

EDUCATOR SUBMITTED LESSON PLAN
ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUBJECT AND GRADE LEVEL

Israel's Independence Day; 4th Grade

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ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

Connection to Israel and Judaism can be experienced through celebrations

ESSENTIAL QUESTION(S)

- How can celebration bring us closer to Judaism and Israel?

OBJECTIVES:

Students will:

- Be able to compare & contrast the celebration of *Yom Ha'atzmaut* in Israel and Independence Day in USA.

ASSESSMENT:

The students will plan and execute a *Yom Ha'atzmaut* celebration for the class or the school

MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES

DVDs about celebration of *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, music CDs, story books, guest speakers, textbooks, food, and party favors.

ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES

- Have Israeli music playing in the class at the beginning of the lesson.
- Sit in a circle like at a *koomzites* and tell a story about *Yom Ha'atzmaut*.
- Bring a guest speaker like a *shaliach* to tell the students how *Yom Ha'atzmaut* is celebrated in Israel
- Make a chart; how is *Yom Ha'atzmaut* celebrated in Israel and 4th of July in the USA.
- Make plans for how we can celebrate *Yom Ha'atzmaut*.