

## SCA Israel Quiz

1. On January 16, 1948 a convoy of 35 men from which underground organization attempted to bring food and supplies to Gush Etzion?

- a. Haganah
- b. Irgun
- c. Lehi
- d. Hadasah

2. What happened to the 35, in Hebrew ה"ל?

- a. They were arrested
- b. They were successful
- c. They were massacred
- d. They turned back

3. On January 14, 2018, Bibi Netanyahu visited which country on a state visit for the first time?

- a. Saudi Arabia
- b. Jordan
- c. Venezuela
- d. India

4. This weekend there were major protests in Tel Aviv over which issue?

- a. New 7-11
- b. Zara
- c. Judicial Reform
- d. Military accidents

5. Which political figure did not attend the rally in Tel Aviv?

- a. Yair Lapid
- b. Benny Gantz
- c. Yehudah Herzog
- d. Ruby Rivlin

6. There was a major protest against US policies toward Israel on which college campus?

- a. NYU
- b. Harvard
- c. University of Michigan
- d. Princeton

7. Who said, "Using Hitler's word 'solution' is intentional here. Israel has a right to exist. We will never compromise that. The Jewish people have a right to exist. We will ensure."

- a. VP Kamala Harris
- b. Sen Ted Cruz
- c. Rep Jared Moskowitz
- d. Sen Charles Schumer

Food for Thought @ Your Shabbat Table: In light of the conversations about democracy, from flying the Palestinian flag to changing the way justices are appointed, what should the limits be on freedom of speech and the court system, if any?

### Answers:

1. (a) The Haganah sent 38 men to bring food and supplies to Gush Etzion. 3 turned back to get medical care for one of the members. The other 35 attempted to reach the Gush.

2. (c) The 35 were massacred by Arab fighters in the area. After the war the bodies were returned to the state of Israel. 12 of the bodies could not be identified. Rav Aryeh Levine conducted the *Goral HaGra* in order to identify and bury the bodies.

3. (d) Netanyahu visited India on a state visit to reciprocate a visit by Prime Minister Modi in 2017. India and Israel normalized relations in 1992 and have been increasing economic cooperation since.

4. (c) Approximately 80,000 people gathered in Tel Aviv to demonstrate against the government's planned overhaul of the Judicial system, to curb the power of the court over laws passed in Israel. The right says it is an adjustment that is necessary for the integrity of the court. The left says it is a power play that could destroy democracy in Israel.

5. (a) Yair Lapid did not attend the rally in the hopes of it being seen as a people's movement that is not attached to a political agenda. Benny Gantz did attend and spoke informally. Ruby Rivlin suggested putting the overhaul measures up for referendum. Pres. Herzog is trying to mediate the conflict between the political parties.

6. (c) There was an inflammatory protest at University of Michigan where Vice President Kamala Harris was speaking. The content of her appearance did not have to do with Israel policy but the student group protests for the benefit of the vice president. Key issues with the protest involved their commitment to intifada and the use of the term "solution" to be applied to the State of Israel.

7. (c) Representative Moskowitz of Florida spoke up after the rally and what many on social media perceived as an attack on Jews and the Jewish state.