



Yom HaAtzma'ut 2020: Celebrating with Young Children and Families

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We Are Losing Much of What We Know and Love

How is this year different from all other years?

1. This year we will not have a parade
2. We will not create the same flags that we made last year.
3. We will not be together to travel to Israel on pretend trip.
4. We will not be together in person with our students to share the day together.



Yom
HaAtzma'ut
Will Be
Different This
Year



How will Yom HaAtzma'ut Will Be
Different in Israel This Year?

What do Children Already Know about Israel?

We need to ground our learning about Israel in a context that makes sense for children.

Israel is far away and some children may be more familiar with it than others.

When was Israel discussed throughout the year ?

Holidays

- Hannukah
- Tu B'Shevat
- Passover

Learning about Torah Stories

- Abraham
- Moses

Modern Day Connections and Curriculum

- Did a child visit Israel this year or have family visit from Israel?
- Was Israel Integrated at any point this year? What was taught last year?

How Do Young Children Conceptualize Israel...?

“This study, part of an ongoing longitudinal project, shows how 5- and 6-year-old children are able to form a multilayered conception of Israel, viewing it as both a Jewish state and a place for those who live there, a dangerous place and a safe haven for Jews, and *a place at once special and ordinary.*”

-Sivan Zakai

This Year We Have the
Ability to Focus on
Environment as the
Third Teacher

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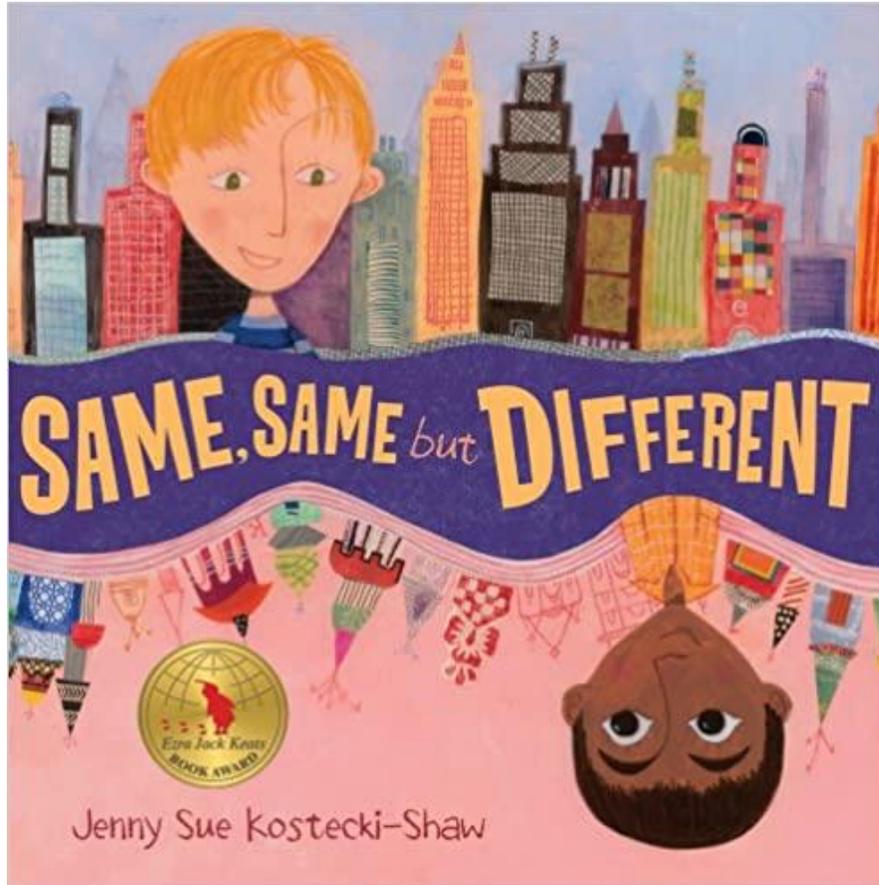
“I’ve found that kindergartners understand in profound ways the concept of home. They understand that it is possible to have more than one home, and it is possible to have shifting homes.” Sivan Zakai

How do we build on what they know and relate it to this moment?

1. Self and Family
2. Hebrew Language
3. Art and Culture
4. Cooking
5. Nature and the Outdoors
6. Family Engagement



Self and Family: Same Same....but Different!



- Concept of **Same** or **Different** makes sense even to toddlers
- A Child's identity and a child's family are always a great place to ground a study of anything because it grounds the exploration in what is already known and understood.
- It can help connect child to child within a class as well with children understanding modern culture in Israel.
- Creates a foundation for understanding diversity both within and beyond their own community.
- When understanding Israel it is exciting to see that yes there are many differences but also so many similarities!

Self and Family: Same Same....but Different!



Self and Family: Same Same...but Different!

What would you need to make an Israeli breakfast in your home or classroom?



Self and Family: Same Same....but Different!

- What do you notice?
 - Hebrew
 - Colors
 - Numbers
 - Logos
 - What's the same and what's different?
- Why do you think different countries have different products?
- Could make a matching game or bingo with American and Israeli products?



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Self and Family: Same Same...but Different!

- What do you notice?
 - Colors
 - Numbers
 - Symbols
 - Language
 - People
 - What's the same and what's different?
- Why do you think different countries have different money?
- Could make a matching game with the same value of dollars and shekels?
- Could you play shuk using shekels?
- You could do a similar comparison with stamps!



Self and Family- Hebrew Language

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Meira

My Hebrew Name

- What are your students' Hebrew names?
- What do they mean?
- Why were they given that name?
- What are their family members' Hebrew names?
- Might you use their Hebrew names more the week leading up to Yom Ha'Atzma'ut?

Modern Hebrew Language



Head Shoulders Knees And Toes - Hebrew Song
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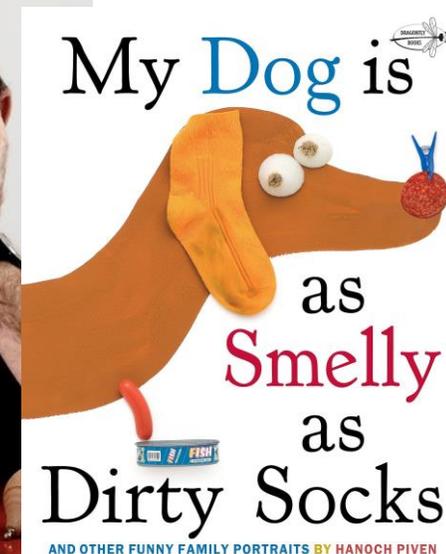
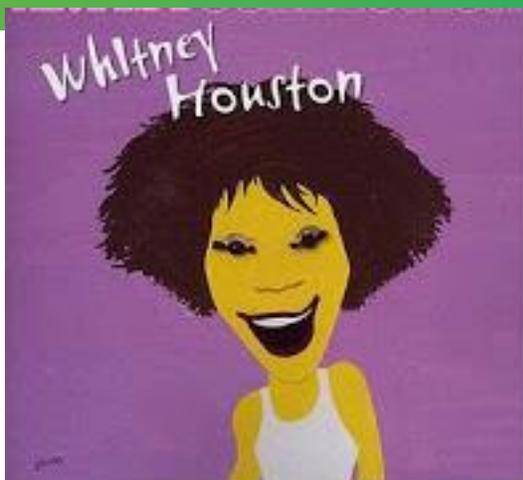
- Word of the Day – *Milat HaYom*
- Hebrew Through Movement
- Simple Songs
- Hatikvah
- ילדות ישראלית – YOU TUBE
- Learning new words about different things in children's homes – or connect to curriculum!
- Teach Shabbat blessings – connect it to the modern language!

Arts and Culture: Incorporating Israeli Artists

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Art as Play!

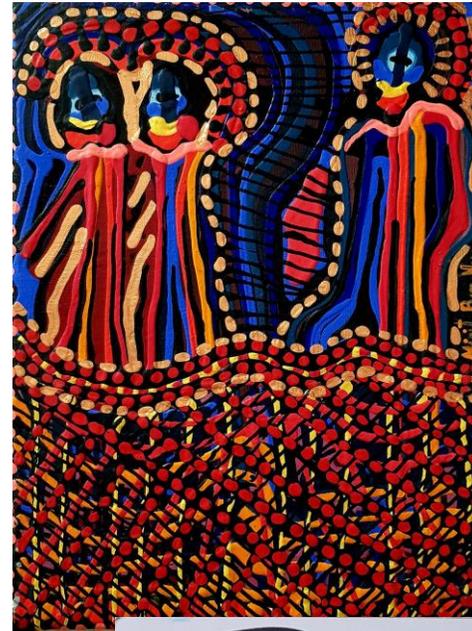
- My Dog is as Smelly as Dirty Socks - PBS
- Who are the people in my family?
- What makes each person special?
- Using objects
- Using Food
- Pivenworld.Com



Arts and Culture: Incorporating Israeli Artists

Mirit Ben Nun

- Portrait through Patterns
 - Identity and color
 - Meticulous design
 - Black and color

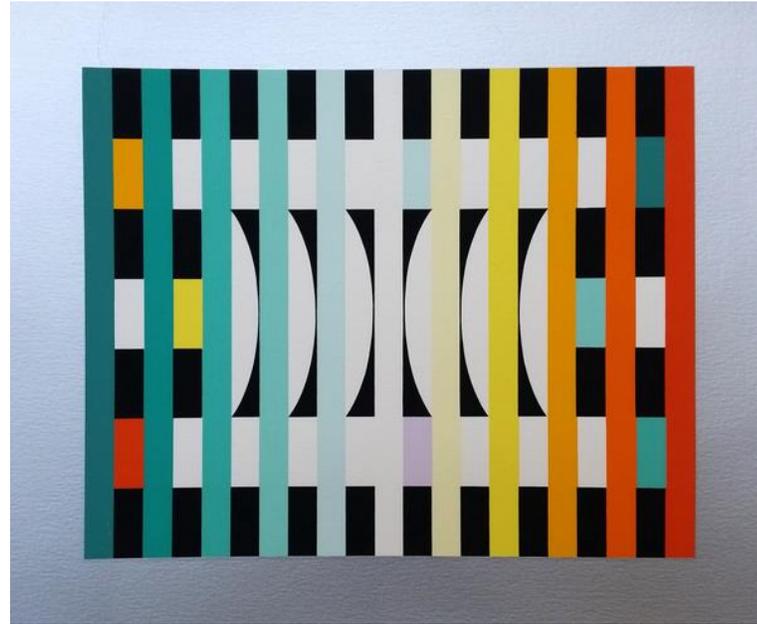


Arts and Culture: Incorporating Israeli Artists

Yaakov Agam

Play with Color + Shape!

- Experiment with paint or with cutting strips of construction paper
- Talk about illusions and perspective
- “Kinetic Art” – what could children build?



Arts and Culture: Incorporating Israeli Art

Marc Chagall - Stories through Color

- Israel uses ancient stories to create modern art!
- 12 tribes of Israel were brothers!
- What color would you pick to share your story?
- What symbols would you choose?
- What about other members of your family?



Arts and Culture: Create your own Israel Poster!

“Poster Tales is a series of Israeli-made posters that originated with the founding of the Jewish state. Each year, Israeli artists submit their posters and designs in the hope that one will be featured as Israel's Independence Day image. Each poster – with its vivid imagery, symbols and themes – encapsulates a time and a people that shows the progression of Israel through the decades.” - iCenter

- *What do children notice?*
- *What symbols are used to talk about Israel?*
- *What symbols would you use to talk about Israel? What symbols would you use to talk about yourself or your family?*



Cooking: Fun with Food!



Cooking: Try Something New This Year

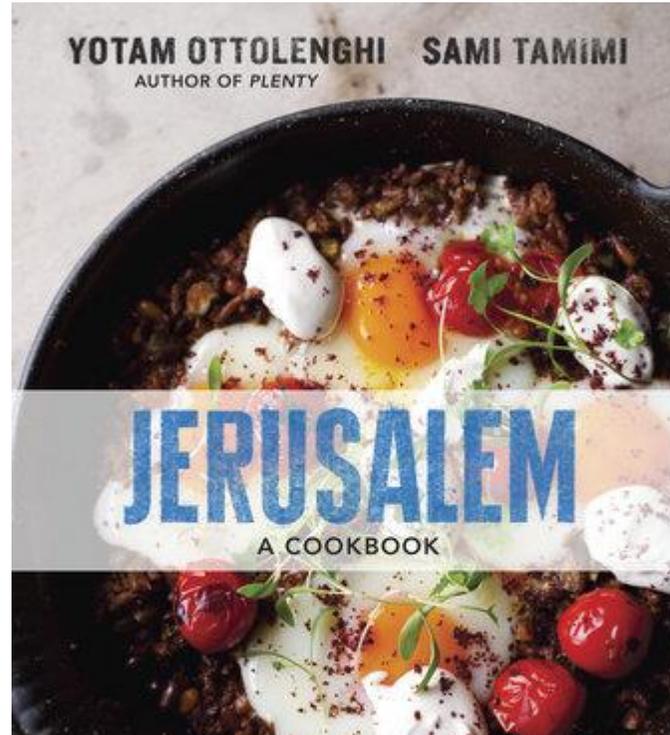
Israel is home to far more than falafel!

Explore the Ethiopian Jewish community through making Injera

Use food you have at home to create Mansaf, an Arab dish found in Israel

Try Sachlab a yummy milk based drink on a chilly night!

If you are feeling very adventurous pick out a recipe from the cookbook "Jerusalem" and discover the sites of the city through the eyes of Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi.



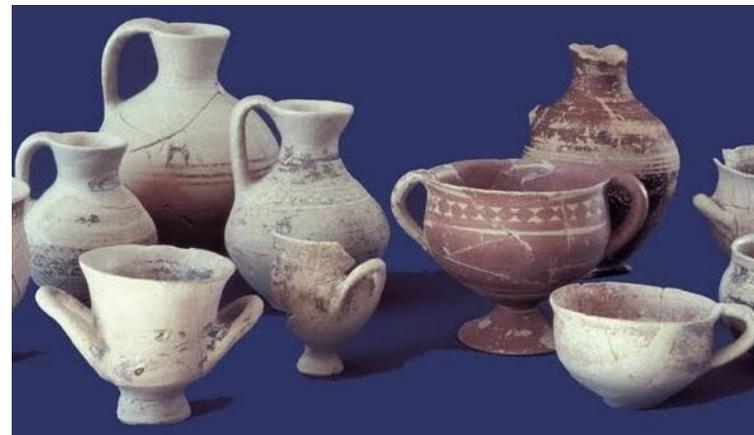
Cooking: Tastes and Smells

- Explore the spice cabinet!
- Close your eyes and smell different spices-
 - What do spices remind you of?
- What happens when you mix spices?
- Set up your kitchen like a spice market
- Try cooking with new spices in your foods!
- Paint with spices



Nature and the Outdoors: Archeology

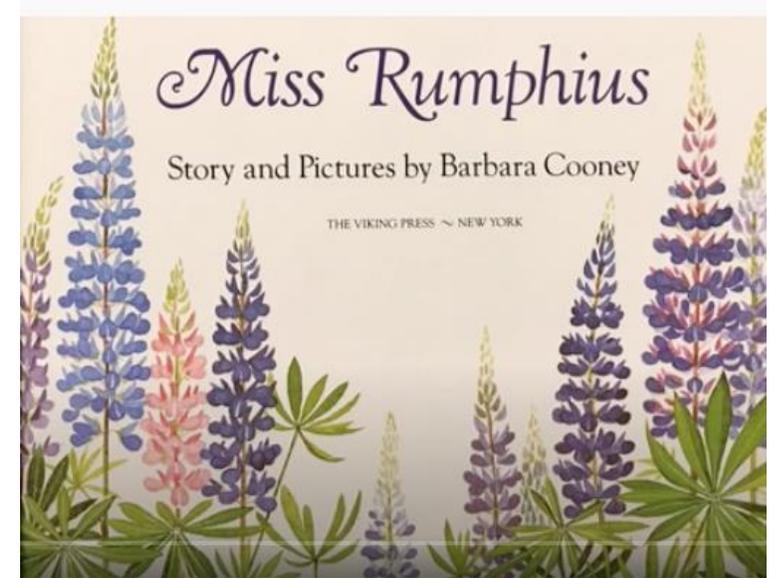
- Create a connection between modern and ancient Israel through discussing archeology!
- Show pictures of archeological findings and sites to show children how people find artifacts that help us understand ancient life in Israel.
- You can view a collection of objects through exploring the virtual Israel Museum's website.
- Children could explore mosaics through using small pieces of paper. What helps them mark their life today?
- Families could create a time capsule and bury it that shares artifacts about this moment in their family's life.



Nature and the Outdoors: Planting Lupines

Lupines are a beautiful wildflower that grows throughout Israel!

- Enjoy reading aloud *Miss Rumphius*
- Lupines help make the world a more beautiful place
- Create lupine art for you house / home school space
- Plant lupine seeds and see what happens!
- More lupine resources are on our website



Nature and the Outdoors: Junk Yard Playgrounds

Bring the inside outside to change what outdoor play looks like!

Junkyard playgrounds often are spaces where dramatic and imaginative play is prevalent, sometimes more so than gross motor play. What could you bring outside to foster imagination? Ask kids!

- Old technology

- Small table for kids

- Tupperware and lids

- Pots and Pans

- Tools

- Fabric

- Anything weird or random 😊



Nature and the Outdoors: Tel Aviv!

- Create an outdoor beach
 - Towels
 - Beach chairs
 - Beach umbrella
 - Sunglasses
 - Swim Suits (or wear your swim suits to Zoom!)
- Spend the day on bikes
- Create an art gallery
- Bring your dog to the pretend café or shuk
- Eat outside



Caring For Others: Tzedakah for Israel

- How do we take care of each other?
 - Shalom Sesame – Mitzvah on the Street
- How do we take care of Israel
 - Create a Tzedakah box
 - Research organizations that support Israel
 - First Responders in Israel for COVID-19



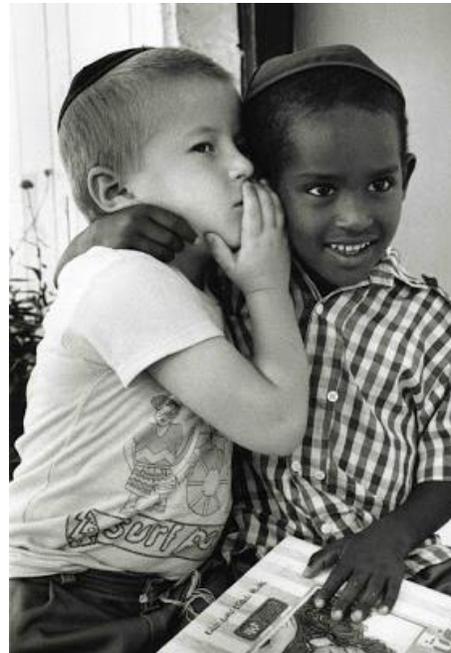
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Ministry of Tourism Photo Gallery

<https://info.goisrael.com/en/gallery>

Israeli Artist Zion Ozari

<https://www.zionozari.com>



Videos For Use – For Lessons

- Israel 21C
 - Cities with great music!
 - Tel Aviv Street Food
 - Eilat
- Kotel Livestream
- Shalom Sesame
 - Postcards -
 - From Grover



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Shalom Sesame: Postcards from Grover: Daliyat El-Carmel

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Israel Tourism
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It's Time for a BBQ or a Birthday party!

- Include blue and white decorations
- Decorate flags
- Be creative! What would you want at your birthday party?
- Create a special family memory.



Upcoming Yom HaAtzma'ut Events for the Whole Family



Wednesday, April 29th, from 2:00-3:00 PM ET, JFNA invites you to be part of an extraordinary virtual event. Join celebrity guests, world leaders and people from all around the globe for a worldwide celebration of Israel's 72nd Independence Day!

Post photos or videos on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #IsraelToMe

THANK YOU

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Same Same but Different by [Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw](#)

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Omlette: <https://www.olivetomato.com/greek-omelette-with-feta-cheese-and-fresh-mint/>

Shashuka: <https://www.onceuponachef.com/recipes/shakshuka.html>

American Breakfast: <https://www.z925fm.com/event/all-you-can-eat-sausage-egg-pancake-breakfast-3/>

Israeli Breakfast: Photo taken by Presenter Sasha Kopp

Milk: <https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/telaviv-feb-20-2018-buying-israeli-1029490933>

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Dollars: <https://tinycards.duolingo.com/decks/2qYZ7UZv/american-money-and-coins>

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Head shoulder knees and toes Hebrew: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJVE8TMUzk8>

Mirit Ben Nun: <https://fineartamerica.com/featured/israeli-drawings-woman-modern-art-mirit-ben-nun.html>

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Honoch Pivin: <https://www.pivenworld.com>

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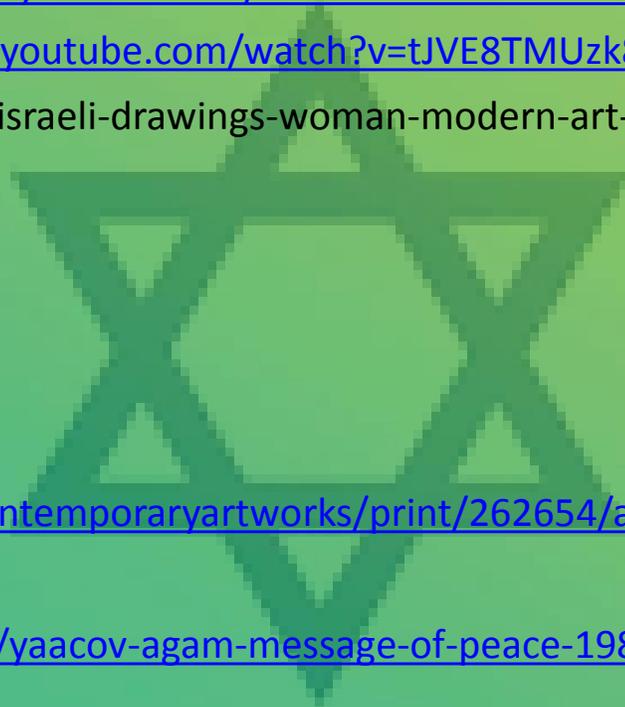
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Multi Window View- <https://jewishtulsa.org/marc-chagall-charles-sorlier-a-printmaking-partnership/>

Blue Window: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/197173289915043068/>



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Poster Gallery:

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Cooking: Fun with Food!

Shashuka: <https://feelgoodfoodie.net/recipe/shakshuka-with-feta/>

Falafel: <https://www.themediterraneanandish.com/how-to-make-falafel/>

Chocolate Milk: <https://www.israel21c.org/a-love-of-israeli-chutzpah-and-chocolate-milk-in-a-bag/>

Israeli Salad: <https://www.eatingbirdfood.com/israeli-salad/>

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Hummus: <https://thekitchengirl.com/hummus-recipe/>

Mansaf: <https://whonomstheworld.com/blog/jordanian-mansaf-yogurt-lamb/>

Spices: https://media.fromthegrapevine.com/assets/images/2015/4/spices-mediterranean.jpg.824x0_q71.jpg



Nature and the Outdoors:

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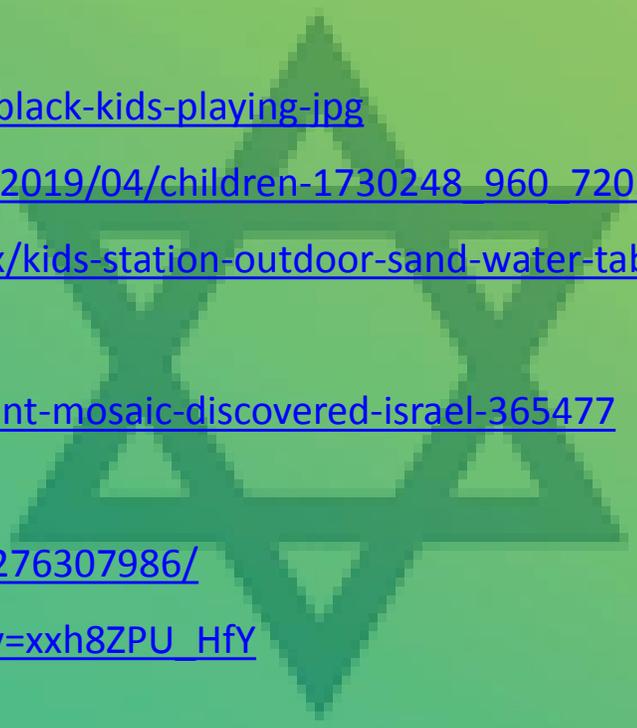
Sandtable : <https://www.wayfair.com/baby-kids/pdx/kids-station-outdoor-sand-water-table-lbmh1002.html>

Artifacts: <http://apd.farli.org/>

Mosaics: <https://news.artnet.com/exhibitions/ancient-mosaic-discovered-israel-365477>

Lupines: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/17451517276307986/>

Miss Rumphius: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxh8ZPU_HfY



Junkyard Playgrounds: Photo taken by Presenter Sasha Kopp

Boy with Pumpkin: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/4717132/nursery-that-swaps-tots-plastic-toys-for-power-tools-crowned-best-in-britain>

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Yom Ha'Atzmaut For the Family – BBQ Time!

Yom Ha'atmaut BBQ picnic: <https://www.ou.org/life/category/holidays/yom-haatzmaut/>

Family on Porch: https://israelforever.org/interact/blog/price_of_independence_bbq/

