1. **Post on social media and share your love of Hadassah and what Hadassah means to you.**
   Please choose the following:
   I love @Hadassah because ____.
   I love @Hadassah because of their undying support for Israel.
   I love @Hadassah because of their strong commitment to building bridges to peace.

2. **Light two candles (suggested blessing below with brief story of the Declaration of Independence)**

   **Light Two Candles - Candle Lighting**
   All Jewish holidays begin with the lighting of two candles. The following is a suggested prayer:
   God and God of our ancestors,
   We light these candles with joy and gratitude for the privilege of celebrating the 72nd anniversary of Medinat Yisrael, the Jewish and democratic State of Israel. Our generation has been blessed to realize the fulfillment of the prophecy of Amos, “I will plant them on their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of the land which I have given them.”
   Through Hadassah, each of us has answered the call of Jeremiah, “Is there no balm in Gilead?” These candles are lit as a further pledge to our work in Zion and the rebuilding of the third Jewish commonwealth, Medinat Yisrael.
   Amen

   **The Story of the Declaration of Independence**
   On the morning of Friday, May 14th 1948, a secret invitation was sent by messenger to attend the signing of Israel’s Declaration of Independence. The ceremony was to be held in the Tel Aviv Museum, which today has been renamed Independence Hall. Guests were asked to arrive at 3:30 for the 4:00 P.M. event. It was imperative the event take place as scheduled so as not to desecrate the Shabbat. The occasion was not publicized because it was feared the British Authorities might try to prevent it or that the Arab armies might begin an attack. The event was the first live broadcast of the new Israeli radio station Kol Yisrael.
   Ze’ev Sherf was given the duty of delivering the text to the museum from the JNF building where it had been typed. However, since Sherf had forgotten to arrange for his own transportation, he had to flag down a passing car and ask the driver, who was driving a borrowed car without a license, to transport him to the Museum. On the way, a policeman stopped the vehicle to issue a speeding citation, however he magnanimously allowed it to pass when it was explained that a traffic ticket would delay the signing of Israel’s Declaration of Independence.
   Two hundred and fifty guests were seated in the room, which was decorated with two flags with Mogen Davids and a portrait of Theodore Herzl. When David Ben-Gurion pounded the gavel to call the program to order, the guests immediately stood and sang Hatikvah.
   David Ben Gurion then proceeded to read the Declaration, and concluded with the words “Let us accept the Foundation Scroll of the Jewish State by rising” Rabbi Fishman was invited to recite the Sheheheyanu blessing.
The signing began. Although all 37 members of the Moetzet Ha'am (The People’s Council) were to sign, 11 were in Jerusalem under Arab siege and one member was abroad. The remaining members were alphabetically called up to sign. David Ben Gurion, as leader of the Yishuv, was given the honor of being the first to sign the document. Herzl Rosenblum was asked by Ben Gurion to sign the document with his Hebrew pen name Herzl Vardi. Some of the signatories later Hebraized their names. They were: Meir Argov (Grabovsky) Peretz Bernstein (Fritz Bernstein) Avraham Granot (Granovsky) Avraham Nissan (Knatzelson) Moshe Kol (Kolodny) Yehuda Leib Maimon (Fishman) Golda Meir (Myerson) Pinchas Rosen (Felix Rosenblueth) and Moshe Sharett (Shertok). Saadia Kobashi added the phrase HaLevy next to his name.

After the last signatory signed his name, the members once again rose and sang the Hatikvah accompanied by the Israel Philharmonic Symphony. Ben Gurion concluded the event with the words, “THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS ESTABLISHED! THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED!”

3. **Listen to Israeli Music on YouTube**

- Naomi Shemer:
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajXks-EcHFk&list=PLqN7tBlt0ZtEKPPShyL7u9HRlEq-5PgL3M3&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajXks-EcHFk&list=PLqN7tBlt0ZtEKPPShyL7u9HRlEq-5PgL3M3&index=1)
- Ofra Haza:
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ie-FB6Opo5c&list=PLNtxzSjeBc5fWJRxt46u59aNRDUKiv68o&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ie-FB6Opo5c&list=PLNtxzSjeBc5fWJRxt46u59aNRDUKiv68o&index=1)
- Shira Mainmon:
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79Qi571ogFg&list=PLu7UKxOMrwGc8MVRE0YrcN7PQo62lL2M0Q&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79Qi571ogFg&list=PLu7UKxOMrwGc8MVRE0YrcN7PQo62lL2M0Q&index=1)
- Achinoam Nini (Noa):
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXHuwwvviqM&list=PLRl6x7spQp6iYsJ7kbfJTqPB3s69nZ-&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXHuwwvviqM&list=PLRl6x7spQp6iYsJ7kbfJTqPB3s69nZ-&index=1)
- Miri Aloni:
  [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWi5v6ygzQR-faakOqU39_A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWi5v6ygzQR-faakOqU39_A)

4. **Zionist Personalities Game**

*It’s Yom Ha’atzmaut – Do You Know These Zionists?*

Match the names in column A with the descriptions in Column B

1. Theodore Herzl
2. Eliezer Ben Yehuda
3. Rav Kook
4. David Ben Gurion
5. Menahem Begin
6. Moses Hess
7. Moses Montefiore
8. Shmuel Agnon
9. Ahad Ha’am
10. Yehuda HaLevi
11. Louis Brandeis
12. Golda Meir
13. Hannah Szenes
14. Henrietta Szold
15. Ruth Popkin

A. First Prime Minister of Israel
B. Wrote “Rome and Jerusalem”
C. Cultural Zionist
D. American Zionist Leader
E. Zionist Kabbalist
F. Hebrew Dictionary
G. “My heart is in the East”
H. British Philanthropist
I. Nobel Laureate
J. Wrote Der Judenstaat
K. Leader of Irgun
L. Poet and Special Operations Executive Member
M. Former President – Hadassah and Jewish National Fund N. Founder of Hadassah!

Answers:

J | F | H | E | C | A | K | R | L | D | N | I | T
5. Watch an Israeli film or TV show
   - Fauda
   - Shtisel
   - Srugim
   - Beauty and the Baker

6. Watch the Israeli Air Force show on YouTube – they do a “Fly over” every year
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeuzPrpOoVs

7. Decorate the room with Israeli flags and recite Hatikvah

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<td>כל עדプリו בערפיה סבא נפש כי建築יה עלייה קדימה הלל</td>
<td>Kol ‘od balleivav penimah, Nefesh yehudi homiyah, Ul(e)fa’atei mizrach kadimah, ‘Ayin letziyon tzofiyah; ‘Od lo avdah tikvateinu, Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim, Lihyt am chofshi be’artzeinu, Eretz-tziyon (v)’Y(e)rushalayim.</td>
<td>As long as deep in the heart, The soul of a Jew yearns, And towards the East An eye looks to Zion, Our hope is not yet lost, The hope of two thousand years, To be a free people in our land, The land of Zion and Jerusalem.</td>
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