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Dear Facilitator,

We are very excited to share this brand-new, educational program for Yom Ha'atzmaut. Enclosed please find everything you need to run this interactive program designed to engage your participants in all things Israel in honor of her 70th birthday.

Using the text of Megillat Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Declaration of Independence, our goal is to begin a conversation about our values as Jewish people and citizens of the world. We hope that the participants will share different points of view by having an active and open discussion.

Using the kit we are providing you, the participants divide into six groups and each receive a portion of the Declaration of Independence with accompanying images. The students read through their section and then flip it over to discuss the questions on the back, while using the photographs as inspiration. A detailed Facilitator Guide is included. Please read it before planning out your program! If you have any questions or would like more guidance, we are happy to connect and offer our advice. Reach out to us at Education@jnf.org and we will be happy to connect you to a local JNF Education team member in your area! JNF-AMHSI specializes in delivering Israel-related programming as well as study-abroad and travel opportunities to Israel. In addition to this program, we have taken the liberty of enclosing information about AMHSI for your teens.

Please tell us how your program went! We are always striving to provide new, innovative programs for you and love to hear your feedback. We would also love for you to share pictures from your programs. Send an email to Education@jnf.org with pictures from your program, a short paragraph describing your experience with the program, along with your name and contact information. Every group who sends this by Friday May 25th will be entered in to a raffle to win a giant roll-out floor map of Israel, 6 feet by 16 feet, for your school, synagogue, or organization!

We are excited to see our global Jewish community dive into the intricacies of this text as we celebrate our history and continue to build a better future for the land and people of Israel. We hope our program will enhance your Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration!

Yom Ha'atzmaut Sameach!

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