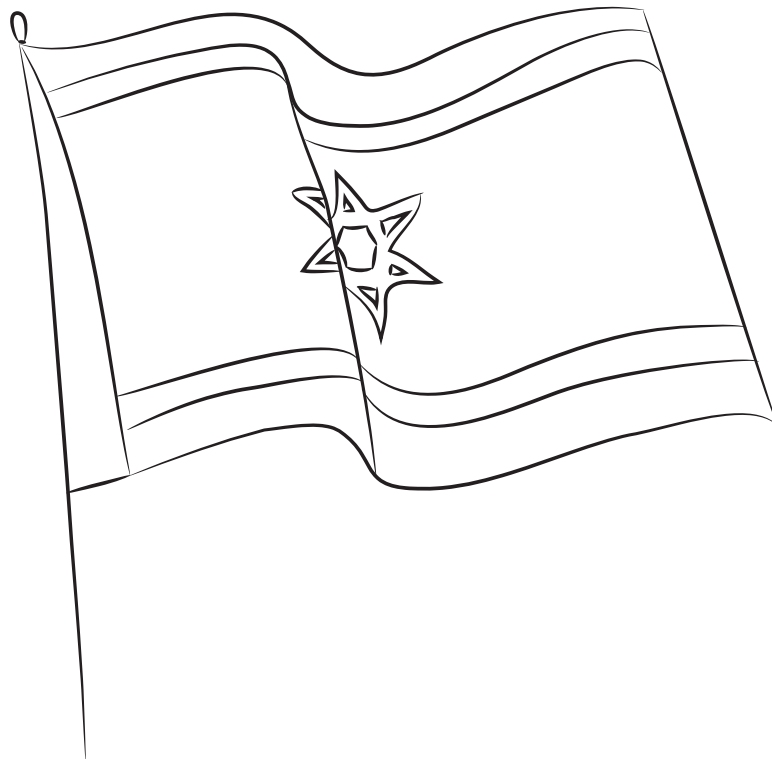


Happy Birthday, Israel!

Activities for *Yom Haatzmaut* 2020

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Welcome

It's time to celebrate Israel's birthday! While you may not be able to participate in school activities or celebrations this year, there are plenty of ways to mark this special day.

I hope you enjoy going through this activity packet.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Sari Kopitnikoff, and I am an educator, illustrator, and author. I especially love figuring out how to use fresh ideas to bring fun and meaning to Jewish life.

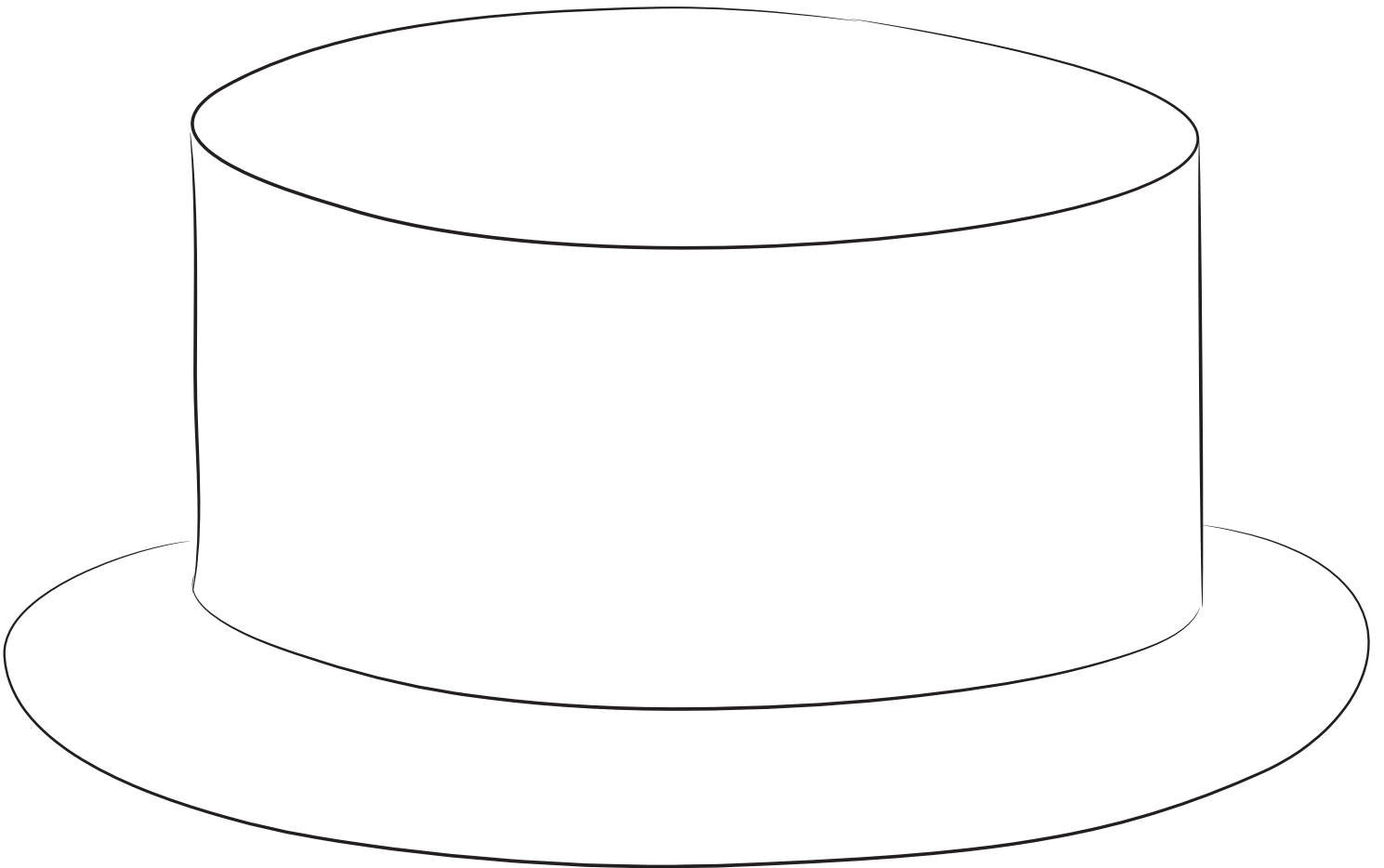
Questions? Comments?
I'd love to hear from you!

Find me on Instagram or Facebook at @thatjewishmoment or send me a note on thatjewishmoment.com. There, you can subscribe to my newsletter to get more educational resources.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sari Kopitnikoff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small arrow-like flourish at the beginning.

The Icing on the Cake

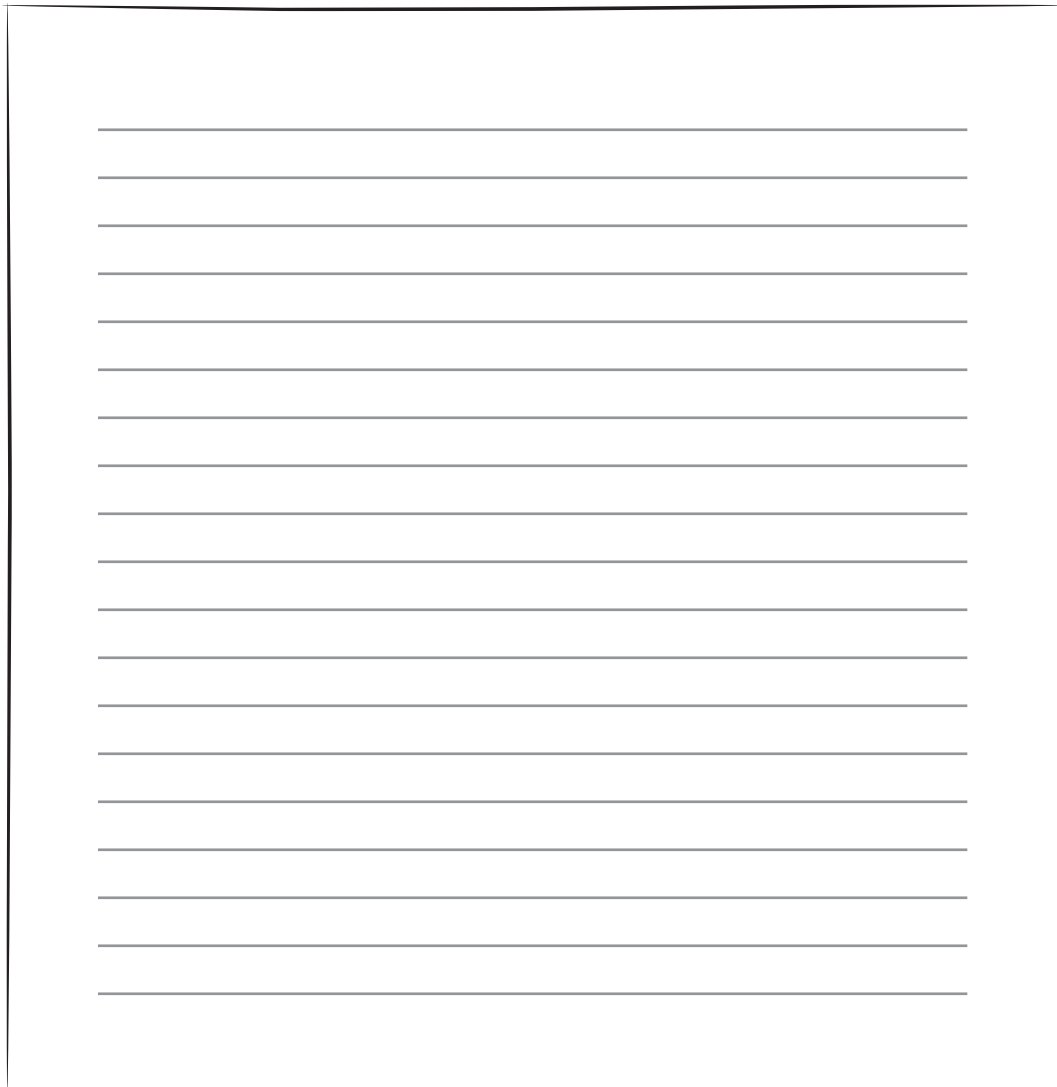
It's time to get kitchen creative, but without all the frosting mess.
How can you decorate this cake to honor Israel's independence?

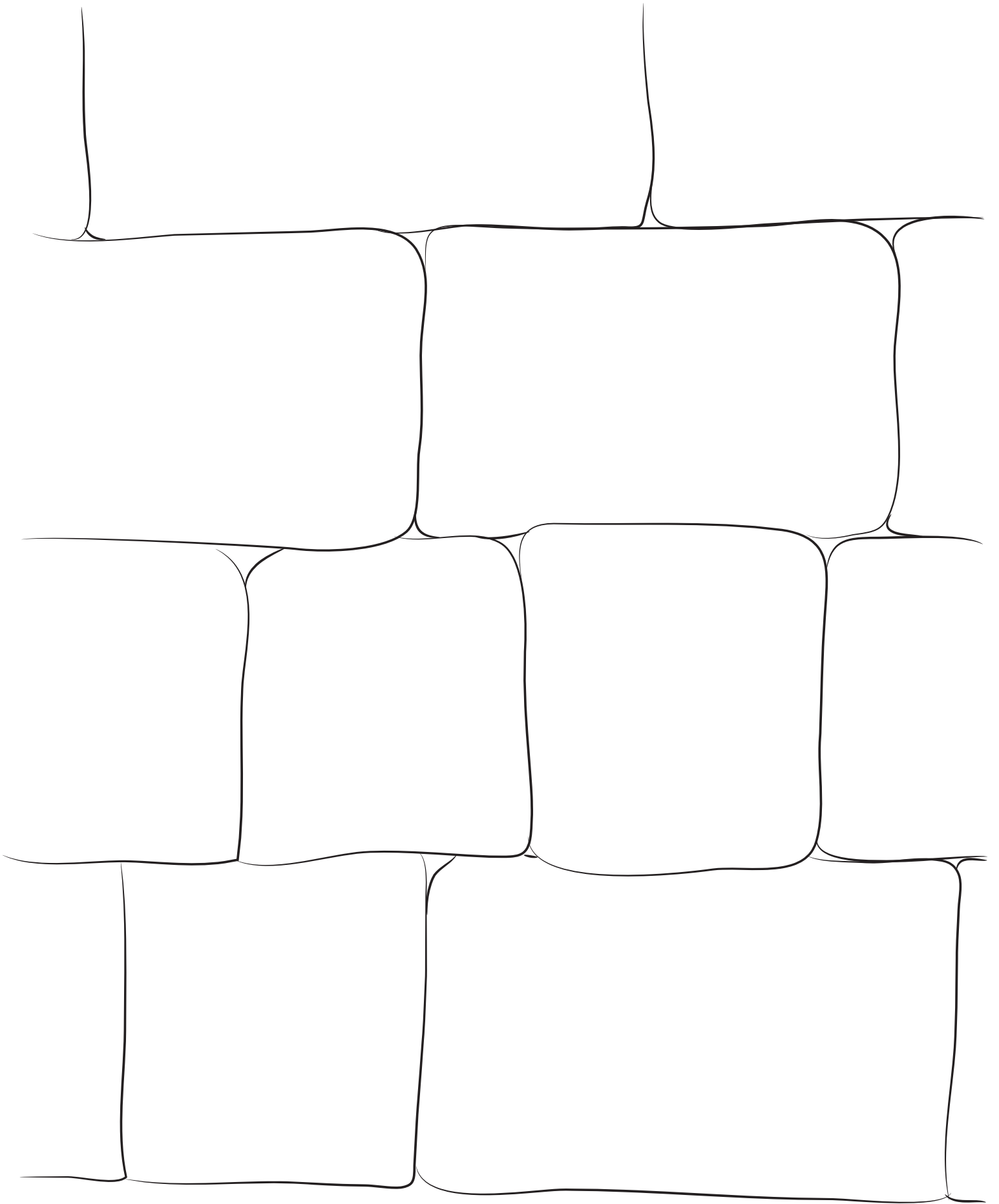


The Writing in the Wall

Each year, hundreds of thousands of notes are placed between the stones of the *Kotel* (Western Wall) by travelers visiting from around the globe. People often take the opportunity to write a letter to God, expressing their thoughts and prayers. Imagine you're at the *Kotel*, and write a letter to God in the note below.

When you're done, you can fold it up and tape it to the *Kotel* stones on the next page.

A large rectangular box with a thin black border, containing 20 horizontal lines for writing. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across most of the width of the box, leaving a small margin on the left and right sides.



All Mixed Up

Below, you'll find an illustration of David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, reading Israel's declaration of independence in May of 1948. On the next page is the same drawing, but all of the pieces are mixed up. Cut out the rectangles, and see if you can piece the image together correctly. Once you figure it out, tape the back of the pieces together, and color in the picture.

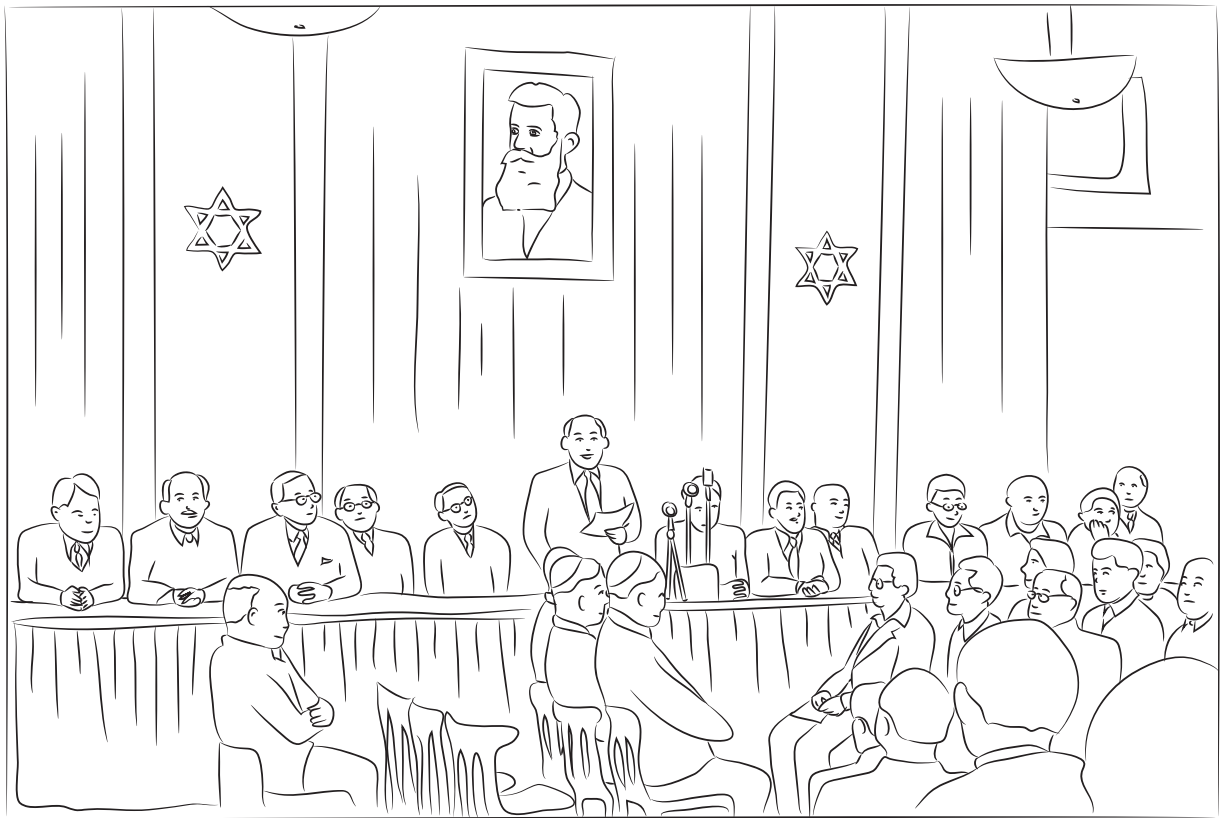
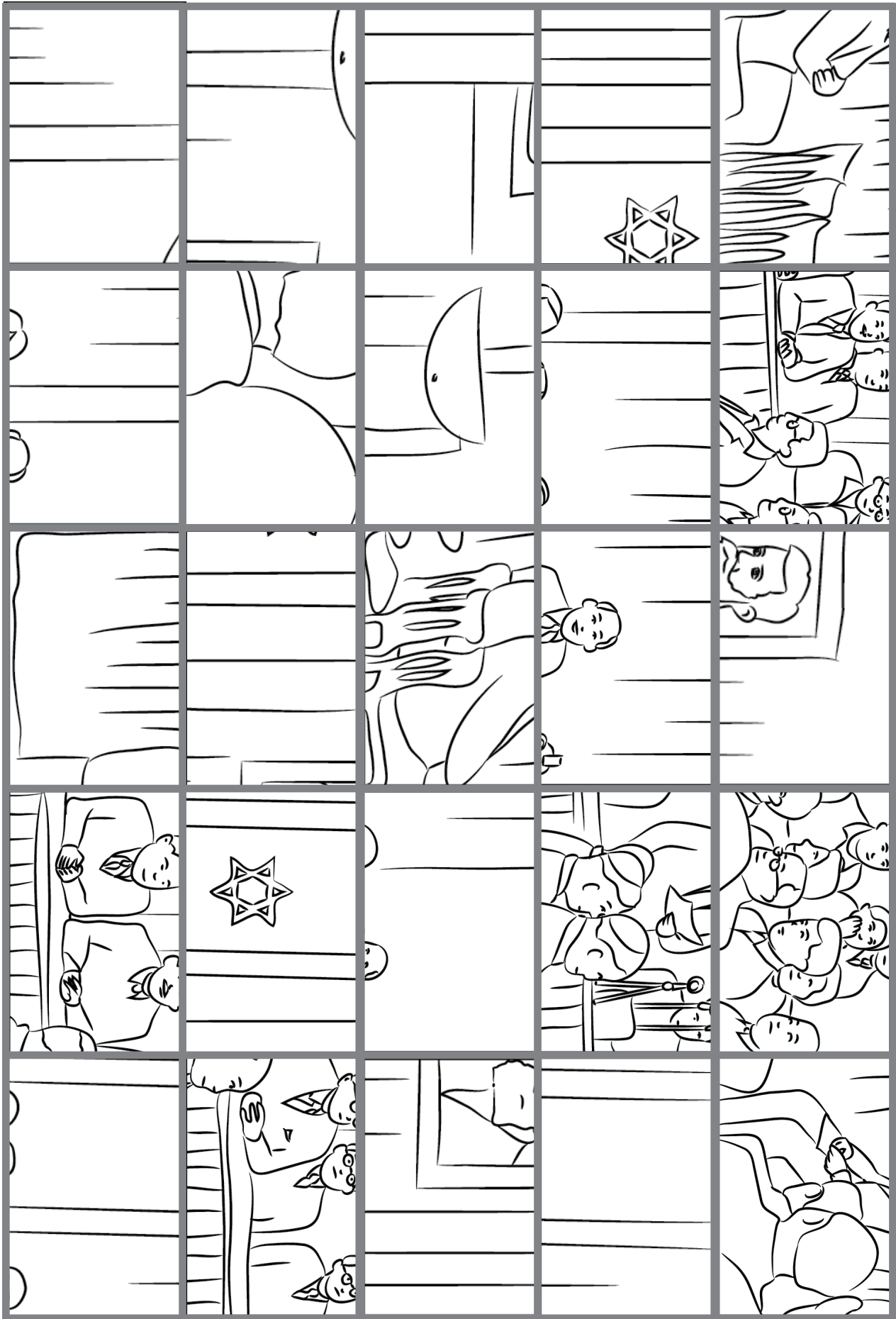


Photo credit for the picture I used as reference: Kluger Zoltan/GPO/Reuters



Made in Israel

One of the best ways to support Israel is by buying products made there.

Here's your mission: look through your house and see how many things (think: food, art, technology...) you can find that say "Made in Israel"!

Let's see how you do:

1 - 3? Beginner backer. 4 - 6? Solid supporter. 7 or more? Fantastic fan!

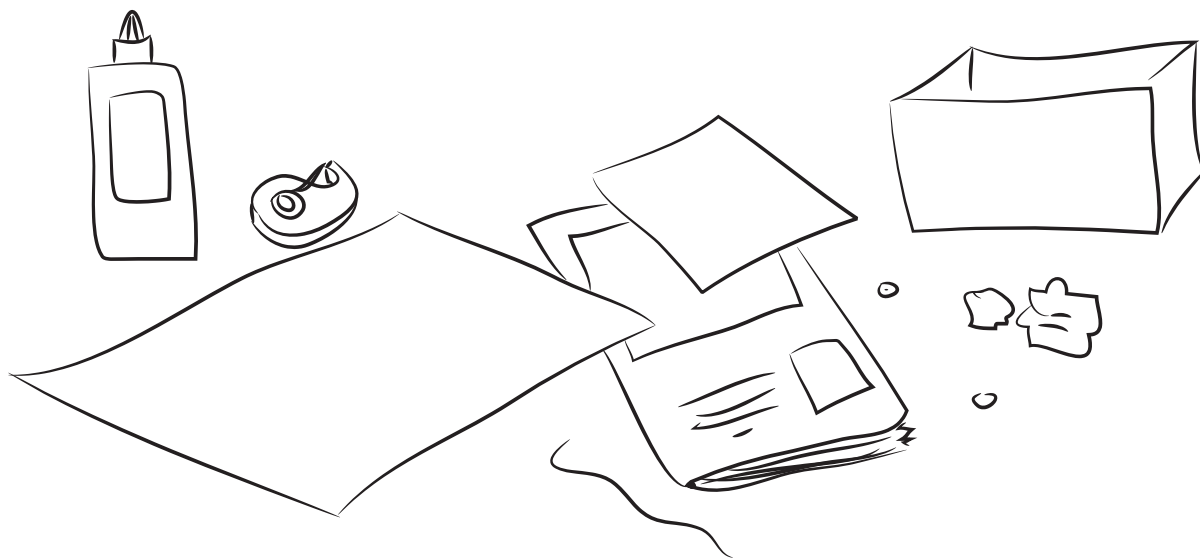


Israel's Flag

Learn about Israel's flag below, and see if you can make sense of the paragraph by unscrambling all the jumbled words:

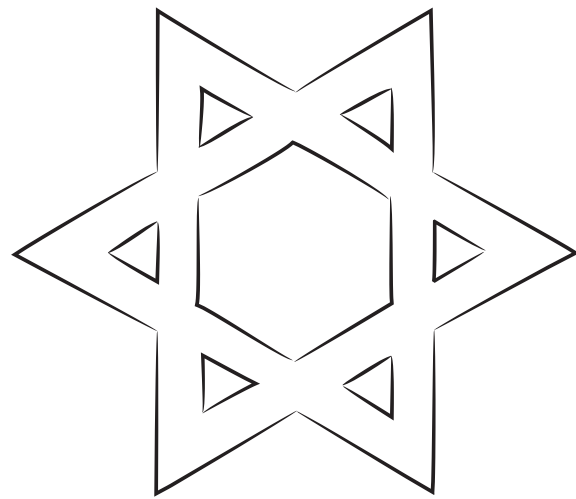
SAREY _____ before Israel declared its independence, a few members of the early Zionist movement created the **GINSED** _____ which would later become Israel's **GLAF** _____. The **CROOLS** _____ of the Israeli flag are based on the traditional *tallit* (**PARREY** _____ shawl). The six pointed **TARS** _____ at the **TERNEC** _____ is in honor of King David's **HILSED** _____. In November of 1948, the flag was recognized as the **LAFOIFIC** _____ Israeli flag.

Source: Smith, Whitney. "Flag of Israel." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. 2018.



And now, it's time to decorate your own Israeli flag. First, grab some tape or glue. Then, using magazine/newspaper/packaging scraps, odds and ends you find around your house, and anything **except** for coloring utensils, let's see how you can decorate the Israeli flag on the next page.

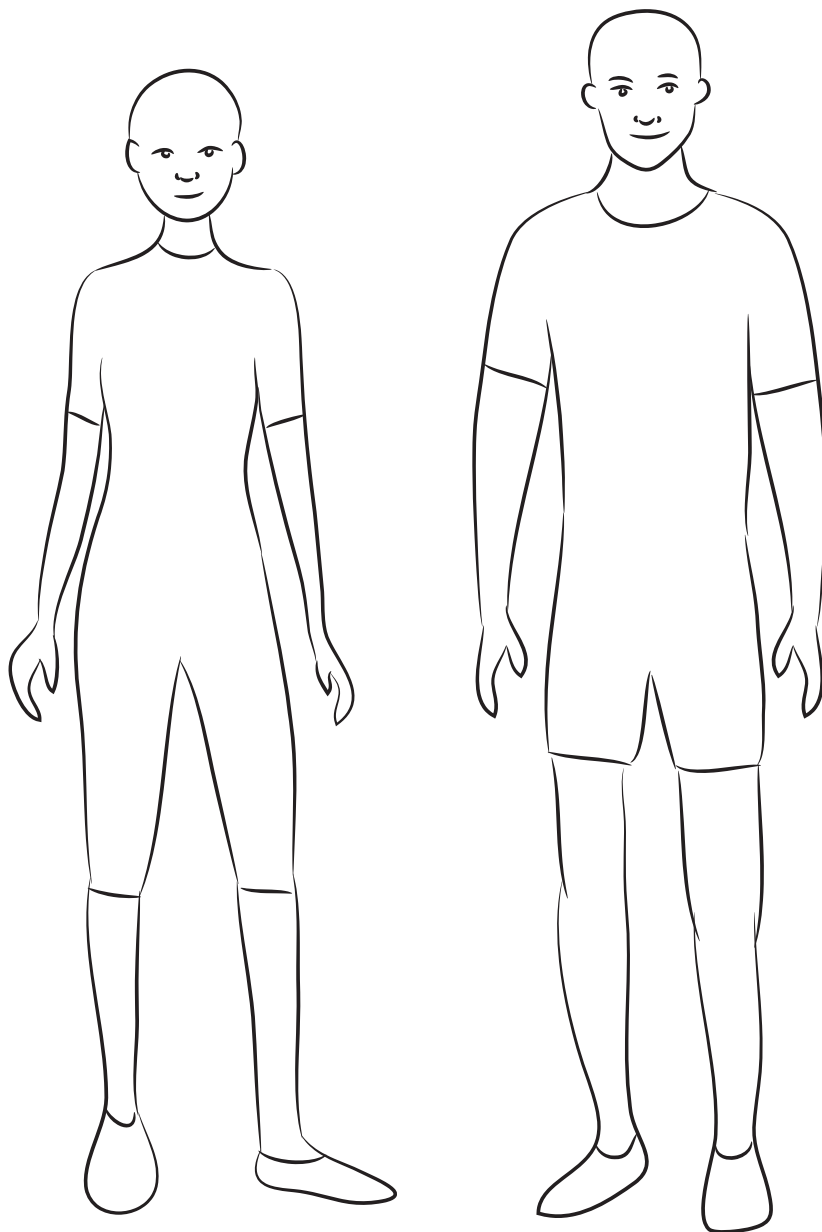
If you like how your flag comes out, please send me a picture of your finished product. I would love to see what you create!



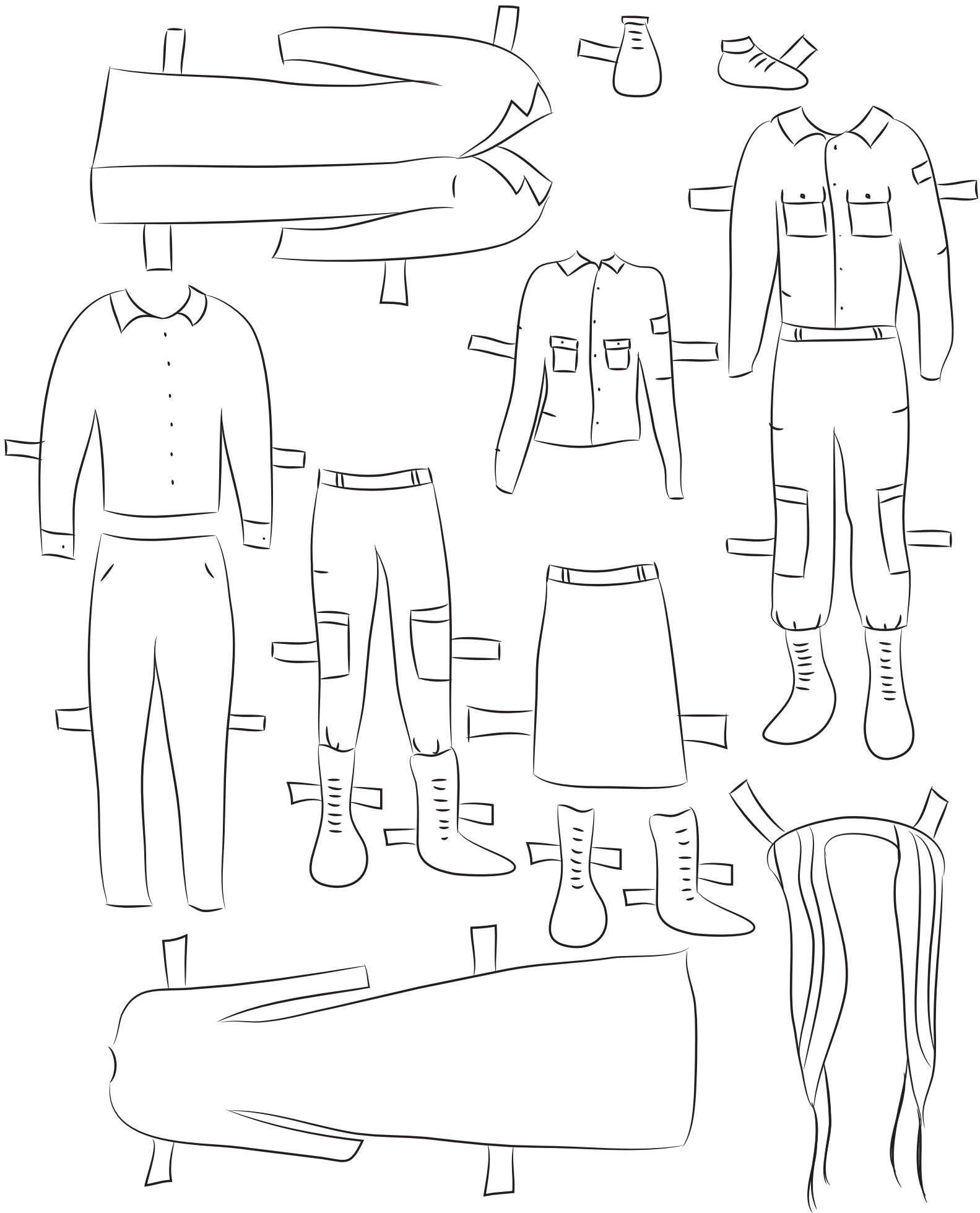
Diversity in Israel

One unique quality about Israel is how **diverse** it is. People of all backgrounds, religious affiliations, and ethnicities call Israel home.

First, cut out the characters below. Then, you can color and use some of the clothing and accessories on the next few pages (or make your own) to create all different kinds of Israelis. (For best results, print on cardstock. Use the little flaps to secure the clothing/accessories onto your characters.)







Milk and Honey: the Game

If you enjoyed this packet, I want to encourage you to head over to my shop, thatjewishmoment.com/shop, and check out the newest downloadable and printable game I added in honor of *Yom Haatzmaut*. It's called The Game of Milk and Honey, and it's an Israel-themed twist on the beloved Memory game.

Each matching set of cards consists of another reason to celebrate Israel. Plus, to switch things up, there are special power cards.

The game is just 4\$, and 50% of the proceeds will be going directly to Leket Israel, the leading food rescue organization in Israel. Because of what's going on now, over 11,000 people are now receiving a daily hot meal from them. For more information on Leket Israel's important work, please visit leket.org/en.

If you love
the Land of Milk and Honey,
try playing
The Game of Milk and Honey.



Print once. Play forever.

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