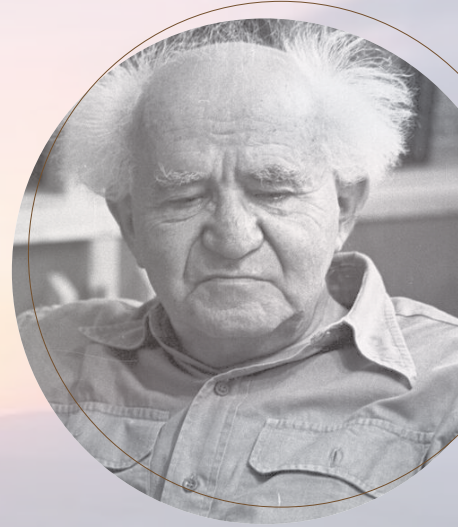


Ben-Gurion Speaks English!

Lectures from the Ben-Gurion Heritage Institute

The Ben-Gurion Heritage Institute brings history closer, making it relevant today more than ever.

Our mission is to keep the heritage and teachings of the founder of Israel alive for future generations. As an educational organization, based in the Negev, we examine the relevance of his heritage to Israeli society and the Jewish world. Our main cores of activity are: Leadership in the spirit of Ben-Gurion, Pioneering, Mamlachtiut, an Exemplary Society and the Negev.



Recalculating route: Ben-Gurion's leadership

An inside look at one aspect of his leadership: long term vision, concrete objectives, towards a vision, and what each of us can learn from this way of thinking.

Thinking out of the Box: Ben-Gurion as an innovator and leader of a Start Up Nation

A look at Ben-Gurion's innovative leadership and "prophecies" of great technological advances such as solar energy and desalination, and their relevance in the post-Covid-19 world.

"I always reply to the children first" - Ben-Gurion's correspondence with children

You won't believe how Ben-Gurion responded to a letter from an 11-year-old kid. A textual journey of selected correspondence between children and teenagers and Ben-Gurion's replies, in which we will see what children wanted to share with the Prime Minister and the importance he gave to the younger generation.

"We did it!" – from Partition to Declaration to Independence

A close chronological view of events leading from the UN Partition vote on November 29th 1947 to the Declaration of Independence on May 14th 1948 and the historic centrality of the roles played by Golda Meir, Moshe Sharett and David Ben-Gurion.

Ben-Gurion: Crisis, Challenge and Opportunity

A journey into the leadership of the founder of Israel and his skills of making predicaments into opportunities during the nearly six decades of his leadership and the lessons that can be learned today.

"It's good that you finally remembered that you have a mother and father" – Ben-Gurion – family guy

A textual journey of personal correspondence from the Ben-Gurion family: Paula, David, Geula, Amos and Renana which will illuminate ties and Ben-Gurion's conception of his role as a father.

Ben-Gurion and the War of Independence

the life and work of the fourth President of the State of Israel from his humble beginnings in Ireland to his famous protest speech at the UN in 1975 against equating Zionism and racism.

Symbols as nation definers

What is the significance of a national symbol, how do symbols define us? We will compare them to other countries and examine the differences.

Israel's wars through song

A musical journey, tracking the changes of Israel's society towards the military with an analysis of songs identified with Israel's wars and with the army.

The Great Aliya

A visual and audio narrative of the unique phenomenon in which the young state doubled its population between 1948-1952.s.

The Negev: Image and reality

A historical journey of the history of the Negev in Zionist eyes and the Negev today with movie excerpts and songs.

"The State of the Jewish People"?

An examination on the relationship between the State of Israel and Diaspora Jewry, prior and after the creation of the State, Ben-Gurion's unique perspective and changes over the years.

"The people who made us a State": Zionist figures:

Henriette Szold - the life and work of the Zionist female leader who was born a generation too early. She laid the social and medical frameworks for the future State without seeing its actual creation.

Abba Eban - the life and work of 'the tragic hero of Zionism', his contribution to the State through diplomacy and the conflicting difference of his image in Israel and in the world.

Chaim Herzog - the life and work of the fourth President of the State of Israel from his humble beginnings in Ireland to his famous protest speech at the UN in 1975 against equating Zionism and racism.

Rabbi Ovadia Yosef - the life and work of the Torah genius who changed the religious and political map of Israel from his humble beginnings in Baghdad to the largest funeral ever seen in the State of Israel.