



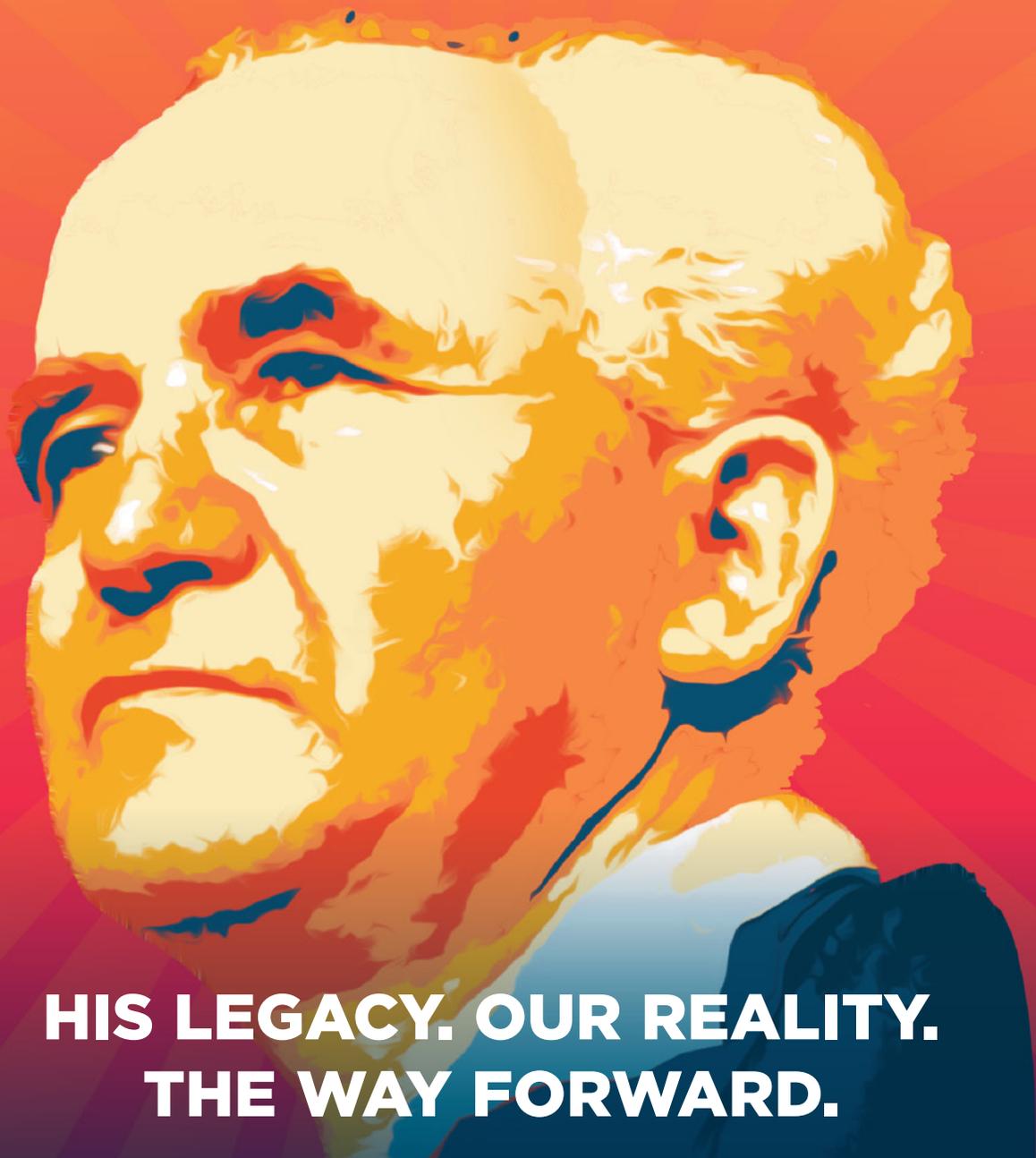
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BEN-GURION DAY IN THE USA

Engagement Activities

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**HIS LEGACY. OUR REALITY.
THE WAY FORWARD.**

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This year's Ben-Gurion Day engagement activities invites students to step into the life, vision, and values of Israel's first Prime Minister.

Through hands-on activities, visual exploration, and interactive games, students will discover how David Ben-Gurion's ideas on courage, education, language, and the Negev continue to shape Israel today.

The activities in this plan are designed to be both fun and meaningful, helping students connect history to their own lives. They will see that Ben-Gurion's story is about choices, resilience, and the belief that every generation can help shape the future. By the end of the lesson, students will better understand who Ben-Gurion was, why he mattered, and how his vision still points us forward.

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Introduction & Framing Discussion

Objective:

Ground students in who David Ben-Gurion was, and why we're learning about him.

Talking Points:

- David Ben-Gurion, Israel's founding prime minister, saw the Bible as the nation's moral compass and guiding document.
- He believed education should unite science and scripture, shaping a society grounded in both knowledge and tradition.
- In times of hardship, he embodied resilience, endurance, and perseverance. Qualities that continue to inspire Israel today.

Discussion Prompt:

What does it mean to build the future? Who gets to decide what a country becomes?

The Role of Youth in Ben-Gurion's Vision

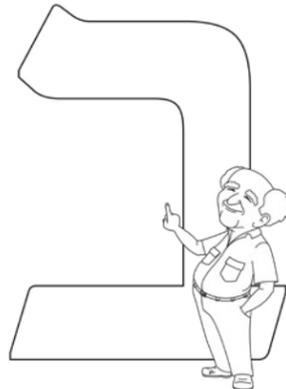


Learn about David Ben-Gurion, Israel's founding father and first prime minister, a visionary leader who declared the nation's independence in 1948 and shaped its path as a modern state.

David Ben-Gurion Alephbet Coloring Book



גִּפְּו
Vine



בֶּן-גּוּרִיּוֹן
Ben-Gurion



אופניים
Bicycle

Theme Focus: Language as Legacy

Objective:

Introduce students to the Hebrew language as a key part of Israeli identity and Ben-Gurion's cultural vision.

David Ben-Gurion believed that the Hebrew language was essential to the identity, unity, and future of the Jewish people. This activity introduces students to the Hebrew alphabet in an engaging, age-appropriate way that reinforces Ben-Gurion's vision for a culturally rooted and forward-looking Israel. Learning the letters of the Hebrew language connects children directly to the foundations of Israeli culture and communication, values Ben-Gurion fought to preserve and promote.

How to use it:

1. Scan the QR Code

- Use your phone or tablet to scan the QR code.
- It will take you to a digital coloring book with all 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

2. Pick a Letter!

- Choose any letter you'd like to learn more about and color your Page
- Each page has a Hebrew letter to color, a fun illustration of David and the english translation of the word.

3. Learn & Share

- Say the letter out loud. Try to pronounce the Hebrew word.
- Talk about what it means.
- Hang it up at home or in the classroom!

Educational Goals:

- Introduce students to the Hebrew Alephbet as a symbol of Jewish continuity and identity.
- Reinforce Ben-Gurion's commitment to reviving Hebrew as the national language of Israel.
- Spark curiosity about language, culture, and how communication builds community.

Scan the QR code to Download Alephbet Coloring Book



Spot It Card Game



Theme Focus: Quick Thinking, Symbol Recognition, and Israel's Core Values

Objective:

Reinforce knowledge of Israel's founding story using visual cues that represent key events and values.

This fast-paced visual recognition game uses key symbols from Israeli history to help students engage with Ben-Gurion's life and legacy in a playful yet meaningful way. Some illustrated icons are tied to a milestone moment, value, or vision, such as pioneering the Negev, reviving the Hebrew language, or founding the state of Israel. By learning to recognize and name these symbols, students begin to internalize the historical events and ideals that shaped Israel's future. Just as Ben-Gurion imagined it.

How to use it:

- Shuffle the deck and deal five cards to each player or team.
- On each turn, a player lays down a card from their hand onto the center pile.
- Race to find the one symbol that matches between your card and the top card in the center pile.
- The first player to correctly spot and call out the shared symbol wins the round and keeps both cards.
- If no match is found, draw a new card and continue play.
- The player with the most cards at the end wins.

Educational Goals:

- Build familiarity with the people, places, and principles that define Israel's founding story.
- Reinforce memory and visual literacy while connecting each symbol to a larger historical narrative.
- Celebrate Ben-Gurion's enduring vision by turning abstract values into interactive discovery.

Ben-Gurion Matching Memory Game



Theme Focus: *History as a Path Forward*

Objective:

Teach key events in Ben-Gurion's life and connect them chronologically to show his role in shaping Israel.

David Ben-Gurion's life was filled with decisive moments that shaped the future of Israel, from his early education and Zionist activism to declaring statehood and retiring to the Negev. Each milestone was more than just a point in time. It was a choice to lead with purpose. This memory game helps students connect with that timeline in a playful, age-appropriate way, encouraging them to think about how leadership, vision, and resilience unfold over time.

As students match dates with key events, they're developing memory skills and piecing together the story of a man who believed deeply in the power of youth, the Hebrew language, and the promise of the Negev to secure Israel's future.

How to use it:

- Shuffle the deck of memory cards, which include illustrated dates and descriptions of historical moments from Ben-Gurion's life.
- Lay all cards face down in a grid.
- Players take turns flipping over two cards.
 - If the cards match (date + correct event), the player keeps the pair and takes another turn.
 - If not, return both cards face down and move to the next player.
- When all matches are made, the player with the most pairs wins.

Bonus Activity:

Have students arrange their matched cards in chronological order to build a timeline of Ben-Gurion's life. Take a group photo to commemorate the learning moment, and spark a short discussion about how each event helped shape the country.

Educational Goals:

- Teach major historical milestones in Ben-Gurion's life and Israel's founding story.
- Reinforce the idea that history is made through visionary action and personal responsibility.
- Help students see themselves as future leaders capable of resilience, principled action, and big ideas. Just like Ben-Gurion believed.

Optional Wrap-Up Reflection or Writing Prompt

Objective:

Encourage students to think about how they can live out Ben-Gurion's values in today's world.

Writing/Discussion Questions:

- What part of Ben-Gurion's story inspires you most?
- What is one thing you can do this year to show leadership, courage, or care for your community?

What I admire the most about Ben-Gurion's values is...

What inspires me the most about Ben-Gurion's story is...

