

## Events and materials regarding Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom HaZikaron

**Dear friends,**

In this time of challenge and change all around us, let me tell you that you are in our thoughts as we think about our Jewish family abroad and watch the news regarding the hardships that the (name of country) Jewish community is now facing.

As we get closer to Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom HaZikaron, I would like to share with you some materials and events that could be of use to you next week in regards to virtual communal experiences. Feel free to reach out to me in regards to these two "Yoms" with questions or requests. I could also connect you with a former IDF soldier to participate in a virtual event or participate myself.

### **1 - A Face. The Day. A Memory**

The meeting point of art, animation, music, and memories - to talk about Yom HaZikaron.

"In these challenging times, when face-to-face meetings between friends, extended families, and community members are not possible, "A Face. The Day. A Memory" - seeks to strengthen the bond between Israel and Jewish communities around the globe by bringing the unique stories of those whom we have lost as the link that can help bring us closer together".

Read more about it [here](#) and [here](#).

[Watch one video to get the feeling of it.](#)

### **2 - Our Brothers - Initiate and participate in virtual memory meet-ups.**

"We are - 'Our Brothers'. And we're here to talk about life. We established our brothers, the bereaved siblings, to keep talking about life. We continue to celebrate life and live alongside the bereaved. Our goal is to remind and remember our siblings, And in the same breath, create a national and global movement of memory and commemoration".

Read more about it [here](#).

### **3 - Yom From Home**

"Just because we physically cannot be together right now, it doesn't mean we have to be alone. #yomfromhome is a coordinated effort to empower students and pro-Israel activists to celebrate Israel and Yom Ha'atzmaut from home".

Read more about it [here](#).

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#### **4 - Global Celebration of Israel's Independence Day (JAFI)**

"We're kicking off a Global Dance Party from our Facebook page with a set by Matisyahu followed by an Israeli DJ from the country's #1 radio station! To receive updates about the events RSVP "Going" [here](#).

Tuesday, April 29 11:30AM - 5PM EDT

#### **5 - Yom Ha'atzmaut Challenge 2020 (JAFI)**

The biggest ever live online Israeli Independence Day event is here! How are you celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut 2020? Jewish educational organization Etgar has created the biggest ever live online quiz about Israel featuring celebrity guests and participants from all around the world. This is your opportunity to mark Israeli Independence Day from home while improving your knowledge about Israel. How does it work?

Sign up here using this [free link](#). Prepare for the quiz using [Etgar's FREE digital handbook](#).

Read more about it [here](#).

#### **6 - When you can't visit here - you can still watch some great videos that make you feel like you are in Israel (by Birthright).**

[Tel Aviv 1](#)

[Tel Aviv 2 \(food\)](#)

[Tel Aviv 3](#)

[Tel Aviv 4](#)

[Israel Landscapes](#)

[The Kotel](#)

[Jerusalem 1](#)

[Jerusalem 2 \(old city\)](#)

**7 - Lchaim Makom Salon (JAFI): Hugging and Wrestling with Israel@72** this upcoming Sunday. Join host Jonny Ariel on-line for intimate conversations with intriguing voices. In this conversation, we will hear from prof. Fania Oz-Salzberger and prof. Arnold Eisen about what do they hug and what they wrestle with as Israel turns 72 in times of a worldwide epidemic. More info [here](#).

#### **8 - Celebrate Israel at 72! We Declare**

BINA: The Jewish Movement for Social Change invites you to a special virtual community event in honor of Israel's 72nd birthday: WE DECLARE.

Celebrate 72 years of Israeli diversity and multiculturalism – contemporary voices from across the spectrum of Israeli society.

Read more about it [here](#).

Tuesday, April 28, 2020. 2:30 PM EDT / 11:30 AM PDT / 9:30 PM Israel Daylight Time

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## **9 - Lone Soldier Center's in Memory of Michael Levin's Yom Hazikaron Ceremony**

"This year, in light of the current health concerns and regulations, we will be holding a virtual ceremony in place of our traditional ceremony held every year. While we wish that we could see everybody in person, this also provides us all with a unique opportunity! Allowing current and former Lone Soldiers, their families, and friends, as well as supporters, to take part in the ceremony and tune in from around the world". with President Reuven Rivlin, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, US Ambassador David Friedman, Einat Sarouf, Miri Messika, Pablo Rosenberg, David Metlin and more.

Read more about it [here](#).

April 27th at 19:50 IL / 12:50 EST

## **10 - Ten Days of Gratitude - April 2020**

The "Ten Days of Gratitude" weave the days from Yom Ha'Shoah to Yom Ha'atzmaut together with a thread of gratitude and provides us with a chance to appreciate and give thanks for the accomplishments, achievements, and successes of our nation, integrating gratitude into our way of being for this period of national reflection. It was created by alumni from the pluralistic Israeli Beit Midrash, Ein Prat. Hear Dr. Micha Goodman speaks about it [here](#) and [here](#).

## **11 - IsraPalooza**

Israel Turns 72 Next Week! We're going all out with our very own Israpalooza, a virtual "happening" in celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Throughout the day we'll be hosting fascinating Israelis and people connected to Israel, for short video concerts, conversations and workshops over Zoom. [Click for more details](#).

Other:

## **The Jewish Agency COVID-19 Crisis Loan Fund for Communities At Risk**

"We are very pleased to announce that in response to the severe financial distress in Jewish communities across the world, The Jewish Agency is launching the COVID-19 Loan Fund for Communities in Crisis, together with Support Israel - Keren Hayesod UIA and the Jewish Federations of North America, to provide immediate working capital with no-interest loans to global Jewish communities in danger. Our Chairman הרצוג (בוז'י) יצחק - Isaac Herzog: 'We will do everything to ensure that Jewish communities survive this crisis. The Jewish people are responsible for one another, now more than ever. The Jewish Agency, together with our partners, will work to ensure the continued existence of Jewish communities and their vital activities' ".

Read more about it [here](#).

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Have a good and safe weekend, Shabbat Shalom