**On a Scale of 1-10, 1948**

**Program Overview:** Teens are split into groups and race against one another to piece together a timeline of connected Israeli figures.

**Program Purpose:** Educate teens about important figures throughout Israeli history and give them an overview of the timeline of Israel’s past.

**Program Materials:**

* 6 copies of Name/Bio Papers
* 6 copies of Connection slips

**Time Allocated for the Program to Run:** 45 minutes

**Set-Up Required:** Each set of connection slips and bios need to be put together.

**Time You Plan to Do the Set-Up Required:** before convention!

**Program Write-Up (Including Times & Explanations):**

**0:00-0:05:** Split teens into groups of 16 and give each group a set of Names/Bios and a set of connection slips.

**0:05-0:30:** Each group will be tasked with constructing a chronologically-sound timeline across the room using the names of the people given. To help them, there are connection slips that use clues from the biographies of the individuals to connect the people in order! The groups will be racing against each other to create the accurate timeline the most quickly!

**0:30-0:45:** Trivia questions! Each group will, one at a time, answer trivia questions about the people on the timeline by running to the corresponding person on their group’s timeline.

Trivia Questions:

1. Who served in the Haganah, Israel’s pre-state army?
2. Whose political career spanned 70 years?
3. Who was the first to win the Eurovision Song Contest for Israel?
4. Who is the current Prime Minister of Israel?
5. Who won the Nobel Prize for Literature written in Hebrew?
6. Which Prime Minister grew up in the United States?
7. Who was involved in a scandal that exposed anti-Semitism in Europe?
8. Who was the 7th Prime Minister of Israel?
9. Who was a journalist in France?
10. Which Prime Minister was known for his valiant peace efforts with Arabs?
11. Who served as the chairman of the Jewish Agency until this past summer?
12. Who won Eurovision with 529 points?
13. Who was the point person in reviving the Hebrew language?

**Bios:**

**Alfred Dreyfus**

Dreyfus was a Jewish army officer in France who was put on trial for treason in 1894 under the accusation of transporting arms to the German army. These accusations and conviction sparked debates about anti-Semitism in Europe and are often referred to as the “Dreyfus Affair”.

**Theodor Herzl**

Originally a journalist in France, Herzl covered the Dreyfus Affair for a Viennese newspaper. After seeing the effect of the trial on anti-Semitism, Herzl shifted to becoming a Zionist leader and the “father of modern Zionism”. At the World Zionist Congress, he advocated for a Jewish homeland in the land of Israel and worked for that throughout his life.

**Eliezer Ben-Yehuda**

Ben-Yehuda’s target was to revive ancient Hebrew as a spoken language in the state of Israel. He coined thousands of new modern terms, some of which never caught on but many of which are now in the modern vernacular. He was the first person to revive a dead language as a spoken language in the modern day.

**David Ben-Gurion**

David Ben-Gurion was an instrumental leader in the founding of the Jewish State. E eventually was elected as the first prime Minister of Israel as a member of the Mapai party, a left-wing party which was more moderate than other parties at the time. He also served as the first Minister of Defense beginning in 1955 with the establishment of the Knesset.

**Moshe Dayan**

Moshe Dayan was involved in the army for many years. He began serving in the Haganah the pre-state Israeli army, in 1947, and was eventually promoted to Chief of Staff under David Ben-Gurion. After retiring from the IDF, Dayan joined the Mapai party and served as Minister of Agriculture before forming the Rafi party and acting as Minister of Defense and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

**Shmuel Yosef Agnon (Sh’Y Agnon)**

Agnon was an influential writer known under many names, including S.Y. Agnon and Shai Agnon (an acronym for Shmuel Yosef). His works cover ideas of traditional Jewish life, European shtetls, and the conflict between Judaism and modern living. He wrote fiction and poetry in Hebrew and won the Nobel Prize and the Israel Prize for his work in promoting Hebrew literature.

**Golda Meir**

Golda Meir, formerly Meyerson, was born in Kiev and immigrated to Milwaukee as a child, becoming active in Zionist teen movements like Habonim. She made aliyah in 1921 and was very involved in the establishment of Israel. She signed the Declaration of Independence and served in Knesset as a member of Mapai, eventually becoming the Minister of Labor and the Foreign Minister before becoming the Prime Minister of Israel.

**Yitzhak Rabin**

Rabin was elected to Knesset as a member of the Alignment and served as Minister of Labor before defeating Shimon Peres for the leader of the Labor Party and becoming Prime Minister. He worked tirelessly toward negotiating with Palestinians and Arab countries throughout his life and believed that peace was possible. He was assassinated by a right-wing Israeli extremist who opposed these efforts.

**Izhar Cohen and Alphabeta (Eurovision)**

Izhar Cohen was one of the most played artists in the 1970s. He and the Alphabeta, an Israeli band, were selected to represent Israel in the 1978 Eurovision Song Contest, performing "A-Ba-Ni-Bi”, a love song written in “bet language” (much like “Pig Latin” in English). The group went on to become the first Israeli winners of Eurovision.

**Natan Sharansky**

Sharansky was accused of spying and treason In the Soviet Union and was sentenced to 13 years of forced labor beginning in 1978. After his release, he moved to Israel, where he was given many freedom fighter awards. He then founded the Yisrael BaAliyah party and was elected to Knesset before merging with the Likud party in 2003 and holding a Knesset seat as well as small ministerial positions. He was elected the chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel in 2009 and served until his resignation in August 2018.

**Yitzhak Shamir**

Shamir was a member of the Likud party and served as speaker of the Knesset as well as Foreign Minister before coming to power as the 7th Prime Minister of Israel. He was known as a hardliner and was decisively right-wing. Shimon Peres took power after him in a national unity government that formed between the Likud party and the Alignment. Peres continued to lead until 1986, when Shamir returned to the role.

**Shimon Peres**

Shimon Peres had a political career that spanned 70 years. He was first elected to the Knesset under the Mapai party before forming the Rafi party with Moshe Dayan and Ben-Gurion. He served as Minister of Transportation, Finance, Defense, and Foreign Affairs (succeeded by Netanyahu) before becoming the 8th Prime Minister as a member of the Labor party. Fun fact: Peres was the first Prime Minister to have an official website!

**Benjamin Netanyahu**

Netanyahu is the current Prime Minister of Israel. He is the leader of the Likud Party and has served as the Representative to the UN, Minister of Foreign Affairs and several other roles before becoming Prime Minister. He has served two times non-consecutively, from 1996-1999 and 2009-present.

**Omri Casspi**

Born in Holon, Israel, Casspi grew up playing basketball. He made his professional debut playing for Maccabi Tel Aviv during the 2005-2006 season and played through the 2008 season. he was drafted by the Sacramento Kings in 2009 as the 23rd overall pick, distinguishing him as the first Israeli to be drafted in the first round. He has played for the Cavaliers, the Rockets, the Pelicans, the Timberwolves, the Warriors, and currently plays for the Memphis Grizzlies. He also runs a foundation in his name that brings celebrities to Israel.

**Gal Gadot**

Gadot was born in Petach Tikva, Israel. She was a combat instructor in the military and believes that the reason she was cast in Fast & Furious was because of her army background. She won Miss Israel in 2004 before being cast in Fast & Furious and a few smaller roles, eventually being cast as Wonder Woman and becoming a well-known figure in America cinema. She also appeared at the UN and has used her role as Wonder Women to promote female empowerment. She has been attacked in the media for her status as an Israeli and as a Jew.

**Netta Barzilai**

Often known simply as “Netta”, Netta Barzilai is a recording and looping artist. She won the fifth season of Israeli singing competition “HaKokhav HaBa”. This win gave her the honor of representing Israel at the Eurovision Song Contest 2018 in Lisbon, Portugal. She sang her song “Toy” and won the contest with 529 points, giving Israel its fourth-ever Eurovision win. Her song is influenced by the #MeToo movement and finding her voice as a woman.

**Connection Slips:**

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Who was a Jewish pioneer like…

Who was a member of the Mapai party in Knesset like…

Whose son and daughter are writers like…

Who won the Israel Prize like…

Who was a Minister of Labor before becoming Prime Minister like…

Who was confident in his abilities like...

Who had a wild year in 1978 like…

Who was a member of Likud like…

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1. In 1959, a year after he retired from the IDF, Dayan joined [Mapai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mapai), the Israeli [centre-left](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Centre-left) party, then led by [David Ben-Gurion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Ben-Gurion). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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