

## **"חדר בריחה" – מבצע כחול-לבן יום העצמאות 2026**

בחודש מאי 2026, נחגוג בגאווה את יום העצמאות ה-78 של מדינת ישראל. אחד מרגעי השיא של החג הוא הנפת דגל המדינה לראש התורן – סמל לריבונות ולתקומה.

דגל ישראל, על פסי התכלת ומגן הדוד שבו, נולד בהשראת הטלית היהודית. הוא הונף לראשונה בראשון לציון בשנת 1885, אומץ כדגל התנועה הציונית ב-1897, ועם קום המדינה הפך לסמלה הרשמי והמעוגן בחוק של ישראל.

**המשימה שלכם:** להשיב את הדגל למקומו! לכבוד חגיגות ה-78, הכנו עבורכם פעילות "חדר בריחה" מרתקת. סיפור המסגרת: חלקי דגל ישראל נגנבו! עליכם לצאת למסע ברחבי הארץ בעקבות הגנבים, לפתור את החידות ולהרכיב את הדגל מחדש בזמן לטקס המרכזי. איך זה עובד?

המעטפות: כל מנחה יקבל סדרה של מעטפות, שכל אחת מהן מייצגת תחנות במסע. האתגר: בכל מעטפה ממתנות 2-3 חידות העוסקות בערי ישראל, בסמלי המדינה ובהיסטוריה הציונית.

הפיצוח: רק פתרון נכון של כל החידות יחשוף את הקוד שיעניק לכם חלק מהדגל ויאפשר לכם להתקדם למעטפה הבאה.

הניצחון: הקבוצה שתשלים את כל המשימות, תאסוף את כל החלקים ותניף את הדגל השלם – היא המנצחת!

הפעילות מיועדת לקבוצות של 3-5 משתתפים לערכה ומעודדת שיתוף פעולה, חשיבה יצירתית, גאווה בסמלי המדינה וחיבור לשורשים שלנו.

# Operation Blue and White escape room – overview

**Ages:** 5th grade and up

**Duration:** 45–60 minutes, depending on how good the group is at solving the puzzles

**Participants:** 3–5 people per kit.

Envelopes in each kit: 4

**Aims:**

1. Creating an experiential and enriching learning space about Israel through exposure to its geography, symbols, and people
2. Strengthening Israeli identity and connection to national symbols
3. Deepening knowledge of the Israeli flag and Zionist history
4. Developing creative thinking and problem-solving skills

**Outline:**

1. Shortly share with the group what they are about to experience.
2. Give the groups the envelopes and starting letter.
3. Decide how much time they have to solve it.
4. Conclude the activity.

**Overview:**

Part 1: Introduction – 2 minutes

Share the following with the group:

We've gathered here together to celebrate the 78<sup>th</sup> birthday of the state of Israel!! It's been 78 years since David Ben-Gurion declared the independence of the state of Israel and the Blue and white, Magen David and stripes flag was first raised as one of the symbols of the first and only Jewish state!



## Part 2: Escape room time! – 30-45 minutes

Once the introduction is done, let the group know how much time they have to solve the escape room and give each group one kit (make sure they have all 4 envelopes)

Start the timer.

The group will now work on solving the different puzzles and riddles each envelope contains, when the solution to each of the riddles is a numeral code. Once the group collects the 2-3 codes needed and checks with you to make sure that they have the correct answers, they will be able to move on to the next envelope.

Envelopes 2-4 contains pieces of the Israeli flag that they will assemble.

### **Important!**

If the group is stuck, they are not sure of an answer or have been struggling to solve one or more of the riddles, you can offer to give them one or more of the "The more you know" cards that hold fun facts about each city and hold the answers to most if not all the riddles.

## Part 3: Closing and conclusion – 10 minutes

Good job to the winning team!!

Bring everyone back together and ask 2-4 people to share how the experience was and one new thing they've learned about Israel through the escape room experience.

\*\*If there is time, ask the group if they know what the symbolism behind the Israel flag is.

let 1-2 participants have a chance to answer and then share with the following:

The Israeli flag was adopted on the 28th of October 1948, five months after the establishment of the state. The blue stripes are intended to symbolize the stripes on a tallit, the traditional Jewish prayer shawl. The Star of David is widely acknowledged symbol of the Jewish people and of Judaism.

The idea that the blue and white colors were the national color of the Jewish people was voiced early on by Ludwig August von Frankl (1810–1894), an Austrian Jewish poet. In his poem, "Judah's Colors". In Judaism, blue symbolizes God's glory and purity. The White field represents Chesed (חסד, Divine Benevolence).

An early version of the flag was displayed in 1885 at a procession marking the third anniversary of Rishon LeZion. A similar version was designed for the Zionist Movement in 1891.

Summarize the activity by thanking everyone for participating and being so into the activity.

### Needed equipment:

- Letter from Major General (Res.) Doron Almog
- Escape room kits that contain 4 envelopes based on number of participants (1 kit per 3-5 participants)
- "The more you know" cards

### **What each envelope contains and how to put it back together:**

#### Envelope 1:

- Envelope exterior (to stick on the outside of the envelope)
- Jerusalem word search
- Eilat morse code guide
- Kibbutz Nir-Oz maze
- Hifa symbol guide
- Haifa questions

#### Envelope 2:

- Envelope exterior (to stick on the outside of the envelope)
- First part of the flag (triangle)
- Eilat morse code riddle
- Sde-Boker secret code riddle
- Mount Hermon true or false riddle
- Kiryat Shmona big letter wheels

#### Envelope 3:

- Envelope exterior (to stick on the outside of the envelope)
- Second part of the flag (triangle)
- Kiryat Shmona small letter wheels
- Kiryat Shmona riddle
- Tel-Aviv riddle

#### Envelope 4:

- Envelope exterior (to stick on the outside of the envelope)
- Third and last part of the flag (two stripes)