



Center for Israel Education

The Hall of Fame

A CIE Escape Room Activity



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Enduring Understanding:

Shimon Peres was an important leader who impacted Israeli society in politics, economics, and pursuing peace.

Activity Objectives:

In this escape room activity, students will

- Decode information from original sources;
- Discover that Israel was created on May 14, 1948;
- Learn about the origins of Hatikvah;
- Understand that Israeli food is comprised of dishes from a variety of regions and cultures;
- Learn about an important Israeli leader, Shimon Peres

Suggested Grade Levels:

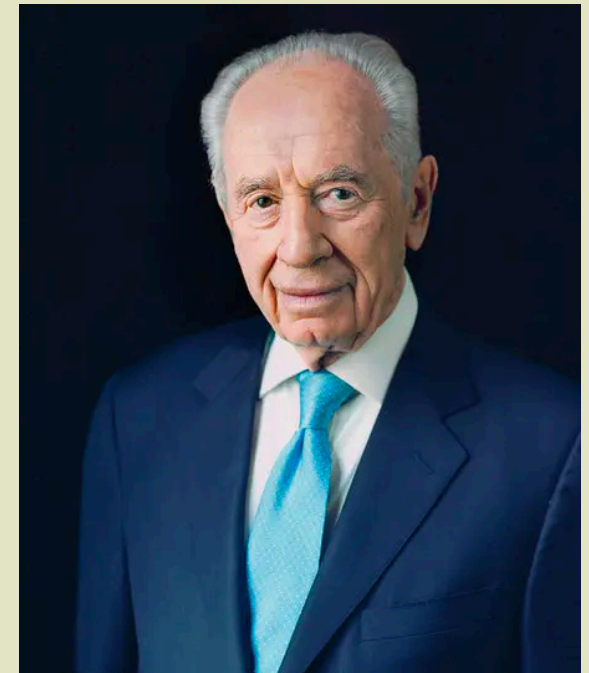
- 3rd - 6th

Suggested Time: 45 minutes

Background for the Facilitator:

This escape room guides learners through a series of activities using a variety of original sources, ultimately directing them to learn about Shimon Peres, one of Israel's longest serving and most influential leaders. While not all of the activities are directly related to Peres, they provide additional context into Israeli culture and society by exposing players to learn more about the country's founding, its national anthem, and its food.

Our suggestion is that following completion of the escape room, you engage learners in a deeper exploration of the life and accomplishments of Shimon Peres. We have included in this activity, a short guide about Peres which includes biographical highlights and important quotes by and about him. Additional material about Peres can be found on the CIE website at www.israeled.org.



Shimon Peres in 1957 (left) and 2013 (right)

Setting up the Escape Room

1. General Guidelines

- This escape room can be done as a competition with multiple teams competing at the same time or as a whole class challenge.
- There is no need for any special equipment, but this activity does require a fair amount of pre-work. Including setting up a cipher page (a template is provided), cutting a photo into a puzzle, and printing a variety of sources, photos and puzzles.
- The program can be done all at one time or as an enrichment activity at the end of a class meeting or event whereby your students solve one puzzle on a given day.

2. Setting up the “room”

- In one area of the game space or in a separate room, print, label, and lay out the following “artifacts” so that the players can clearly see them. Not all of the artifacts will factor into the escape experience. The artifacts are:
 - 1948 Haggadah
 - 1911 Map of Europe
 - The 1917 Balfour Declaration
 - The handwritten version Hatikvah from 1908
 - Invitation to Israel’s Declaration of Independence
 - Menus from three Israeli restaurants
- Print one copy of the “fake” newspaper
- Print the “ransom note/cipher pages” single-sided, cut out the three blue circles on the first page. You will give the players additional ransom note pages as they solve the puzzles. To make it clearer, we have made each ransom note a different color font. Some of them are multiple pages - you will need to give both pages to the players at the appropriate time. Each ransom note will have one or more words in a different color font as clues for the players.
- Print and hang the 1947-48 Bonafit clothing calendar somewhere where the participants can find it but maybe is not too obvious.
- If you don’t already, have a copy of Hatikvah hanging in the room in Hebrew and English.
- Print and cut the puzzle photo of Shimon Peres. This should be printed double sided using the long edge setting.
- Some hummus for tasting

3. The Escape Activity

A. Puzzle One - red font ransom note

- Hand out copies of the newspaper, “Israel News,” which announces the break in at the new Israeli Hall of Fame and will serve as the introduction to the “escape.”
- Students should read the news article about the theft and using the “ransom note/cipher page” and the correct artifact (the Invitation to the Declaration of Independence ceremony) reveal the name of Shabbat. Then using the calendar, they will need to figure out the date of Israel’s Declaration of Independence May 14, 1948. This will be the first lock combination: 0 5 1 4 1 9 4 8

Setting up the Escape Room

B. Puzzle Two - green font ransom note

- Hand out ransom note #2 to the participants
- Students should read the note and try and solve the riddle, then use the clues to decipher the combination of the second lock.
- Ransom note #2 refers to the original poem of Hatikvah which was written in 1877 by Naphtali Herz Imber. Although it was widely used, it did not become the official anthem of Israel until the Knesset passed designated it so in 2004
- The number of letters in the author's name: 5
- The last digit of the year the poem was written: 7
- The number of times the Hebrew letter hay appears in the title: 2
- The last digit of the year the poem was officially adopted as Israel's national anthem: 4

C. Puzzle Three - blue font ransom note

- Ransom note #3 will guide players to the restaurant menus - specifically the one from Ima in Jerusalem. Players will need to use the menu to find the prices of items in the rebus puzzles on the ransom note:
- The salad course is small hummus: 15
- The main course is meatballs: 48
- The side dish is french fries: 19
- The soup is beet kuba: 39

Kuba is a dish that originated from Iraq, Turkey, and North Africa. Kuba are meatballs wrapped in a shell made of softened semolina (a type of flour), and then cooked in beets, squash and okra, or other sauces and usually served in a soup. Another form of Kuba that originated in Syria and Turkey, is made of bulgar wheat filled with meat that is then deep-fried.

D. Puzzle Four - purple font ransom note

- Ransom note #4 will guide players the final puzzle- putting together the photo of Shimon Peres with his brief biography which is on some of the pieces on the back of the photo.

ISRAEL NEWS

News from the Holy Land

Seventeenth Round of Elections Set

Following yet another failure to create a new government, Israelis will again go the polls to elect another Knesset

Israel leads the way in self-petting dogs

The start up nation has done again with Haifa firm KelEV's creation of the world's first self-petting dogs. These lovable best friends not only pet themselves, but they may even be the answer to the country's overpopulation of stray cats.

"Impossible" Shawarma all the rage in Tel-Aviv

The latest answer to the sustainable eating and vegetarian craze is the new impossible shawarma. Diners may be surprised to learn that the meatless creation is actually made of felafel.



Theft at the Israel Hall of Fame Museum

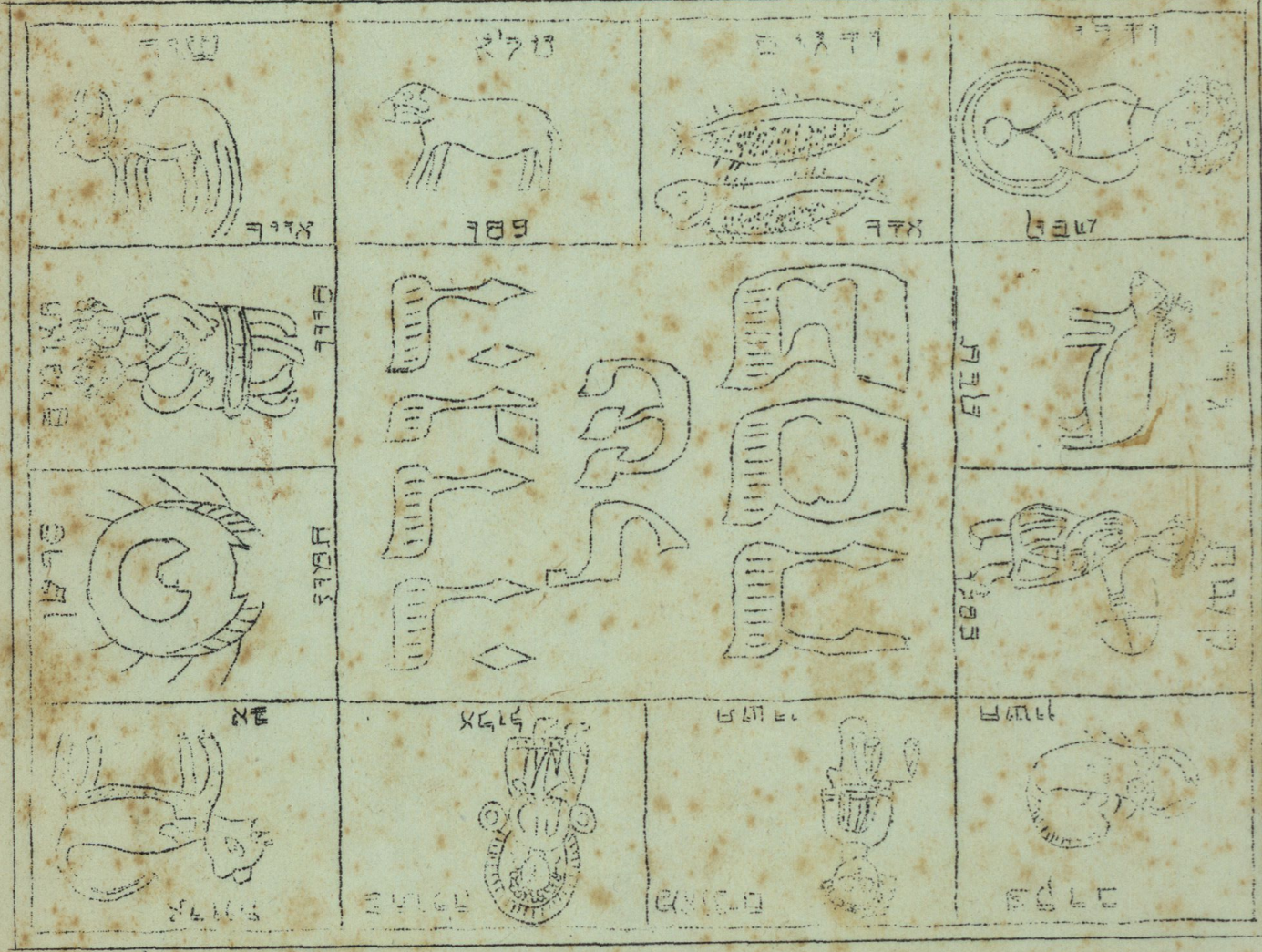
Tel-Aviv - Police were called to the new Israel Hall of Fame museum early this morning after a portrait was discovered missing from the gallery of Prime Ministers. In addition to the missing portrait, a number of other items, including some important documents and artifacts were found outside of their displays and scattered on the floor of the gallery.

At this time, police are not releasing the name of the Prime Minister whose portrait was stolen as they fear it may jeopardize their investigation. They did say that a "ransom note" was discovered which may provide some clues as to the whereabouts of the missing portrait.

Bonafit CLOTHES

Made to Measure for Men
and Women of all Weights and Sizes

1947	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1948	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
JUL	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	JAN	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31
AUG	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	FEB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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SEP	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	MAR	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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1948 Haggadah, National Library of Israel



1911 Map of Europe

On loan from the University of Texas

Foreign Office,

November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

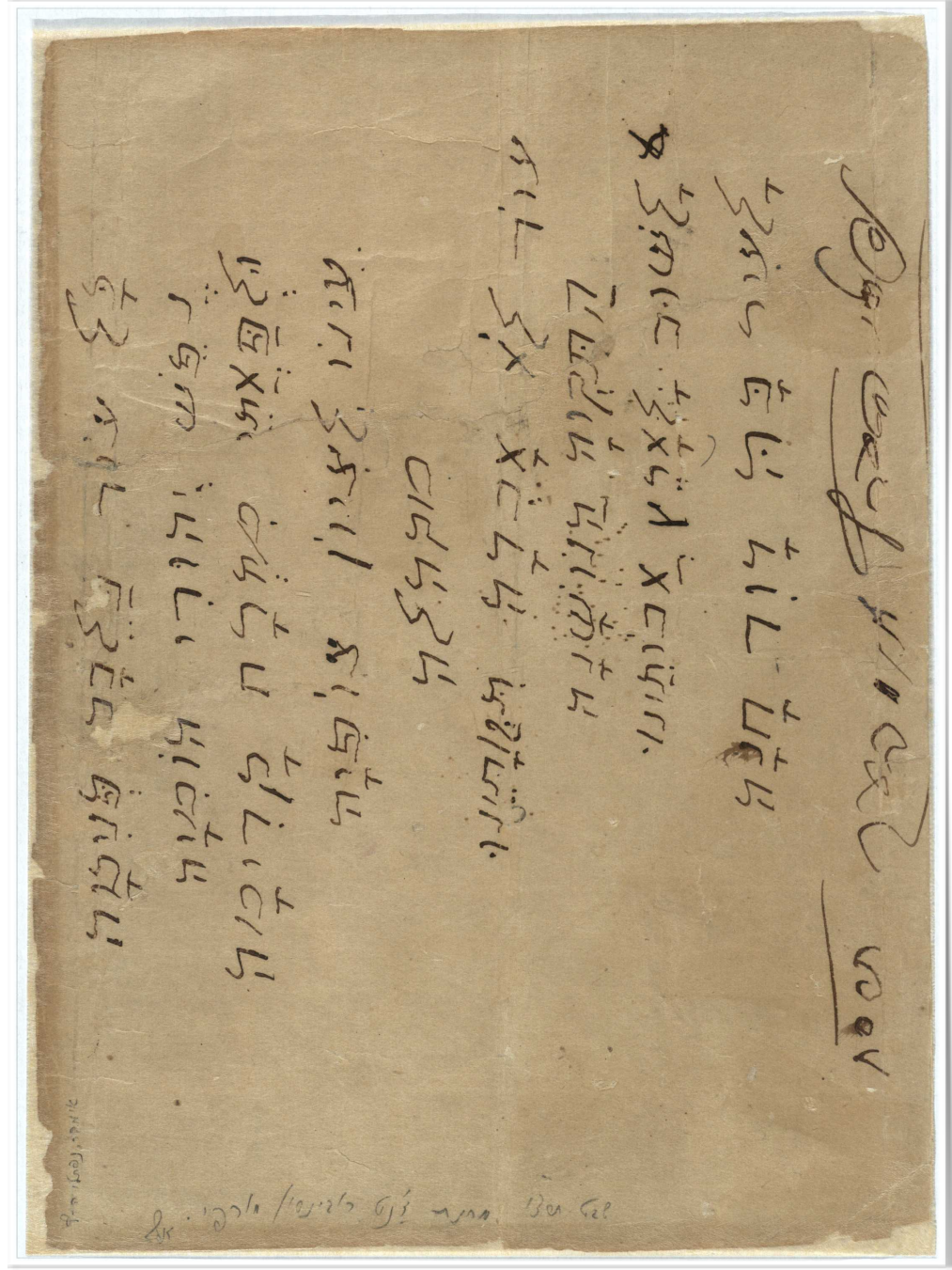
I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

'His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country".

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

*Yours
Arthur Balfour*

**1917, Balfour Declaration of British for a
National Jewish home in Palestine**



התקנה - 1908, Hatikvah

This version of "Hatikvah" was written on the back of a medical form by its original author Naftali Herz Imber as he lay on his deathbed at Beth Israel Hospital in New York. Jeanette Robinson Murphy, an American folk singer, visited Imber a short while before his death, and he gave it to her.

Underneath the poem are the author's signature and the Hebrew year 5668 (1908). On the side of the picture one can see the Hebrew date, Shevat 5696 (1936) and the words, "A present from Jeanette Robinson Murphy." This was written by Abraham Schwadron, who collected this artifact among many others and donated his collection to the National Library of Israel.

Naftali Herz Imber wrote the poem "Tikvateinu" in 1877, and it was published in his book Barkai in 1886. Shmuel Cohen composed the music for the anthem in 1888, based on the melody of a European folk song. The lengthy poem (of nine stanzas) was abridged and first sung at the 3rd Zionist Congress in 1903. It was officially accepted as the Zionist movement's anthem at the 18th Zionist Congress in 1933 anti performed when Israel declared independence in 1948. Despite this, Hatikvah was not officially designated as Israel's national anthem until 2004 when the Knesset expanded the original Flag and Emblem Law of 1949 to be the Flag, emblem and National Anthem Law.

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תל-אביב, ד' אייר תשי"ח

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הננו מתכבדים לשלוח לך בזוה הזמנה

ל מ ו ש ב

ה כ ר ז ת ה ע צ מ א ו ר ת

שיתקיים ביום ר', ה' באייר תשי"ח
בשעה 4 אחה"צ באולם
המרוזיאון (שדרות רוטשילד 16).

אנו מבקשים לשמור בסוד את תוכן
ההזמנה ואת מועד כינוס המועצה.

המרוזמנים מתבקשים לבוא לאולם
בשעה 3.30.

בכבוד רב

ה מ ז כ י ר ר ת

Original invitation
to Israel's
Declaration of
Independence

IMA RESTAURANT



T.A MENU

At Ima restaurant,
we use quality
products only.

Our menu offers
a variety of
vegan dishes.

We use healthy
chicken, beef
and lamb meat
products.



MAIN DISHES

The dishes are made with antibiotic-free chicken and Hai Bari beef and lamb meat products, grilled on a charcoal grill oven

T.A business lunch includes a main course, 2 warm side dishes and one pita bread (served till 17:00 PM), excluding Fridays and holiday eves	59
Meatballs in tomato sauce	48
Grilled chicken breast glazed with olive oil and herbs	42
Fried chicken breast schnitzel, mildly seasoned	42
Grilled pullet skewers	48
Pullet pieces flavored with garlic, olive oil and lemon	48
Chicken livers with fried onions	42
Grilled kebab	48
*Makluba – Rice, chicken and vegetables flavored with Iraqi baharat spicen (with cinnamon)	55
Entrecôte – 300 grams	110
Fish of the Day – Ask your waiter	

Stuffed Vegetables

Cooked in tomato and pomegranate concentrate sauce (except stuffed vine leaves)

Pepper stuffed with rice & meat 2 units	28
Cabbage stuffed with rice & meat 2 units	28
Vine leaves stuffed with rice 10 units	V 24
Zucchini stuffed with rice 2 units	V 24
Red beet stuffed with rice 2 units	V 24
Onions stuffed with rice 2 units	V 24
Eggplant stuffed with rice 2 units	V 24
Platter of a selection of our stuffed vegetables (meat / vegan)	49

Fried Kuba

Nabalusia - Fried kuba stuffed with minced meat and pine nuts in a crispy envelope of bulgur 1 unit	8
Vegetarian kuba stuffed with mushrooms and pine nuts in a crispy envelope of rice 1 unit	V 8
Kuba Haleb - Fried kuba stuffed with minced meat in a crispy envelope of rice 1 unit	8

* Not included in the business lunch menu

Salads

Tehina	V	15/28
Hummus	V	15/28
Eggplant in tehina, with garlic and lemon	V	15/28
Red Beets	V	15/28
Tabula	V	15/28
Eggplant in marinade	V	15/28
Balkan-style eggplant	V	15/28
Carrots in garlic, olive oil and lemon	V	15/28
Matbucha	V	19/36

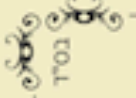
Soups

White beans and tomato soup cooked with bone marrow	27
Lentil soup (winter only)	V 25
Metaphonia – Kuba stuffed with minced meat in a carrot, zucchini, pumpkin and tomato soup (5 units)	39
Hamusta – Kuba stuffed with meat in a sour soup of zucchini, garlic, celery and chard (3 units)	39
Vegetarian kuba stuffed with chick-peas, nuts and lentils in a carrot, zucchini, pumpkin and tomato soup (4 units)	V 39
Beet kuba - kuba stuffed with minced meat in a red beet soup (5 units)	39

Side Dishes

Vegetable salad	19
White rice	19
Majadra	19
French fries	19
Green beans / Okra	19
Roasted vegetables	19





SELF SERVICE – PLEASE ORDER AT THE COUNTER

	PITA	HALF PITA	PLATE
SHAWARMA (entrecote)	39	—	59
CHICKEN SHNITZEL	31	18	49
CHICKEN BREAST (roasted)	31	—	50
SKEWER BABY CHICKEN	35	—	55
SKEWER KEBAB	35	—	50
MIX GRILL JERUSALEM (liver, heart, spleen, breast chicken...)	39	—	55
FALAFEL	19	12	40
SABICH	22	13	40
OMELET	22	—	44
ENTRECOTE SLICES	37	—	—
SHAKSHUKA in a pan with a side of hummus	39	—	—
HUMMUS WITH MEAT / MIX GRILL / SHAWARMA ENTRECOTE	49	—	—
HUMMUS WITH SHAKSHUKA / MUSHROOMS	44	—	—
HUMMUS PLATE	28	—	—
BOWL OF ISRAELI SALADS	28	—	—
BOWL OF ISRAELI SALADS with- ENTRECOTE	49	—	—
CHICKEN BREAST	49	—	—
SOUP- vegetarian / with meat	30	40	—
SOUP DEAL- Bowl of soup + small hummus + 6 falafels	39	49	—
RICE / WITH BEANS / WITH BEANS AND MEAT	18	35	45
FRIED KOUBE filled with meat	10	—	—
6/10 FALAFEL BALLS	9/15	—	—
DESSERT MALABI	15	—	—
SOFT DRINKS / COLD BEER	9/20	—	—

SOLDIERS IN UNIFORM ARE INVITED TO EAT FOR FREE

Bon appetit!



מתלבנת מטבח

Sunday 19.1.20 good afternoon to all!

To begin with:

Pumpkin kibbeh for a warm winter.....	42
Cabbage siniya, za'atar chimichurri & Tahini.....	38
Ancient Kurdish pastry, yogurt and zhug.....	48
Crazy fennel salad - celery vini, garden herbs & pistachio...	52
Pasha salad- zucchini, cumber, crunchy pita & labane.....	54

Tasting Menu
295 nis Per Person

Starters:

Occupied Spanish mackerel, chine's orange, chili & cream.....	62
Winter tartar - persimmon, yogurt & pile of garden cress.....	64
Polenta - mushrooms, parmesan and truffle oil.....	58
Shikshukit - Tahini & yogurt with a grounded kebab.....	56
Calamari- brown butter eggplant, zaatar, labane crème & pistachio....	72
Paul the octopus, tabula, labane & pompi's Bottarga.....	74
Veal brain & sweetbread in a stew of green stuff.....	58
Maragez shrimp sausage, cabbage & mustard.....	67

Main Courses:

Vegan's burger, yes, its vegan! you have to try to find out.....	76
Pasta from Teheran -turnip, lemon butter & brinza cheese	78
Chicken livers, the best mashed potatoes ever & caramelized onions...	86
Filet mignon - roots soffritto, wine sauce and mushpotato.....	158
Salmon Carbonara- linguini, Capers, chives & anchovy butter.....	92
Deep sea bream- east Jerusalem cuscus, Swiss chard & goat yogurt....	138
Lamb T-bone, friki, cranberry, black garlic cream and yogurt.....	143
Back to our crazy mushroom risotto with truffle oil and parmesan.....	92
New York concrete jungle - New York strip stake, mustard & pumpkin..	173
Pile of sea food beurre blanc & hamusta style.....	156

Sweets:

Bavarian cream from Ramle and toffee cream from Lod.....	33
Uri's Mom Famous Semolina cake with fruits and cream.....	44
Hello to the queen - banoffee pie style, bananas & chocolate.....	48
Cheese cake, lemon cream & strawberry to open the season.....	42

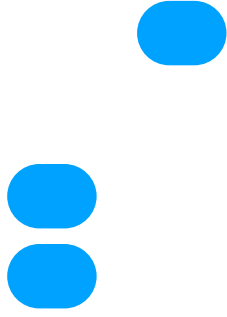
Looking for something?

I took the picture from your Hall of Fame
If you want to find it you will need to solve the
puzzles I have left for you.

the missing picture goes back to the beginning

So I invite you to solve my puzzles

But you may not want to work independently



Do not rest!

to open the first lock you need to find a date related to one of the artifacts

1. **Use the decoder on the previous note with the correct artifact (hinted at in Blue) to reveal the name of a Jewish holiday.**
2. **the name of the holiday you revealed will help you - but I will not make it easy for you. If you want to find the portrait, you need to figure out when this declaration took place.**

Here is a clue: the declaration took place right before the start of the 20th time that the holiday you revealed in the document took place in the year 1948

the combination to lock #1 is the date of this event (mmddyyyy):

I see that you were able to open the first lock. But I hope that you will not be successful in finding the missing portrait.

To open the second lock, you will need to use another one of the artifacts I left for you in the Museum

1. Find the artifact that solves this riddle:

It may not be exactly as before

But this song is about wanting more

The Jewish people and their hope

To be free in their own land, not to mope

They once did not control their fate

Imber's words helped inspire a state

2. **Once you have found the artifact, read the information and use it to decipher this combination:**

A. the number of letters in the author's last name _____

B. the last digit of the year the poem was written: _____

C. the number of times the Hebrew letter hey appears in the title: _____

D. the last digit of the year the poem was officially adopted as Israel's national anthem: _____

3. Sing the anthem to receive your next clue

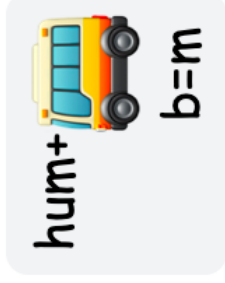
You're Getting Closer. I stopped to get some lunch. If you want to find me, you will need to go to my favorite restaurant in Jerusalem.

It is a very motherly place.

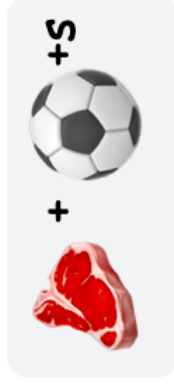
If you want to find the missing portrait - you need to find out what I ate for lunch. My meal was four courses. All four of my courses represent the variety of foods found in Israel that come from many different regions and cultures.

to open the lock: Unscramble the puzzles, locate the item on the menu, and list the prices

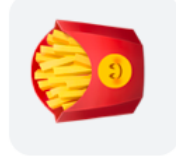
- A. My salad course is an Arabic word that means chickenpea. the earliest record of this dish comes from a 13th century Arab cookbook. _____**



- B. My main course is a dish found in nearly every culture in the world because it's pretty easy and inexpensive to make. this food may have originated in Persia before it spread along trade routes to Greece, North Africa, and Spain. _____**



- C. My side dish is the youngest of all the foods I ate and likely originated in Europe in the 17th or 18th century. _____**



D. **My soup is a dish that came from Iraq, turkey, and North Africa. It combines a little bit of expensive meat with some very cheap ingredients. Many families have their own variations _____**



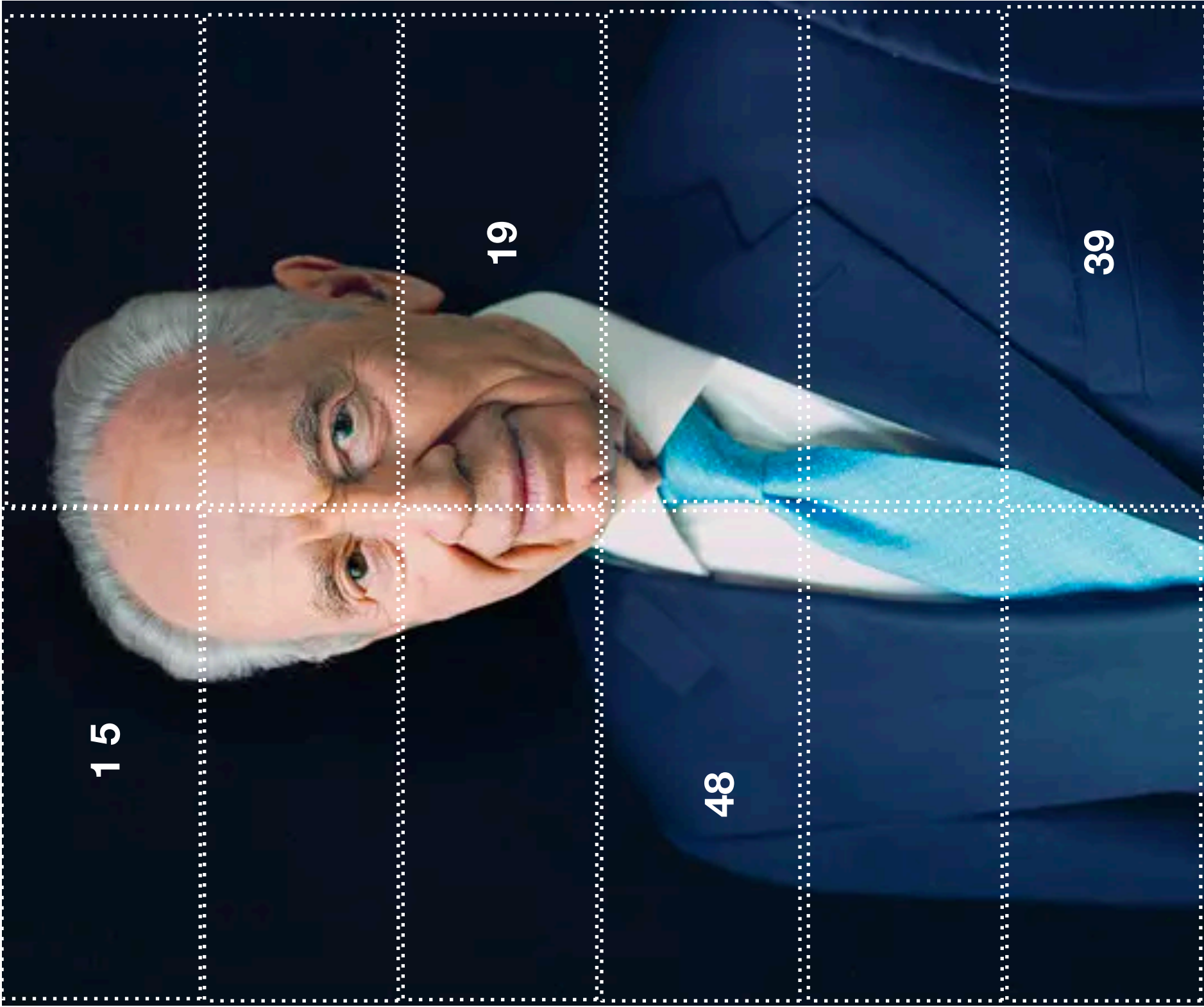
try the hammus to get your next clue

Now you are getting really close!

I took your previous Prime Minister's picture and I cut it into pieces.

His Brief Biography is on some of the cards (in the same order as the last look combination)

See if you can place them in the appropriate place in the picture to solve this mystery of the missing portrait and learn about an important Israeli leader



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48

39

Shimon Peres was born on August 2, 1923, in Wiszniew, Poland (now Vishnyeva, Belarus). In 1932, when Peres was 9 years old, his father immigrated to Tel Aviv, in the Land of Israel. In 1934, Shimon and his family followed their father.

Later while serving as Israeli Foreign Minister, Peres, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, with some assistance from President Bill Clinton, met secretly in Oslo, Norway, in 1993 to come up with a compromise so that Jews and Arabs could live in peace, side by side. The result was the Oslo Accords. Peres, Rabin and Arafat won the Noble Prize.

Shimon Peres was a critical leader in Israel's early years. In 1959, he was elected to the Israeli parliament, called the Knesset. In 1974, he became Minister of Defense in Yitzhak Rabin's government. Peres continued to challenge Rabin, seeking to gain control of the Mapai party, but in 1977 lost to Rabin in party elections. In 1984, Peres finally became Israel's 8th Prime Minister.

Peres became Prime Minister again in 1995 following the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. His party would be defeated by Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party in the 1996 elections. In 2007, Peres became the ninth president of Israel. He served 48 consecutive years in the Knesset, more than anybody else in Israeli history. Shimon Peres passed away in 2016 at age 93