



Rationale for Yom Yerushalayim 5777

"We have united Jerusalem, the divided capital of Israel. We have returned to the holiest of our holy places, never to part from it again."

- Moshe Dayan, Defense Minister 1967

Subject of the Broadcast: Symbols and Heroes

Length: 45 minutes

Ages: Grades 3-6

General Message of the Broadcast: Symbols are often used to represent an object, a relationship, or an idea and to express connections, emotions, ideas, and importance. Jerusalem is such a diverse and holy city which holds so many symbols to so many – even more so to those who fought to defend it. Jerusalem, the Eternal City, symbolizes something different to different people!

Educational Goals:

- Help each student realize the importance of symbolism and how it's been used over the years
- Learn about the meaning behind and importance of each Jerusalem symbol
- Learn about life here in Israel for young citizens and how they give of themselves for the country
- Understand what it was like for those who were here and/or fought in the Six Day War

Content:

- Live real-time broadcast from the Western Wall
- Interaction with guide at the Western Wall
- Notes placed in the Western Wall
- Frontal presentation
- Preparatory activities

Preparatory Activity:

- Students will compare and contrast the logo celebrating Jerusalem's 50-year reunification, the Western Wall Heritage Foundation's Logo and the Jerusalem Flag
 - What does each symbol mean?
 - What do they represent for you?
 - What symbols would you use to describe your family? Your Community? Your School?
 - How do they compare with Jerusalem's? Amongst the students?

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Video Conference Activity:

- Students will discuss the importance of symbols and discuss some of the symbols that they have chosen
 - What the symbols mean and why they were chosen to represent Jerusalem
- Students will read a letter that was written to one of the characters from the video
 - Discuss what it means to serve and to be a part of a war – especially at such a young age
 - Discuss how in Israel, we still serve at such a young age – explain Sherut Leumi and army service
 - Discuss how they and their families must have felt
 - Discuss how grateful we are to them and how because of their sacrifice, we celebrate and can live and work freely in Jerusalem
- Guide will place prepared notes in the Western Wall