

Venture into Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel Independence Day



TEN FAST FACTS!

1. Israel Independence Day **celebrates the day Israel became an independent country** in 1948.
2. Yom Ha'atzmaut usually happens in April or May, on the **5th day of the Hebrew month Iyar**.
3. Many families celebrate with a **big barbecue (called a mangal)** in parks and backyards. People also celebrate with **fireworks, parades, concerts, and parties** across the country.
4. **The national language is Hebrew.** Most street signs are written in Hebrew, Arabic, and English.
5. **Israeli flags are everywhere!** Many people hang them on their cars, balconies, and windows.
6. Yom Ha'atzmaut is a **national holiday**, so kids usually have no school that day.
7. **A big ceremony is held on Mount Herzl** in Jerusalem with music, speeches, and soldiers marching.
8. **Twelve torches** are lit during the ceremony to represent the **12 tribes of Israel**.
9. **Yom Ha'atzmaut comes right after Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day)** for fallen soldiers and people who were hurt or scared by violence, making the celebration feel even more meaningful.
10. **Kids and adults sing patriotic songs like "Hatikvah,"** which means "The Hope" — it's also Israel's national anthem.