



How Well Do You Know Israel?!

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1. Which of the following Prime Ministers had the last name "Gruen"?

- a. David Ben Gurion b. Moshe Sharett
- c. Levi Eshkol d. Yitzchak Rabin

2. Which of the following Prime Ministers spent time in a Siberian Labor Camp during WW II?

- a. Moshe Sharett b. Yitzchak Shamir
- c. Golda Meir d. Menachem Begin

3. Which of the following Prime Ministers traveled to Jordan secretly to convince them not to enter the war?

- a. Moshe Sharett b. Golda Meir
- c. Yitzchak Rabin d. Shimon Peres

4. Which Prime Minister was the first Sabra to be elected to the post?

- a. Moshe Sharett b. Ariel Sharon
- c. Yitzchak Rabin d. Bibi Netanyahu

5. Which Prime Minister attended MIT?

- a. Naftali Bennett b. Yair Lapid
- c. Bibi Netanyahu d. Benny Gantz

6. How many justices are on the Israeli Supreme Court?

- a. 3 b. 9
- c. 15 d. 23

7. Which Senator blocked funding for replenishment of the Iron Dome?

- a. Rand Paul b. Joe Macnchin
- c. Bernie Sanders d. Marco Rubio

8. The funding for Iron Dome can still pass with a vote on the floor of the Senate.

- a. True b. False

Food for thought @ your Shabbat table: What are the qualities do you think are necessary for the Prime Minister of the State of Israel?

Answers:

1. **(a)** David Ben Gurion changed his last name from Gruen when he moved to Israel. Ben Gurion believed that Jews returning home should change the names they were given in exile to Hebrew names to reflect their return home.

2. **(d)** Menachem Begin was arrested when he was in Lithuania and sent to a Siberian Labor Camp until the Soviet Union released him as a Polish national. His wife, Aliza, made Aliyah when he was in the Siberian labor camp when she was able to secure a coveted entry permit.

3. **(b)** Golda Meir traveled to Jordan to ask him not to attack Israel. She went on this mission in 1948 and then again in 1967. Even though King Hussein went to war reluctantly, he did join Israel's enemies in attacking. The result was the expansion of Israeli control in the West Bank.

4. **(c)** Yitzchak Rabin was the first person to be elected Prime Minister who was born in the land of Israel. He was born in 1922 in Jerusalem. He joined the Palmach as a teenager and then served in the IDF until 1967.

5. **(c)** Bibi Netanyahu spent many of his growing up years in the United States. He attended MIT after completing his army service in Sayeret Matkal, an elite unit in the army. Bibi is the first Prime Minister to have been born after the State of Israel declared its independence.

6. **(c)** There are 15 justices on the Israeli Supreme Court and 2 registrars. The lead justice on the court is called the President of the Court. 4 of the justices, including the President, are female. 1 of the 2 registrars is a woman.

7. **(a)** Rand Paul blocked a unanimous vote on replenishing the Iron Dome, which will cause the motion to go the floor of the Senate where it will pass. This is the fourth time Rand Paul blocked the motion. He believes that the Senate should be responsible and indicate where the money will come from. He suggested the money that was earmarked for Afghanistan.

8. **(a)** True, the funding will most likely be attached to another bill.