



Venture into Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel Independence Day



Keep Learning! The Kotel

The Kotel (the Western Wall or the Wailing Wall) is the last remaining wall of the ancient Jewish Temple in Jerusalem after it was destroyed. It has been standing in the same spot for over 2,000 years! This is one of the holiest places in Judaism (it's actually officially considered a synagogue) and many people visit the wall to pray. The Western Wall is made of limestone bricks and is home to many creatures, including small lizards, swallows, sparrows, and doves that build their nests within the cracks. It is also home to six different types of plants!

Activity: Make your own Kotel

Visitors may write prayers on paper and place them inside the cracks of the wall, believing that God can see what is written on them. The prayers are collected every two years and then buried on the Mount of Olives. Print and color this drawing of the Kotel (printable version at the back of the toolkit) and the notecard and tuck your prayer into one of the cracks!

