

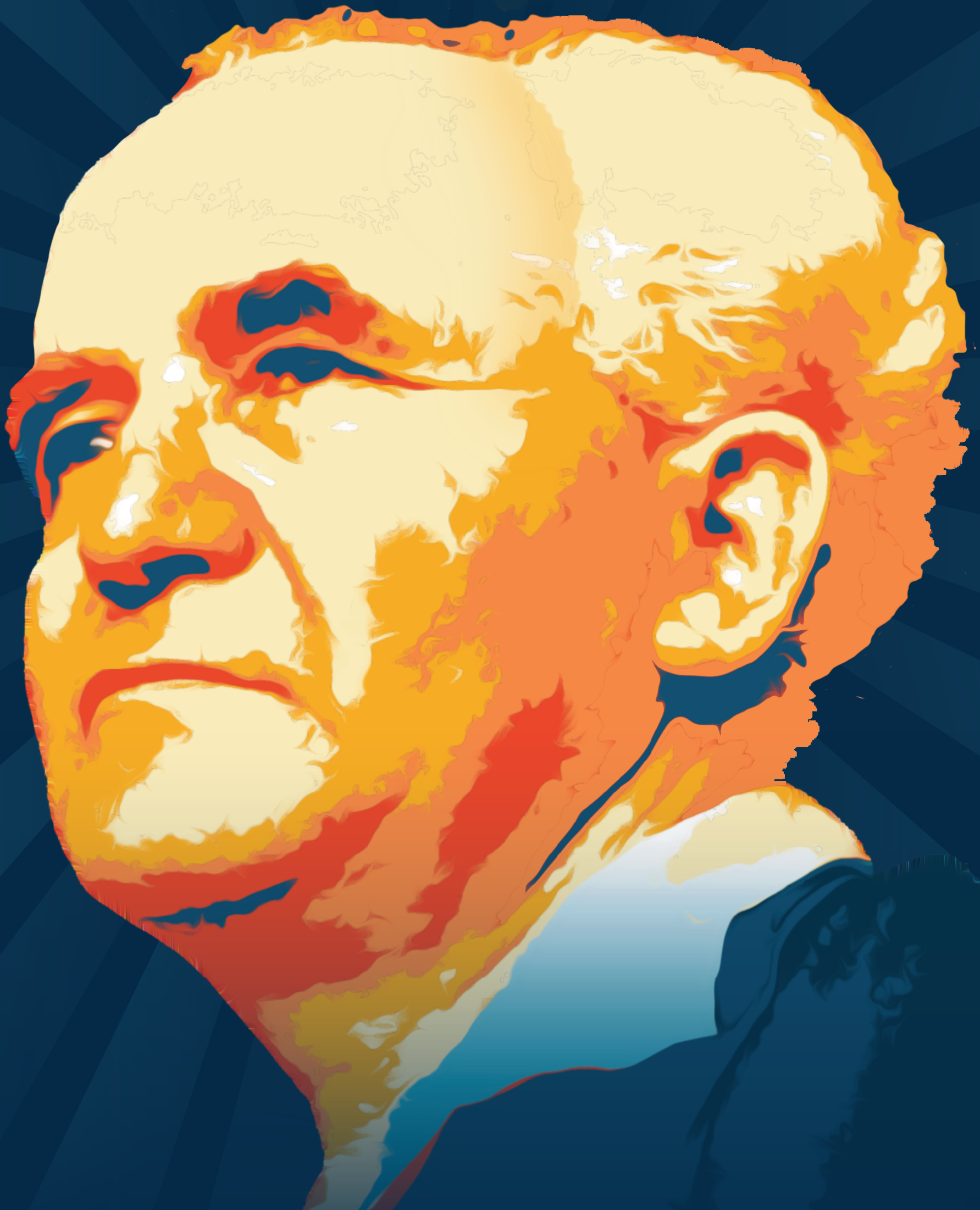


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המכון למורשת
בן-גוריון

THE BEN-GURION
HERITAGE INSTITUTE



1886

BORN

נולד



1886

On October 16th, 1886,
David Grouen (later known
as David Ben-Gurion) was
born in Plonsk, Poland.



1900

A FOUNDER OF AGUDAT EZRA

ממייסדי אגודת עזרא



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1900

At the age of 14,
Ben-Gurion co-founded a
Zionist youth group called
“Ezra” to teach Jewish
children Hebrew and
encourage emigration
to the Holy Land.



1906

PIONEER

חלוץ



1906

In 1906, at the age of 20, David Grouen made Aliyah (moving to the land of Israel)—taking the first step toward his dream of becoming a pioneer and farmer.



1910

AHDUT NEWSPAPER EDITOR

עורך עיתון "האחדות"



1910

David Grouen moved to Jerusalem and became the editor of a newspaper called "Achdut" ("Unity"). While in Jerusalem, he changed his last name to Ben-Gurion.



1913

**LAW
STUDENT**

סטודנט למשפטים



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1913

Ben-Gurion and his friend Yitzhak Ben-Zvi traveled to Turkey to study law. With the outbreak of World War I, he did not complete his studies and returned to the Holy Land.



1919

FAMILY MAN

איש משפחה



1919

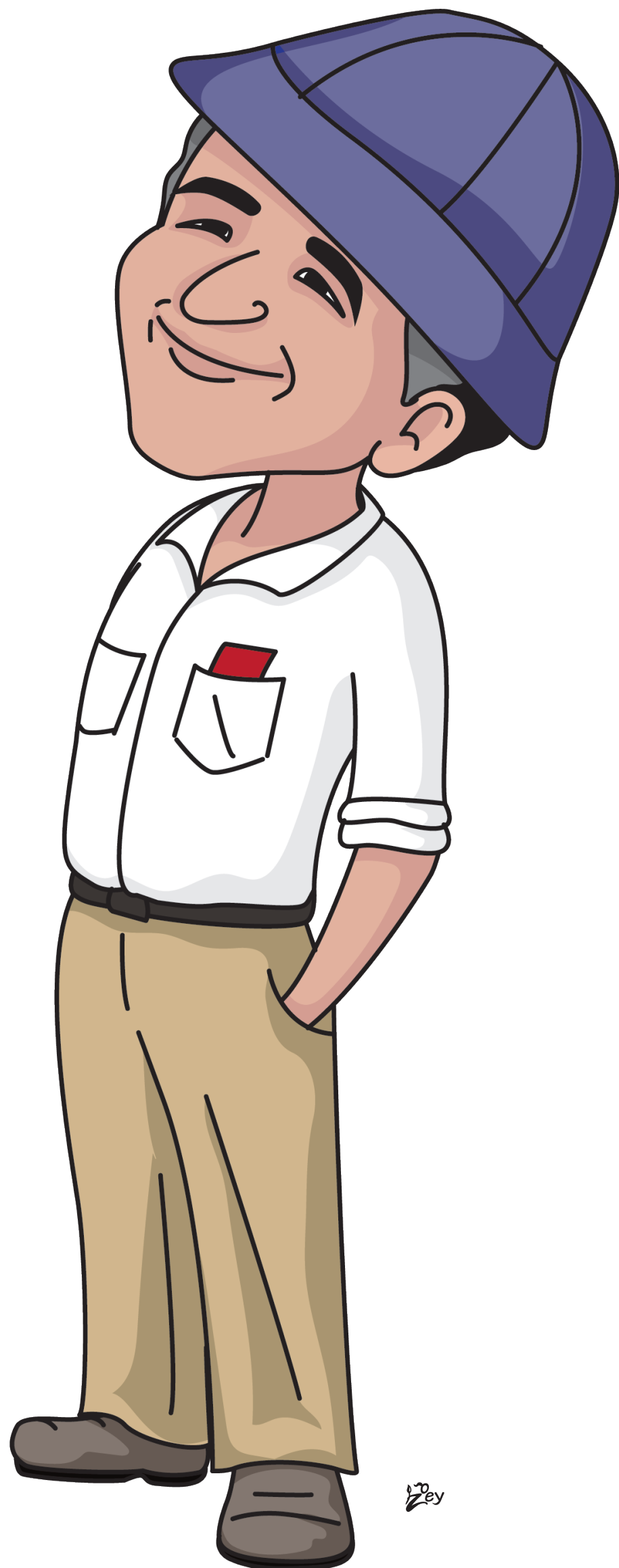
While on a visit to America, Ben-Gurion met Paula Munweis in New York and they married at City Hall. Soon after, he left to join the British Army. Geula, their first child, was born on September 11th, 1919. His two other children, Amos and Renana, were born a few years later.



1921

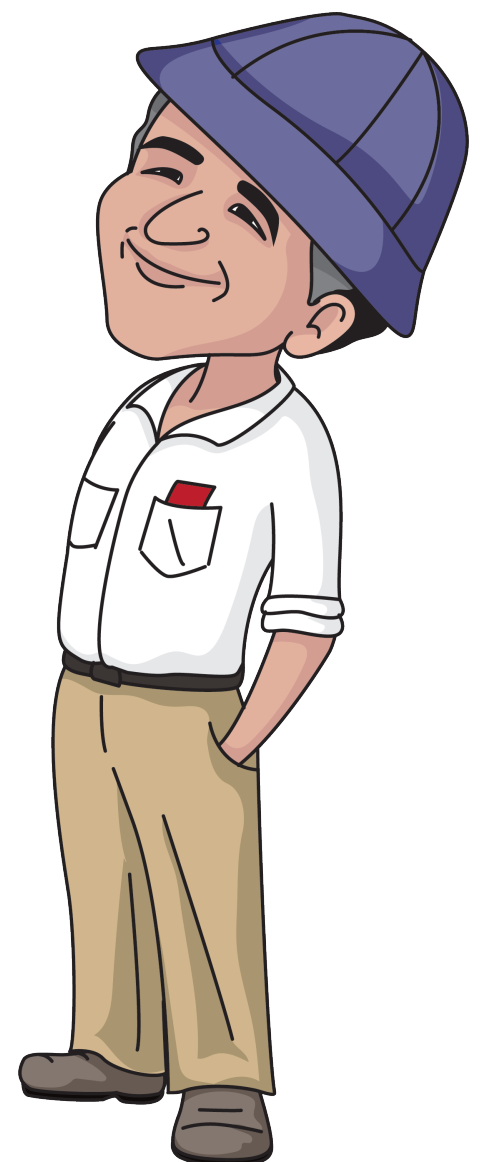
HISTADRUT SECRETARY

מזכיר ההסתדרות



1921

Ben-Gurion became the head of the Histadrut, the General Organization of Workers in Israel. In this role, he was responsible for addressing the needs of Jewish workers in the region.



1935

CHAIRMAN OF THE JEWISH AGENCY

יו"ר הנהלת הסוכנות



1935

Before the Jewish state was officially established, Ben-Gurion headed the Jewish Agency, which managed the country's affairs and represented its interests to the international community.



1948

FIRST PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

ראש הממשלה
הראשון של ישראל



1948

Ben-Gurion helped write the Declaration of Independence, and officially declared Israel's independence on Friday, May 14th - just a day before the end of the British Mandate in Israel. He was elected first Prime Minister of Israel the following year.



1948

DEFENSE MINISTER

שר הבטחון



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1948

While serving as Minister of Defense, Ben-Gurion created the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) as a "people's army" and served as its first Security Minister.



1953

PERSON OF THE NEGEV

איש הנגב



1953

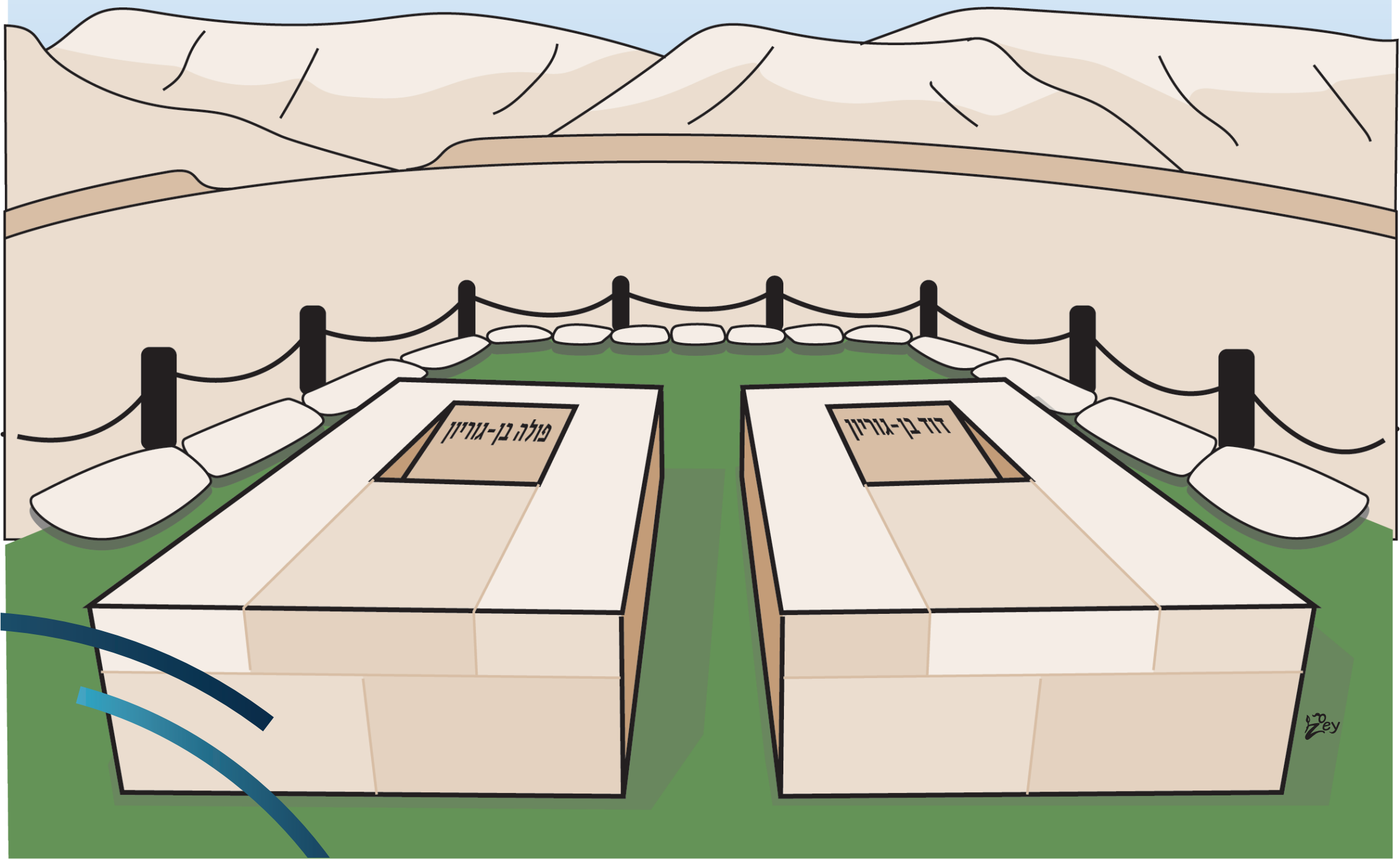
Ben-Gurion retired from government and moved to Kibbutz Sde Boker with his wife Paula - finally fulfilling his pioneer dream of settling in the Negev. He is quoted as saying, "It is in the Negev that the people of Israel will be tested."



1973

PASSED AWAY

נפטר



1973

David Ben-Gurion passed away on December 1st, 1973, and was buried at Midreshet Ben-Gurion in the Negev beside his wife, Paula.

