

## SCA Israel Quiz

1. On January 18, 1991, Iraq attacked which of the following cities with SCUD missiles?

- a. Jerusalem
- b. Tel Aviv
- c. Sderot
- d. Hebron

2. Who was Prime Minister during the Persian Gulf War of 1991?

- a. Menachem Begin
- b. Yitzchak Rabin
- c. Shimon Peres
- d. Yitzchak Shamir

3. Which defense equipment did the US send to Israel during the Persian Gulf crisis?

- a. Iron Dome
- b. Star Wars
- c. Patriot Missiles
- d. F16s

4. What did the Israeli government distribute to all its citizens and visitors prior to the first SCUDs falling on Tel Aviv?

- a. Gas masks
- b. M16s
- c. Canned food
- d. Tehilim books

5. True or False: The protests against judicial reform have died down.

- a. True
- b. False

6. How will Aryeh Deri serve in the current Knesset?

- a. Vice Prime Minister
- b. Education Minister
- c. Health Minister
- d. Interior Minister

7. True or False: The Wall Street Journal believes that Israeli democracy can withstand reforms to the court system.

- a. True
- b. False

8. Who said, "It was clear to both of us that we would adhere to the court's ruling,"

- a. Binyamin Netanyahu
- b. Aryeh Deri
- c. Yair Lapid
- d. Naftali Bennett

Food for Thought @ Your Shabbat Table: Israel is requesting F15 fighter planes from the United States in order to prepare for a possible confrontation with Iraq. Should Israel take unilateral action against Iraq if the international community remains silent?

### Answers:

1. (b) In an attempt to engage Israel in the conflict over Kuwait, Saddam Hussein launched SCUD missiles at Israel. Hussein hoped Israel would enter the conflict and drive a wedge between America and its Arab allies. Israel refrained from retaliating during this first Persian Gulf War.

2. (d) Yitzchak Shamir was Prime Minister of Israel during the first Persian Gulf War. Shamir belonged to Lehi before the declaration of the modern state and then to the Likud Party. He is considered one of Israel's most right wing Prime Ministers.

3. (c) The United States sent Israel Patriot Missiles and the crews to man them. The Patriot Missiles were defensive weapons to shoot down SCUD missiles and were the precursor to the Iron Dome system.

4. (a) The Israeli government distributed gas masks to all its citizens and visitors in the anticipation that Iraq had attached chemical warheads to the SCUD missiles. Israelis also designated a room in their homes that would be a sealed room in the event of a gas attack. No chemical warheads were attached to the SCUDs.

5. (b) False. Protests have picked up. Over 100,000 people protested this past weekend. Yair Lapid, who previously wished to stay out of the protests, claiming it would give them more clout, attended and addressed the crowds this past weekend.

6. (a) The High Court ruled that Aryeh Deri of the Shas Party could not hold any cabinet positions because he was convicted of corruption charges previously. However, they did not ban him from serving in the Knesset, and he does hold the position of Vice PM. Technically the Vice PM does not perform any special duties unless the Prime Minister is temporarily unable to perform his duties. There are multiple people who hold similar positions in the current government.

7. (a) In their January 20th editorial, the Wall Street Journal stated that Israeli democracy is resilient and the Israeli courts lack a constitution to hold it accountable. They are not concerned about a threat to democracy, as the voters have been active and deliberate in their choices.

8. (b) Aryeh Deri responding to questions about his being fired from cabinet posts.