.com/pages/jp53.html>

To hear the song again after we stop singing it, try the sound files collected by Israel Science and Technology at <http://www.science.co.il/Israel-anthem.asp>