



# Massuot: Torch Lighting Ceremony for Israel 60

Israeli public ceremonies comprise sections of formal speeches, solemn prayer, and related incidental songs or music. One additional and unique aspect is the inclusion of members of the public whose life or outstanding achievements have a message about the kind of society that Israel is striving to create.

Each year, on Yom Ha'atzmaut, 12 ceremonial torches are lit, representing the Twelve Tribes of Israel, a multi-faceted tapestry of the Jewish People. In connection with the theme designated, 12 distinguished figures from different sectors and walks of Israeli civic society are chosen to light the torches.

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[www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/spages/960705.html](http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/spages/960705.html)

The traditional Yom Ha'atzmaut Torch Lighting Ceremony will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Twelve people will light the torches in conjunction with the theme of the celebration, which is *Israel's Children and Youth*; they were chosen for their outstanding contribution to the education and welfare of Israel's children.

**They are:**

<p><b>Elie Wiesel</b> Child survivor of the Shoah (Holocaust) for his literary works that commemorate and create awareness of the Shoah in the Jewish and wider world, and for his steadfast connection to Israel. <a href="http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/eliewiesel.aspx">www.eliewieselfoundation.org/eliewiesel.aspx</a> <a href="http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1986/wiesel-bio.html">http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1986/wiesel-bio.html</a></p>	<p><b>אלי ויזל</b> ילד שואה העוסק בהנצחת השואה ומסמל את הקשר עם התפוצות. <a href="http://www.ynet.co.il/yaan/0,7340,L-90490-OTA0OTBfMjU4NTMzNDZfMTQ4Njg3MjAw-FreeYaan,00.html">www.ynet.co.il/yaan/0,7340,L-90490-OTA0OTBfMjU4NTMzNDZfMTQ4Njg3MjAw-FreeYaan,00.html</a></p>
<p><b>Galila Ron-Feder Amit</b> Author of 250 books for children and teenagers, who also fostered many children from broken homes in her own home and continues to work with children at risk. <a href="http://www.ithl.org.il/author_info.asp?id=214">www.ithl.org.il/author_info.asp?id=214</a></p>	<p><b>גלילה רון-פדר עמית</b> סופרת ידועה של ספרי ילדים, ששימשה כאם אומנת לילדים מבתים הרוסים. <a href="http://www.ynet.co.il/yaan/0,7340,L-278280,00.html">www.ynet.co.il/yaan/0,7340,L-278280,00.html</a></p>
<p><b>Dr Erika Landau</b> Psychologist and Founding Director, Young Persons' Institute for the Promotion of Creativity and Excellence, for 40 years of contribution to promote the education of the gifted in all areas of life and as future leaders in the community.</p>	<p><b>ד"ר אריקה לנדאו</b> פועלת זה 40 שנה לחינוך ילדים מחוננים ומוכשרים שיובילו בכל תחומי החיים. <a href="http://www.gifted.org.il">www.gifted.org.il</a> <a href="http://www.erika-landau.net">www.erika-landau.net</a></p>

<p><a href="http://www.erika-landau.net/index-en.htm">www.erika-landau.net/index-en.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.ypipce.org.il/e/index.htm">www.ypipce.org.il/e/index.htm</a></p>	
<p><b>Dr Yitzhak Kadman</b>  Executive Director of the Israel National Council for the Child which engages in a range of welfare and rights programmes to protect all children in Israel.  <a href="http://www.children.org.il/view_cat.asp?cat_id=216&amp;sub_cat_id=276&amp;cat_id_to_look=276">www.children.org.il/view_cat.asp?cat_id=216&amp;sub_cat_id=276&amp;cat_id_to_look=276</a></p>	<p><b>ד"ר יצחק קדמן</b>  מנכ"ל המועצה הלאומית לשלום הילד. המועצה עוסקת במגוון פעילויות למען ילדי ישראל.  <a href="http://www.children.org.il">www.children.org.il</a></p>
<p><b>Yossi Sadeh</b>  Founder of a special farm for marginal youth from all sectors of Israeli society.</p>	<p><b>יוסי שדה</b>  הקים לפני עשר שנים חווה חקלאית לנוער שוליים בכל רובדי החברה.</p>
<p><b>Rabbi Yitzhak David Grossman</b>  Rabbi of Migdal Ha'emek and the Migdal Ohr education network which provides an educational environment for many child olim and potential olim in Russia; Israel Prize Laureate for his life and work, 2004.</p>	<p><b>הרב יצחק דוד גרוסמן</b>  איש מגדל העמק שהקים רשת מוסדות חינוך "מגדל אור" לטיפול בילדי ישראל.  <a href="http://cms.education.gov.il/EducationCMS/Units/PrasIsrael/Tashsad/YtzhakDavidGrosman/">http://cms.education.gov.il/EducationCMS/Units/PrasIsrael/Tashsad/YtzhakDavidGrosman/</a></p>
<p><b>Sana Elbaz</b>  Sana grew up in the Bedouin city of Tel Sheva; today, she is the Director of the first and only Early Childhood Centre in the Bedouin sector, under the auspices of the Israel Association of Community Centers, and is engaged in promoting social welfare in this sector.  Photo:  <a href="http://www.moch.gov.il/Moch/Messages/29.01.07.htm">www.moch.gov.il/Moch/Messages/29.01.07.htm</a></p>	<p><b>סנא אלבז</b>  בת למשפחה בדואית מתל שבע. מנהלת מעון יום של החברה למתנ"סים הראשון והיחיד בחברה הבדווית.  <a href="http://www.moch.gov.il/Moch/Messages/29.01.07.htm">www.moch.gov.il/Moch/Messages/29.01.07.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Hadara Rosenblum</b>  Director of the Unit for School and Youth Councils in Israel, at the Israel Ministry of Education, Culture &amp; Sport, for her outstanding contribution to youth leadership and development programmes.</p>	<p><b>הדרה רוזנבלום</b>  מנהלת היחידה למועצות תלמידים ונוער בישראל. משקיעה באופן יוצא דופן בטיפול נוער.</p>
<p><b>Naftali Der'i</b>  Secretary General of the Israel Youth Movement Council, whose leadership has empowered and raised the status of youth</p>	<p><b>נפתלי דרעי</b>  מזכ"ל מועצת תנועות הנוער בישראל. תחת הנהגתו הועצם מעמדן של תנועות הנוער.</p>

<p>movements in Israel, as well as civil society projects.</p>	
<p><b>Professor Pnina Klein</b>          Early Childhood Education specialist in developmental education for both gifted and disabled children; part of educational movement founded by Professor Feuerstein. Israel Prize Laureate in Education for work in the field of Mediated Learning Experiences and cognitive development.</p>	<p><b>פרופ' פנינה קליין</b>          תלמידתו וממשיכתו של פרופ' פויירשטיין, חתן פרס ישראל שטיפל בילדים בעלי תסמונת דאון.  <a href="http://www.biupress.co.il/website/index.asp?action=author_page&amp;aet_id=207">www.biupress.co.il/website/index.asp?action=author_page&amp;aet_id=207</a></p>
<p><b>Roni Duek</b>          Israeli businessman and entrepreneur, founder of numerous social initiative projects for children and youth in Israel over the past two decades.</p>	<p><b>רוני דואק</b>          איש עסקים שפועל זה 20 שנה כיזם חברתי לטובת ילדים ונוער.</p>
<p><b>A serving soldier in the IDF</b>          A young person from the ranks of the Israel Defense Forces.</p>	<p><b>חייל צה"ל</b> שייבחר משורות הצבא.</p>

