**Welcome to the Escape the Israel Zoom Room**

**Guidelines:**

* There are eight challenges. Your group can work together or divide into smaller teams.
* Each challenge will bring you to a word. At the end of the game unscramble the words to form a phrase (it may be familiar to you!).
* If you divide into smaller break out groups we recommend designating a captain to each group. Confirm ahead of time that the captain is comfortable sharing their screen so all see this doc. That person should be prepared to toggle back and forth between this doc and other windows.
* Many clues are found at a bit.ly which is a short version of a long URL. Simply write in a new browser: “bit.ly/“ followed by your group’s answer for that question and it will take you to an article, video, image, etc.
* Unless indicated otherwise, the words in a bit.ly are written in lowercase letters. If there are two words or words plus a number they will be written with no spaces.
* All info needed can be found on the pages that are provided. You can use your phone or other devices if you wish.
* Above all, this is a game. Have fun!

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**Clue #1**

The Israeli people had just gone through a very difficult war, the Yom Kippur War, in 1973.

They came close, perhaps, to losing their country and needed something to bring them back to their optimistic nature.

1. Go to this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xUGknkk-Yc>

Watch this video.

2.  The team captain yelled out an expression at the end which became famous. What was that expression (3 words).

         \_\_\_\_   \_\_\_\_   \_\_\_\_

3.  Write the name of the team captain here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (First name - is 3 letters, last name is 5 letters)

4. For the word scramble:  This is a letter and also a word.  It’s the 2nd letter of the team captain’s first name.   \_\_\_\_

5 .  Write the first name of the team captain + the third and last word of the expression + 72 (the year of Israel’s birthday!) (no spaces, all lowercase). This is the bit.ly to get to your next clue.

To get to the next clue:  bit.ly/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_72

**Clue #2**

Hebrew was a language that had barely been spoken in almost 2,000 years.  It was used for prayer and study but rarely in conversation.   It had not been updated since it “disappeared.”

1.  Watch the video from the bit.ly in clue #1.

2.  Write the name of the man who was responsible for modernizing the Hebrew language and bringing it to life again.  (His last name consists of two names)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.  This man was not born in Palestine (now Israel).  He was born in this country   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and moved to this city in Palestine: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4.  Because Hebrew was so ancient, it had no modern words, and the man had to invent words  for things like ice cream.  When he could, he used words from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to invent new ones.

5.  For the word scramble:  Take the first two letters of the first part of his last name.  That is the scramble answer.

Scramble: \_\_\_

6.  Switch the order of the words of his last name, and that’s your bit.ly for your next clue.  Example: if the last name was Bat Kochba, the answer would be **kochbabat** (all lower case)

To get to the next clue:  bit.ly/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Clue #3**

This is a picture of a very famous and important document written in 1917.  It’s very short on words and long in significance.  It basically says that the British government supports the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine, which is what Israel was called before it became an independent state in 1948.  The opening words of the declaration represented the first public expression of support for Zionism by a major political power.

1.  The declaration was addressed to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who was a), foreign secretary in Britain (similar to Secretary of State in the U.S.) and b), a leader of the British Jewish community.

2.  This document is known for the person who wrote and signed it, who represented the British government.  His first name is Arthur. What is his last name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.   For the word scramble, take the last three letters of his last name:  \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

4.  The bit.ly to get you to your next clue is the document author’s first name and the year it was written (no spaces -all lower case)

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**Clue #4**

This song “Toy” was sung by a singer who represented Israel in this special international song contest two years ago in 2018.  Israel actually won FOUR times.  The first time was in 1978, and again the next year in 1979, 1998 and two years ago.

1.  What is the name of this contest?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.  What is the name of the Israeli singer who performed in the 2018 contest? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Discuss:  how do you feel when Israel is in the international spotlight for a noteworthy accomplishment?

(if time - the writer of this song, Doron Madali, also wrote a very popular song “[Shevet Ahim v’Achiyot](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBLAlJ5s1Aw)”.

3.  For the word scramble, take the 8th and 10th letter for question #1 of this clue to form this short word:  \_\_  \_\_

4.  For the bit.ly to get to your next clue, write the first name of the singer of “Toy” and the year it won the contest (no spaces, lower case)

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**Clue #5**

This is a text from Genesis , or “B’reisheit”, the first book of the Five Books of Moses, otherwise known as the Torah.

1.  Read together the first verse in Hebrew, then in English.  One word is repeated more than once (both in English and Hebrew).  What is that word?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.  Where does God tell Abram to go? \_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_

3.  Scroll down and you’ll read more about Abram’s family.  What is the name of his wife?

4.  By the way, what is the number of this chapter of Genesis / B’reishit?  \_\_\_\_\_

5.  For the word scramble, write the word that is repeated in the verse that you read from the Torah:  \_\_\_\_\_\_ (4 letters)

5.  For the next bit.ly, write the number of the chapter (in digits) and Abram’s wife’s name (lowercase):

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**Clue #6**

In every country and in many towns and cities, there are signs that welcome visitors.  Israel is no exception.

1. Look at the sign in Clue #6.  How many languages do you see: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.  List those languages:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

At the end of the British Mandate - that’s the time the British ruled the land that is now Israel - there were three official languages for what is now Israel: Hebrew (for the Jews), Arabic (for the Arabs), and English (for the British).  Today, street and road signs are still written in these three languages.

3.  What is the first English word on the sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4.  For the word scramble, write the second word in English written on the sign: (two letters)  \_\_\_\_\_

5.  The bit.ly to your next clue is the first English word CONSONANTS ONLY; NO VOWELS + the number of languages on the sign (i.e. number written out; “two” NOT “2”). If the word is ‘beautiful’ it would be written “**btfl**”

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**Clue #7**

Many of our prayers and holidays remind us that we were once slaves in the Land of Egypt.  We were separated from the rest of Egyptian society, our rights were severely restricted and life was extremely harsh.

1.  Write one example of how someone might feel like a “slave” today (example: poverty):  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.  Watch the video from Clue #6

3.  What is the theme of the song?  It is a word that is repeated many times. Write that word here:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Share examples of that word which you observed.

5.  For the word scramble, write the same word that is the theme of this song - the first 4 letters, which is also a word: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 6.  For the bit.ly to your next and last clue, take the name of the place that made this video plus the 8-letter word that is the main theme of this song (all lower case no space)

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Clue #8

Take a look at this piece by the Israeli Consulate.

1. It says that Israel’s population is over \_\_\_\_  million (that seems like a lot - but it’s less than the population of New York State)
2. Look at the chart and list 4 countries from which people immigrated to Israel:
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

     3.  List 4 ethnic groups that are found in modern Israel (last paragraph):

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For the word scramble:  what is the second word of the title of this written piece (6 letters) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You should have 8 clues.  Put the words in the right order to form the correct phrase:

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To open the Zoom Room, take the first letter of each word in the phrase and add it to the bit.ly.  Use all capital letters:  (example:  bit.ly/ABCDEFGH

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