

# "I Belong to the Nation" Lesson Plan



**Age Group:**  
**5th - 7th Grade**

**Theme: Belonging to the Jewish People – The Circles That Connect Us**

## Objectives:

- Recognize and understand students' sense of belonging in different areas of their lives
- Strengthen their connection to the Jewish people and Israel in the context of Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut
- Use the song "Ani Shayach Le'am" (I Belong to the Nation) by Ishay Ribo as a tool for emotional engagement
- Connect the lesson to the creative project and its symbolic meaning

### 1. Introduction: My Circles of Belonging

10 min

- Draw expanding circles on the board, from the personal level to the national level
- Discussion: "Which circle do I feel most connected to?"

### 2. Song Listening and Discussion

15 min

- Play "Ani Shayach Le'am"
- Discuss significant lines and what they evoke in each student



Ishay Ribo  
**Ani Shayach Le'am**

### 3. Interactive Activity – "Belonging in Action"

15 min

- Groups receive cards with different scenarios (e.g., speaking Hebrew, celebrating Jewish holidays, singing the national anthem)
- Each group ranks the scenarios based on their connection to the Jewish people
- Compare rankings and discuss factors that strengthen belonging

### 4. Art – "My Shield of Belonging"

15 min

- Each student writes inside a Star of David how they feel connected to the Jewish people
- All shields are combined into a collective display

### 5. Summary

5 min

- "How can I strengthen my sense of belonging and help others do the same?"