

Israel: National flag & emblem



National flag and emblem of Israel are the symbols used to represent Israel globally. Read the information provided below and answer the following questions.

The Israeli Flag

The blue stripes on the Israeli flag represent the stripes on a tallit, the traditional Jewish prayer shawl. The Star of David in the center of the flag is recognised as a symbol of the Jewish people and Judaism. The Zionist Movement designed the flag in 1881. The flag was adopted on 28 October 1948.



1 When was the flag first designed?

2 Why was the Star of David put on the flag?

3 What do the stripes symbolize?

4 When was the flag officially chosen as the flag of the State of Israel?

The Israeli Emblem

The emblem of Israel is an escutcheon that contains a menorah in its center, two olive branches on both sides of the menorah and at the bottom the label "Israel" in Hebrew.

The emblem was designed by the brothers Gabriel and Maxim Shamir and was officially chosen on 10 February 1949.



1 What does the center of the emblem represent?

2 What do the olive branches on either side represent?

3 At the bottom of emblem, what is written in Hebrew?

4 When was the emblem officially chosen as the national emblem of the State of Israel?

Israel: Currency



The Israeli Shekel is the official currency of this country. Currency is abbreviated with a ₪ sign.

Let us identify the portrait of famous poets on the front of the below mentioned Israeli currencies. Also write the poem written by these poets on which the currency is designed in the space given below.



Poet



Poet



Poem



Poem



Poet



Poet



Poem



Poem

Keywords

I Believe

Kineret

Nathan Alterman

Leah Goldberg

What the does do

Shaul Tchernichovsky

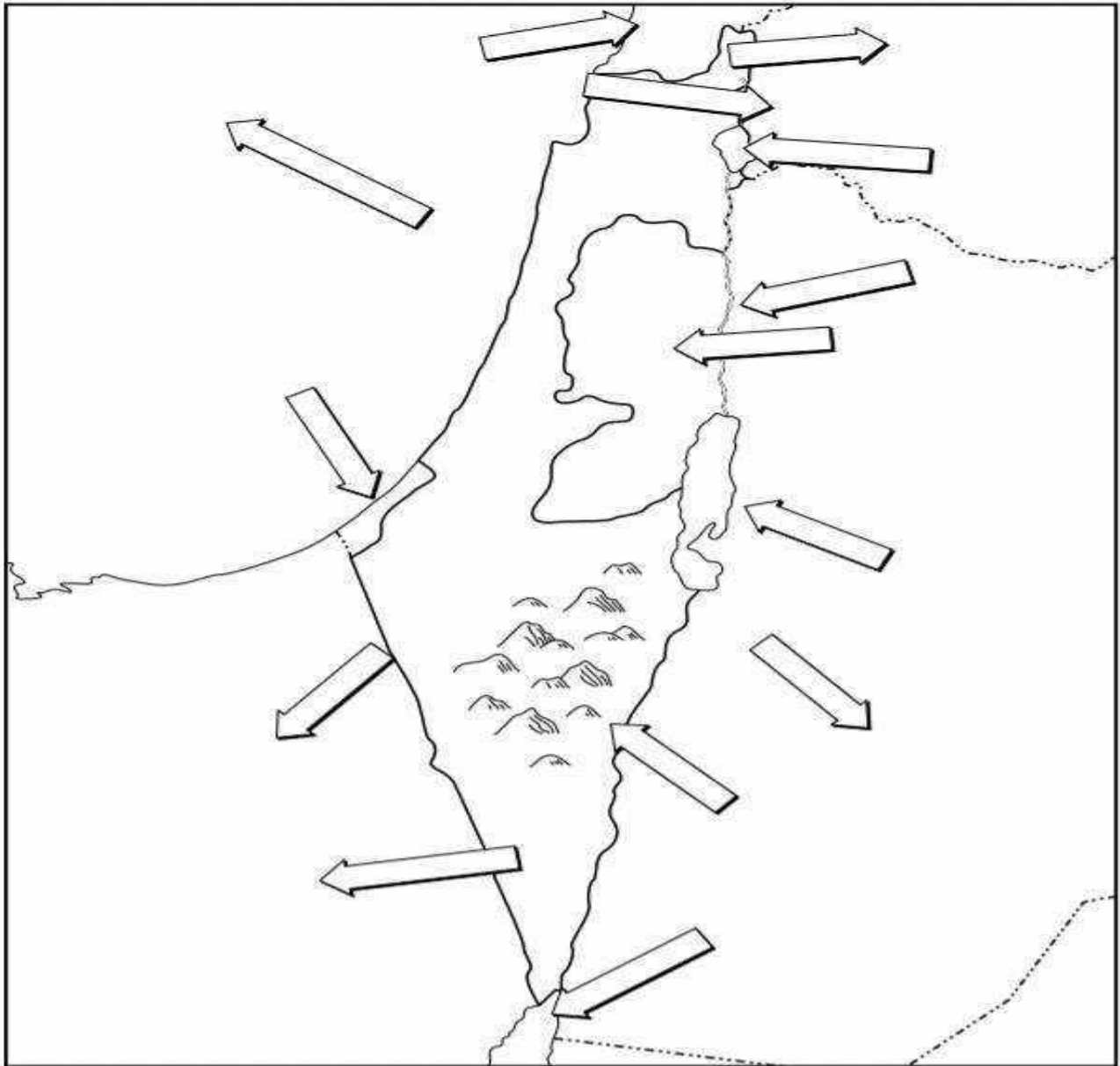
Morning Song

Rachel

Israel: Geography



The geographic location of Israel is very diverse. It has desert in the south, snow cladded mountains in the north, the Mediterranean Sea in the west and east is bordered by Jordan and the West Bank. Also, to the southwest there is Egypt and there is a small coastline on the Red Sea in the south. An outline of Israel is given below. Fill in the arrows with the names of the places correctly. Take the help of the hints given at the bottom of the sheet.



Keywords

Gaza Strip
Sea of Galilee
Lebanon
Negev
Jordan River

Mediterranean Sea
West Bank
Jorden
Sinai Peninsula
Gulf of Aqaba

Egypt
Syria
Galon Heights
Dead Sea

Israel: Language



The official language in Israel is Hebrew. Also, Arabic is widely spoken along with English and Russian. Suppose you are on a trip to Israel. You know English, but you want to learn some common words/phrases frequently used in Israel. Here are some key Hebrew words and phrases you should know before your trip to Israel. Now imagine you had a dialogue with a shopkeeper in Israel, translate the given English sentences in Hebrew with the help of these phrases.

Words in English

- 1 Hello / Goodbye
- 2 Sorry / Excuse me
- 3 Water
- 4 See you later
- 5 Good morning
- 6 Please
- 7 Thanks
- 8 Yes and No
- 9 How are you doing
- 10 Where is the bathroom?
- 11 How much does this cost?
- 12 Do you speak English?



Words in Hebrew

- Shalom
- Slicha
- Ma-yim
- Lehit-raot
- Boker tov
- Bevakasha
- Toda
- Ken and Lo
- Ma Nishma
- Ayfo Ha Shirootim?
- Kama Ze Oleh?
- Atah Medaber Angleet?

Translate the dialogue into Hebrew language.

You: Hello! Good morning.

Israeli Shopkeeper:

You: Do you speak English?

Israeli Shopkeeper:

You: How much does a bottle of water cost?

Israeli Shopkeeper:

You: Thanks!

Israeli Shopkeeper:

Israel: Musical instruments



The music of Israel is a combination of Jewish and Non Jewish music traditions. Match the musical instruments with their descriptions and also write the name of the instruments in the space given below.

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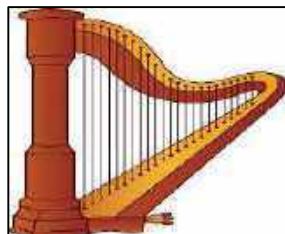
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a.

An ancient string instrument played by plucking the strings with the fingers.

b.

The goblet shaped single headed hand drum is an ancient drum.

c.

An ancient musical horn typically made of a ram's horn, used for Jewish religious purposes.

d.

Originated from Persia, instrument is called barbat.

e.

Used as a dance accompaniment.

Keywords

Darbuk

Hora

Psalterion

Shofar

Oud