

Yom hazikaron

Back ground power point



1. Introduction:

Once a year on Israel's Memorial Day (Yom HaZikaron) we remember those who have given their lives so the State of Israel can exist today.

2. Yizkor

Hebrew:

izkor.

izkor am Yisrael et banav u'bnotav hane'emanim v'ha'amitzim—
Hayyalei Tzva Hagana l'Yisrael, v'khol lohamei ha'machtarot v'hativot
halohamim b'ma'arachot ha'am, v'anshei kehillot hamodi'in,
habitahon, hamishtarah, v'sheirut batei hasohar, asher cherfu
nafsham b'milhama al t'kumat Yisrael, v'khol mi she nirtzechu b'aretz
u'michutzala bidei mirazchim m'irgunei haterror.

Yizkor Yisrael v'Yitbarakh b'zar'o v'ye'eval al ziv ha'alumim v'chemdat
hagvura v'kedushat haratzon u'mesirut hanefesh shel hanis'pim
bama'aracha hakveida.

Yihyu hallalei ma'arachot Yisrael aturei hanitzachon chatumim b'lev
Yisrael l'dor dor.

English:

Yizkor. May G-d remember His sons and daughters who exposed themselves to mortal danger in those days of struggle prior to the establishment of the State of Israel and (may He remember) the soldiers of the Israeli Defense Forces who fell in the wars of Israel. May the people of Israel keep them in their memory - and be blessed with their seed; let them mourn the splendor

of youth, the charm of valor, the holiness of will, and the devotion of sacrifice which came to an end in the heavy battles. May the loyal and valiant heroes of freedom and victory be sealed forever within the hearts of Israel

3. Q: What is memorial day in US like?

What do you know about yom hazikaron in israel?

YOM HAZIKARON in Israel is a day of national and personal grief. We lower the national flag, bars or amusement places will not be open, in TV you can only watch shows about it, even the music in all the radio station is only quiet Hebrew music.

4. Siren

The thing that symbolizes the most of this day is a solidarity act of a 2 min siren. that the whole country stops and share respect to the soliders. Lets stand and think of them like they do in israel with a video-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOLs86ZJA5I&list=PLDCIxxhOCWBn5SJFD77bWLnu8eSBFsd42F>

**how did you feel about that? what do you think?

5. Handing out the izkor stickers

Explanation: symbolizes the blood of the soliders who gave their life to defend israel. the flower called the "Maccabees Blood"- after the Maccabees fought the Romans there was an urban legend that this kind of red flower grew in every spot that a Maccabee shed his blood.

6. "A State is not handed to a people on a silver salver"

Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel

I want to read a text that is the most identified with yom hazikarom in israel and we read it almost every year in the national ceremonies:

The Silver Salver/ Platter by Natan Alterman

The Earth grows still.

The lurid sky slowly pales

Over smoking borders.

Heartsick, but still living, a people stand by

To greet the uniqueness
of the miracle.

Readied, they wait beneath the moon,
Wrapped in awesome joy, before the light.
-- Then, soon,
A girl and boy step forward,
And slowly walk before the waiting nation;

In work garb and heavy-shod
They climb
In stillness.
Wearing yet the dress of battle, the grime
Of aching day and fire-filled night

Unwashed, weary unto death, not knowing rest,
But wearing youth like dewdrops in their hair,
-- Silently the two approach
And stand.
Are they of the quick or of the dead?

Through wondering tears, the people stare.
"Who are you, the silent two?"
And they reply: "We are the silver salver
Upon which the Jewish State was served to you."

And speaking, fall in shadow at the nation's feet.
Let the rest in Israel's chronicles be told.

what did you understand from the text? What is there criticism in the sub-text?

7. Personal story / stories of soldiers

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The sacrifice is by living in a nation that still fights for the right to be. So by living in that reality a lot of people make sacrifices with their own lives. that's why yom hazikaron its to remember the soliders who

fought, and also all the citizen who lost their lives in wars, terror attacks etc....

I know that when something is far away from you it doesn't necessarily touches you, but in israel almost everybody knows a person who died because of the ongoing conflict.

My cousin, GAVRIEL HOTER was murdered when he was 17, in 2002 in shabbat dinner. He was 17, a student in a yeshiva high school. That night he was volunteering to replace his friend and help in the kitchen....

His family is very musical and they were always singing and performing together in family events. So after he died they record an album called "the missing voice". This is the song that they sang for him at the funeral-
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnPjydmSIZ0>)))

8. End:

yom hazikaron is also the beginning of YOM HAATZMAUT, independents day of israel. the collective and personal pain is also the reason that we can celebrate our country as an existing homeland for all Jews.

Optional – share their thoughts about the session and why should they care as americans?

