



How Well Do You Know Israel?!

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1. Who is the Foreign Minister of the State of Israel?

- A. Naftali Bennett B. Binyamin Netanyahu C. Yair Lapid D. Benny Gantz

2. To which country did the Foreign Minister travel last week?

- A. Egypt B. United States C. UAE D. Bahrain

3. Which American company announced it's opening 5 R&D sites in Israel?

- A. Google B. Microsoft C. Pfizer D. Apple

4. Which of the following cities had a continual Jewish presence for 3,000 years?

- A. Tel Aviv B. Petah Tikvah C. Tiberias D. Jaffo

5. Which of the following countries does NOT share a border with Israel?

- A. Lebanon B. Syria C. Iraq D. Jordan

6. Which of the following is the northernmost city in Israel?

- A. Rosh Pina B. Rosh HaNikra C. Haifa D. Kiryat Shmona

7. In which of the following nature reserves did David hide from Shaul?

- A. The Banias B. Ein Gedi C. Masada D. The Rimmon Crater

8. Who said, "In Israel, in order to be realist you must believe in miracles."?

- A. Theodor Herzl B. Menachem Begin C. David Ben-Gurion D. Golda Meir

Answers:

1. (C) Yair Lapid and Naftali Bennett joined in a coalition government earlier this year. In the first two years of the government, Naftali Bennett is serving as the Prime Minister and Yair Lapid as the Foreign Minister. Their roles will shift in the second two years of the term, if the coalition lasts.

2. (D) Yair Lapid visited the Bahrain to inaugurate Israel's embassy in the capital, Manama. They signed MoUs (Memorandums of Understanding) on the economy and technology. Additionally, on October 3rd, EgyptAir made its first direct flight to Tel Aviv, 42 years after Israel and Egypt signed the first peace agreement between Israel and an Arab country.

3. (B) Microsoft currently has R&D sites in 3 places in Israel, Tel Aviv, Herzliya and Nazareth. They are looking to hire 2,500 employees which will double the size of their workforce in Israel. They hope to attract ultra-orthodox Jews and Arabs to join the Microsoft team.

4. (C) Even through 2,000 years of diaspora, Jews have always had a substantial presence: Jerusalem, Hebron, Tiberias and Safed.

5. (C) Despite not sharing a border with the State of Israel, Iraq has joined in the 1948 and 1967 war against Israel. Recently, there have been calls in Iraq to make peace with the State of Israel and develop relationships with Iraqi Jews who now live in Israel.

6. (D) In June 1982, Israel went to war with the PLO in Lebanon to allow the residents of Kiryat Shmona to be able to live outside their bomb shelters. That war saw the ousting of the PLO from Lebanon, but Israel also maintaining a military presence in the South of Lebanon until May 2000. There are other communities further north, like Metula, but Kiryat Shmona is large enough to be designated a city.

7. (B) In perakim 23&24, David hides from Shaul in the mountains of Ein Gedi. It is there that David ripped a piece of Shaul's garment and took his water jug. Check out the perakim for a touching dialogue between David and Shaul.

8. (C) What might have prompted Israel's first Prime Minister to say the above? Do you think he was correct? Why?