



GOLDA MEIR

FEMINIST, ZIONIST,
AND GO-GETTER

Section 1: Additional resources

- Daniel Gordis, *Israel, A Concise History*; Chapter 14: The Yom Kippur War--The "Conception" Crashes
 - Yehuda Avner, *The Prime Ministers*
 - Francine Klagsbrun, *Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel*
 - Ervin Birnbaum, "The Most Fateful Conference of All Times in Jewish History, Part II," <http://www.acpr.org.il/nativ/0902-birnbaum-E2.pdf>
 - Center for Israel Education, "Israeli 'Black Panthers' Meet with Prime Minister Meir to Discuss Mizrahi Jews," <https://israeled.org/israeli-black-panthers/>
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Section 2: Discussion Questions

- We saw Golda Meir leaving behind her comfortable life in America for a difficult one in the pre-state of Israel. Why would Golda leave behind the familiar for the unknown and foreign?
- How would history look different if Golda Meir and Israel did not merely have observer status at the Evian Conference, but were active participants?
- In what way was Golda Meir's African project such an important part of her expression of Zionism?
- When the Agranat Commission cleared Golda Meir of wrongdoing, she still resigned after it was released. Do you admire her for this or disagree with her decision?
- What do you think Golda Meir could have done differently for the Mizrahi community, if anything, and why?

Section 3: Review - Did the students understand the material?

1. What was the Evian conference, and why did it have such an impact on Golda?
2. What about the 1973 Yom Kippur (or Ramadan/October) War made determining the victor ambiguous?

What was the name of the commission that determined that some Israeli leaders did not do enough to prevent the casualties of the war?

- a. Agranat commission (correct answer)
- b. Kahan commission
- c. UN Resolution 181
- d. Dayan commission

What was the name of the Mizrahi group who was bothered by Prime Minister Meir?

- a. Mizrahi mayhem
- b. Black Panthers (correct answer)
- c. Shas
- d. Sonei (haters of) Meir

Which city did Meir live in when she lived in America?

- a. New York
- b. LA
- c. Baltimore
- d. Milwaukee (correct answer)

Section 4: Reflection Questions

- If you were given an hour to sit down with Golda Meir, what are three questions you would ask her?
- Is it possible for you to have deep reverence for a leader while acknowledging their imperfections, or do you expect your leaders to be mostly infallible?
- Which of Golda Meir's values do you personally admire the most, and why?