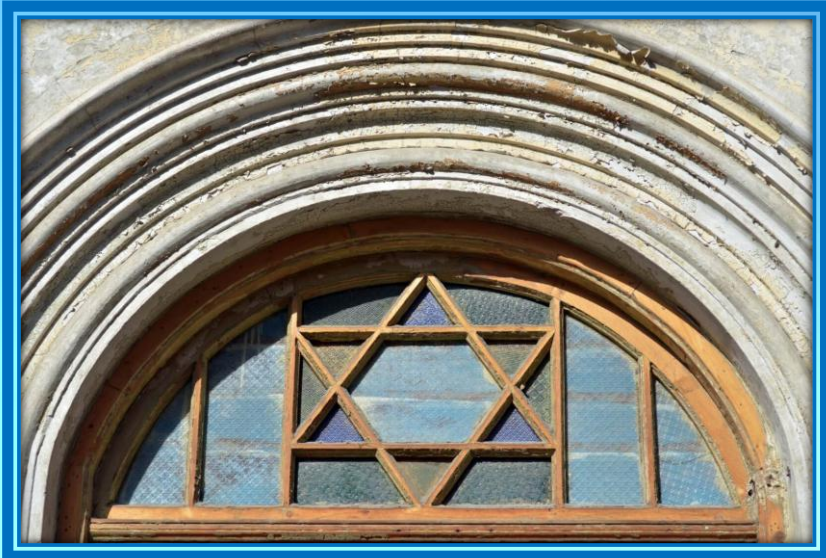


The story of the Israeli blue & white flag is intertwined in the story of the Jewish people.



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# מקורותיו של דגל מדינת ישראל



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# צִיּוֹנוּת

## What is the story behind the Israeli flag?

The history of the flag of Israel has its genesis in the Zionist movement

*The question of the flag of the Jewish state has already been discussed in 1896 in the book "**The State of the Jews** " by Benjamin Ze'ev Herzl. The following is a description of the flag as it appears in the book:*

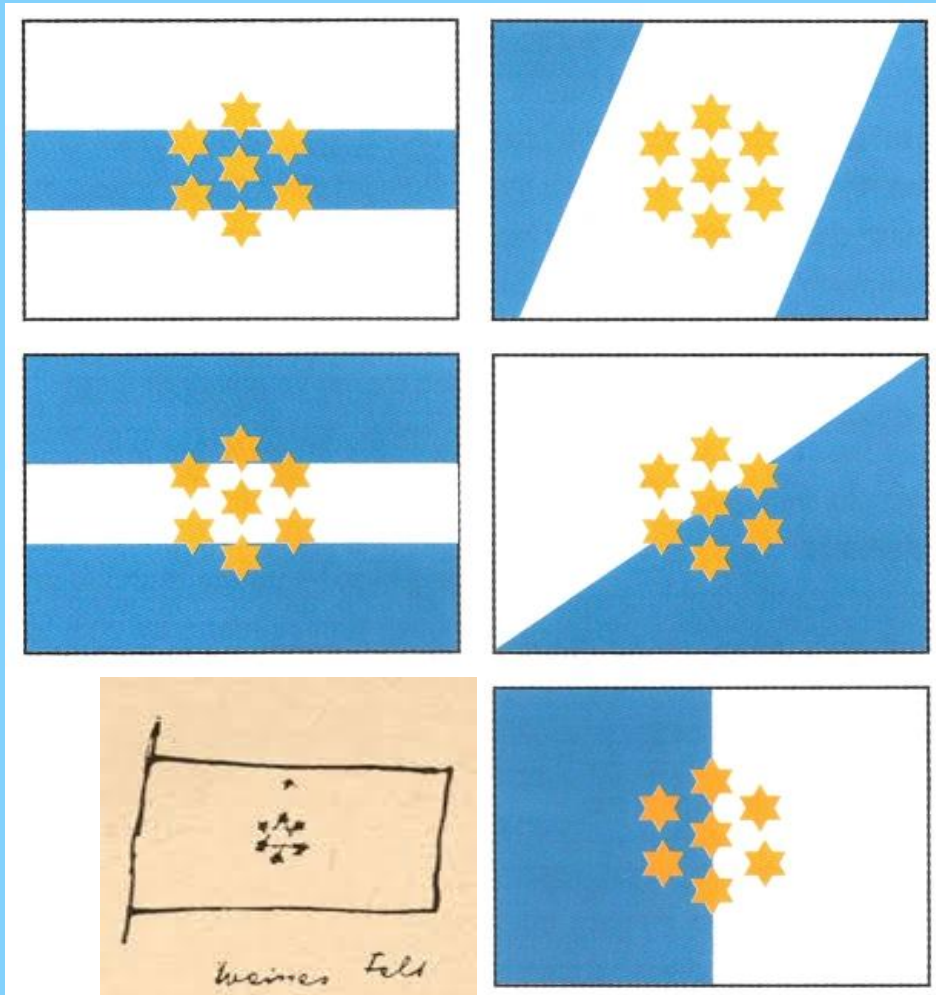
**"We have no flag. We need a flag. While you want to lead many people, it is necessary to swing a symbol over their heads"**

**"I imagine a white flag with seven gold stars. The white symbolizes the new, pure life; The stars are the seven hours of our workday".**





What is the story behind Herzl's seven-star flag proposal?



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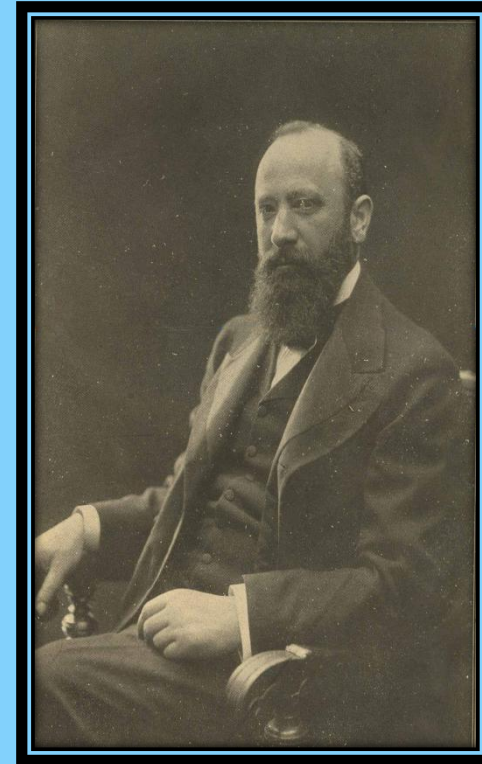
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During preparations for the First Zionist Congress in Basel, 1886 Herzl raised the flag issue again, and tried to persuade the people to accept his flag idea, but most of the people was not excited by his flag design

Suddenly one of Herzl's close friends, **David Wolfson**, stood up and said:

“Why do we have to search? Here is our national flag.”

We have a flag



## Why are there stripes on the Israeli flag?

טלית

....and it is blue and white.

The טלית with which we wrap ourselves when we pray:  
that is our symbol. Let us take this טלית from its bag and  
unroll it before the eyes of all Jews and the eyes of all nations.

Then he ordered a blue and white flag with a Star of David on  
it. And this is how our national flag was created.

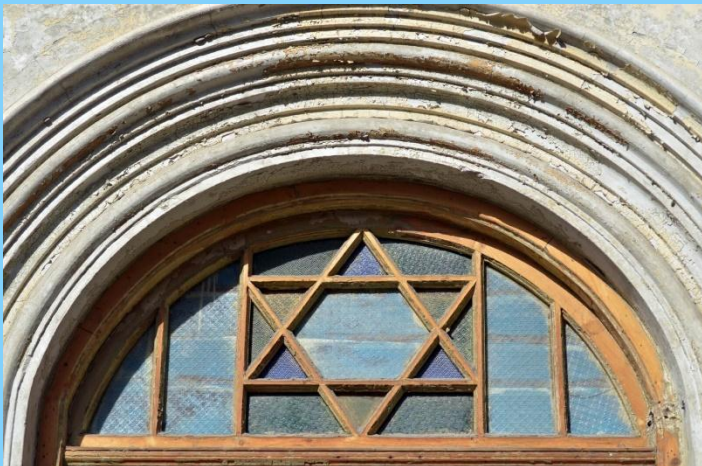


The color blue, or to be more accurate, the color **חֹדָד** (light blue), have  
been linked since ancient times with the land of Israel and the Jewish  
tradition of weaving the tassels of the Tzitzit **ציצית**



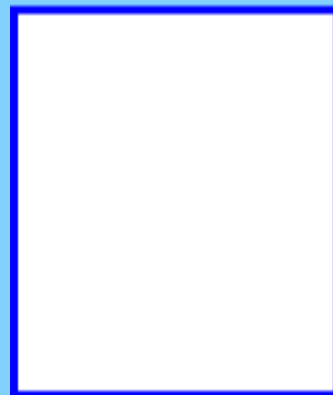
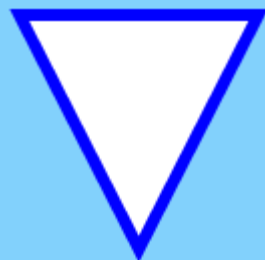
During the middle ages, the Star of David had become identified as the symbol of the Jews, who had chosen it to be distinct themselves under the monarchs of Europe at that time. In the late 18th century, the Zionist movement chose it again as a symbol.

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# היסטוריה

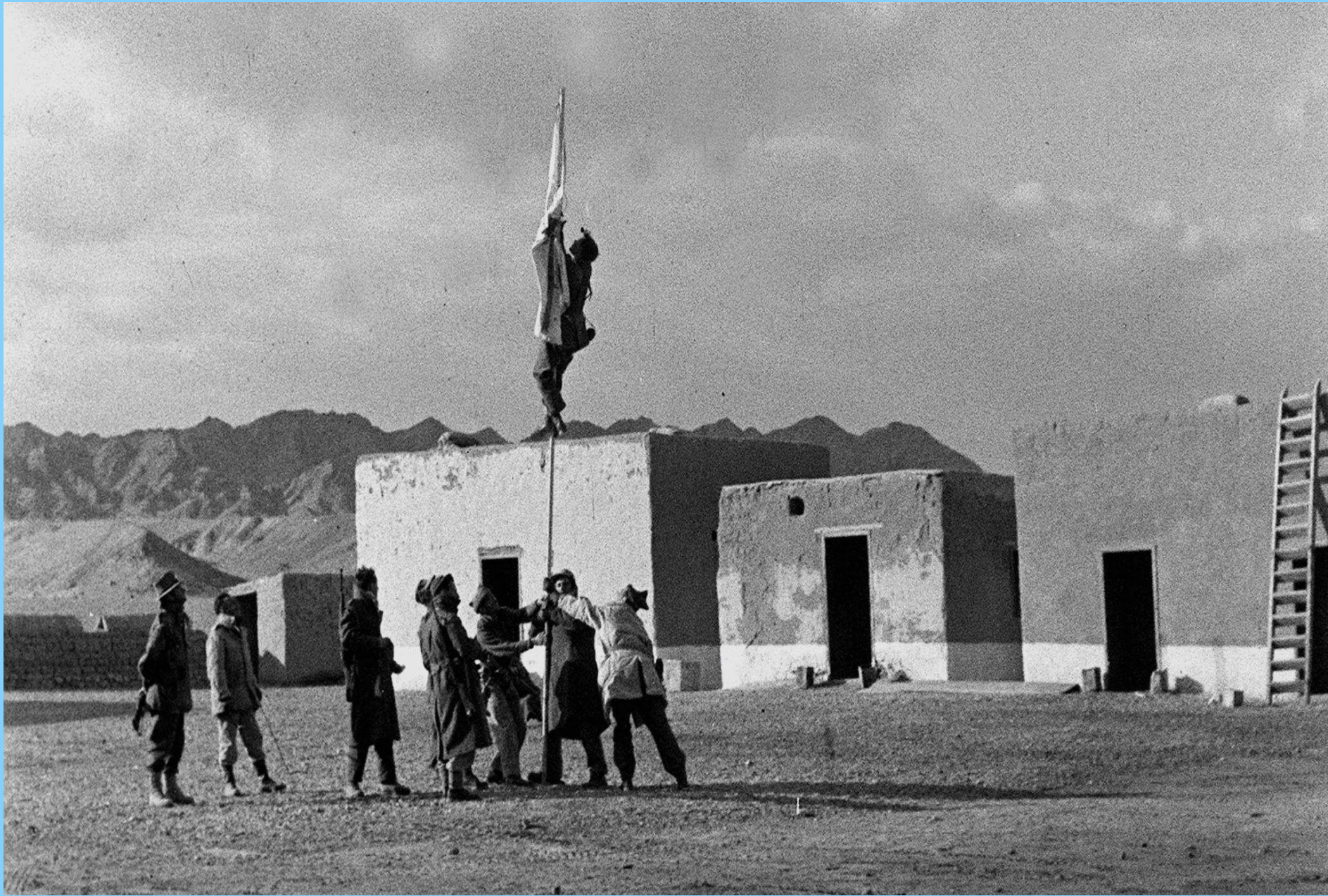
Another fantastic episode in the tale of the blue and white flag happened Close to Pesach 1943 the Nazis were preparing for the elimination of the Warsaw Ghetto and deporting all Jews to the extermination camps.

On April 19th, the Jewish uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto began. The Jews were fought against the Nazis. What infuriated the Nazi general the most, was the flagging of the Jewish flag over the Ghetto by the Jewish warriors. The flag was up on the tallest building in Ghetto and could be seen from the Polish side as well.

To the Jewish fighters and the Nazis, the flag was a symbol of resistance and uprising. The Nazi general ordered to take the flag down at any cost. Many Nazi soldiers and many of Jews lost their lives in this battle. Only after five days of fighting was the flag taken down, following heavy bombardment and many losses. Although the most of the fighters died the tale of the brave fight and flag left a substantial impact on the pages of history.









## What is Israel's side of the story?

### דגל הדין

When Israel was founded in 1948, many committees deliberated as to what will be our national flag, and the two blue stripes and the **מגן דויד** were chosen. as the people could not truly relate to any of the other versions.

During the Independence War of 1948, two Israeli battalions were heading south towards Eilat, in an attempt to take the Negev and Arava. The Negev battalion got there first, and made it to Um-Rash Rash. Where Avraham Aden flagged an improvised flag that the company's secretary made from a bed sheet and dyed with ink. Another flag was flagged earlier on the same day at Ein Gedi, thus including Masada and Ein Gedi in the Israeli territory as well.

In 1967, Dani Biran, was the young soldier, in The Six Day War flagged the Israeli flag over the temple mount after the liberation of the Western Wall and temple mount from Jordan.

### דגל ישראל

May the State of Israel  
be a blessing to all its  
inhabitants and the  
Jewish People  
everywhere,  
May Stat of Israel be a  
light unto the nations  
of the world.

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