

Yom Mossad

The brave souls of Magshimim 2010 set out on a daring, top secret mission on Wednesday. As participants in Yom Mossad (Israeli Intelligence Unit), the edah was charged with the tasks of completing basic training, engineering activities, creating shelters and team symbols, and locating the hidden grenade (painted green rock) in order to gain clues to solve their day-long missions.

In the morning, each team was handed a top-secret manilla envelop that contained the outline of a Mossad operation that has been carried out in the past 60 years. After reading through the basic clues and assembling a team name, uniform, and plan of action, Magshimim headed to basic training. The chanichim had flight aviation training (building complex paper airplanes and flying them through a course), target practice (archery), and field training with Israeli commanders.

Later in the day, the chanichim set out on a photo scavenger hunt with clues from the head command. In addition to locating key materials to help them solve their puzzles, Magshimimers participated in activities linked to their Take Home Ramah project, Birkat Hamazon (Grace After Meals). We took pictures of places around camp and nature that link to the "harachaman" section of Birkat Hamazon. Additionally, we recognized that we are thankful for things that are not mentioned in the traditional liturgy and we wrote our own "harachaman" blessings.

By the end of the day, the chanichim had collected enough clues to debrief the entire edah on their mission. We gathered around a medura (camp fire) to present about our missions and divulge the confidential data that we had earned throughout the day. Yom Mossad was an exciting, educational, and exhilarating day for all!

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11:00 – 11:30 Intro of History of Mossad

- Introduction: www.youtube.com search "History of Mossad Part 1"
- Watch video clip in the Beit Keneset or somewhere with internet accessibility
 - Need to reserve a projector
- Split into 4 teams; give color to wear, black green white, and blue.

Confidential: Mission Impossible

- Each team is given a mission that the Mossad performed at some point in history
- Piece together information – pictures, articles, stories and present in some way
- When you turn in a complete worksheet from the file, you will receive a helpful "weapon" to use in capture the enemy, it will be given out at Peulot Erev.

All staff present

Introduce: The enemy (Staff) hid a "grenade" (rock) somewhere obscure on B-side and the main goal is to find the rock by the end of the day, obtaining many points to be cashed in during Capture the Enemy.

-Explain that there is one rock that all four teams are looking for.

-Break up teams and allow time for them to change and meet at little house at 11:45

11:50 – 12:50 Basic Training Rotations by team with 4 stations

ALL STAFF PRESENT START BY GETTING THE ENTIRE EDAH INTO A BIG CHET SHAPE

- Explain the different commands: Ken Hamefaked(et). Etc.
- Explain that the Israeli Mossad Soliders go through basic training every day – could be at any hour. They could be based in the middle of a desert and have to wake up at 4am to train.

Station 1: "Sharp Shootings" located at Archery field using Frisbees to hit the targets

Station 2: "Rocket Launch" located at Mechane Gimmel using a Stomp Rocket.

Station 3: "Body Building" located outside Little House, push-ups, sit-ups, etc.

Station 4: "Endurance Training" located on B-Side Tennis Courts, Indian Runs, and Suicides

Teams start at: Staff with

Green-Station 1-Chozick, Lizzy, Dani

Blue-Station 2-Seth,Emily, Nadav

White- Station 3-Mike H., Arielle, Lila

Black- Station 4-Mike T., Ariel, OS

- Bring all groups back to Little House
- ALL staff present – staff assigned to the rotation training groups

12:55-1:45 Explosive Device Transport

- List of tasks to accomplish in order to receive the supplies to safely construct a safe haven for hazardous materials (the egg)
- Drop egg from 62's porch, see if successful (doesn't break)

Tasks:

- Make a Human Pyramid
- Each member of the group must bring something RED.
- Stand in alphabetical order by middle name
- Challenge Staff member to I Spy

2-2:45 Lunch

2:45-3:15 Menucha

3: 15-4:15 Clandestine Photo Scavenger Hunt – Take Home Project

- Take pictures of things figured out by the clue:
- Staff member located at each clue to make sure the campers come and that they give them the next clue.

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-At night it can get really hot, so make sure that you find a good spot. All the girls like to sing, and on your body the mosquitoes will sting.

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-It's a place to pray, a place to play and even a place to lay.

4:20 – 5 Building Emergency Hideouts in Machaneh Gimmel

Bring all the teams into the area past the ropes course. Each group creates their own hideout/camouflage out of sticks, twigs, leaves to protect them for their identity be revealed.

After all groups go to Machaneh gimmel and sit by group

All Staff needs to be with a group

5:05 – 6:00 Machane Gimmel Rescue

Meet in Machaneh Gimmel: Explain that all four groups were on a top secret mission in Egypt when their high-tech GPS system failed and they were trapped in a desert. Each group needs to create a symbol/design large enough that a rescue place could see. Make sure each group explains why they created that symbol and what it means to their team.

All staff members needs to be with a group

6:05 – 6:45 Gilad Shalit/ Letters to soldiers- talk to Yedida

Location: Beit Am Bet

Chozick: Introduce background and present known information about Gilad Shalit. Then shift to the importance of supporting other Jews, Israelis, in the IDF/Mossad. All camper will be writing them letters in either Hebrew or English.

6:45 – 7:30 Chofesh (freetime)

8:15-9:15 Peulat Erev: Capture the Enemy

-more detail, challenges (history, drills)

-Battle Reenactment

-Based off of Capture the counselor

-All staff has different point values

-If you capture the staff member in a certain zone, your points are multiplied by that zone

-Zones:

Zone 1-Machane Gimmel- x2

Zone 2- Softball field to Bunk 54 (Hit This)- x5

Zone 3- Hit This to Moadon Machon- x10

Zone 4- Moadon Machon to Bunk 38- x1

-Chozick sitting on 62 Porch, Headquarters-teams bring Counselor there to receive points, staff says which Zone they were captured in.

-Campers will receive “weapons” that they won from the Files.

-Each team receives the name of one specific staff member, and if the catch them, their points get doubled.

Staff Member Values:

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11:00 – 11:30

Intro of History of Mossad

-Introduction: Video on Seth's computer in Beit Kneset. Approx. 9 minutes long. After the video, announce that today is Yom Mossad

- Split the campers into the four teams (see attached group sheets)
- Tell each group that they will have to dress in their groups color for the rest of the day
- Tell groups to sit together in the Beit Kneset

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-Each team will be given a folder containing information about past Tsahal missions and activities to do that pertain to these. When you turn in a complete worksheet from the file, you will receive a helpful "weapon" to use in capture the enemy, it will be given out at Peulot Erev.

Introduce Grenade Task

- The enemy (Staff) hid a "grenade" (rock) somewhere obscure on B-side and the main goal is to find the rock by the end of the day, obtaining many points to be cashed in during Capture the Enemy.

-There is one rock that all the campers are looking for. This rock will be painted and colored to look like a grenade

- Teams must look throughout the day for the grenade around B-Side. If the grenade is found, they will get extra points for capture the enemy.

- The rock will be hidden by Seth

-Break up teams and allow time for them to change and meet at little house at 11:45

Counselor Roles:

Oversee the campers, make sure that they are behaving.

Counselors must be with their assigned groups

Supplies:

Projector

Video

Rock

11:50 – 12:50 Basic Training Rotations by team with 4 stations

Intro:

ALL STAFF PRESENT START BY GETTING THE ENTIRE EDAH INTO A BIG CHET SHAPE

- Chozick Explain the different commands:
 - Ken Hamefaked when a commandor speaks to you
 - Achshev is when you stand with your hands behind your back
 - Nadav will explain what basic trainging is like and how hard it is.

Program:

- Split the kids up into their teams. Send the teams to certain stations, set up throughout tB side

- **Station 1:** "Sharp Shootings" located at Archery field using Frisbees to hit the targets
 - Have each team practice their aim. They will stand at a line and throw Frisbees at the archery targets. At the end of the time, the "mefaked" at the station will give them a certain amount of points based on their aim

- **Station 2:** "Air force" located at in the grove using paper planes
 - The kids will make paper airplanes and decorate them. They will then practice their flying skills by throwing them from the starting line and seeing who can throw it the farther. Again, the "mefaked" will assign them points.

- **Station 3:** "Body Building" located outside Little House, push-ups, sit-ups, etc.
 - The mefaked will teach the kids push ups and sit ups. The mefaked will walk around and oversee everyone and make sure they are participating. If not, they will do extra push ups. Mefaked will give the group a certain number of points based on how well they do.

- **Station 4:** "Field Training" located on B-Side Tennis Courts, Indian Runs, and Suicides
 - The mefaked will make people run suicides and Indian runs. Then, the mefaked will teach the campers certain "field skills". These will be high steps, and deer walks. The counselor will demonstrate throwing a grenade and the campers must run away from it. The grenade will be a rock.

- **After all groups are done, they will come back to little house**

Staff Roles:

Green-Station 1-Chozick, Lizzy , Dani
Blue-Station 2-Seth,Emily, Nadav
White- Station 3-Mike H., Arielle, Lila
Black- Station 4-Mike T., Ariel, OS
Nadav- talk about basic training

Supplies:

Rock

Paper

Sticks found on ground

Frisbees (5)

Markers

12:55-1:45 Explosive Device Transport

Intro

- Start at Little house
- Announce that each team will now have to use their Mossad “sly” skills. They will have to transport an “explosive” device.

Program:

- Teams will have to build a protective shield for their egg, so that when dropped from a height, it wont break.
- In order to get the supplies, the teams must perform certain tasks:
 - **Tasks:**
 - Make a Human Pyramid – Dan, Nadav—get string
 - Each member of the group must bring something RED – Seth, Mike T.—get styrophome
 - Stand in alphabetical order by middle name – Arielle, Lizzy—get tape
 - Challenge Staff member to I Spy – Ariel, Emily—get cotton balls
 - Lila will sit at little house giving them the eggs and straws.
- Teams will get 15 minnutes to design and build their shields
- After the 15 minnutes are over, everyone will go to the bleachers and the shields will be tested
- Winner gets extra points towards capture the enemy

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 - See takehomes page

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4:20 – 5:30 Building Emergency Hideouts in Machaneh Gimmel/ Machane Gimmel Rescue

Location: Machaneh Gimel

Introduction:

- The teams were on a secret mission to Dubai and got lost in the forest. Now they must find a way to make shelter and a distress signal to survive. Campers will create camouflaged forts out of sticks, leaves, rocks and tarps. They will also use sticks and leaves to build a distress signal, which is the same design as their teams emblem

Program:

- Teams will collect sticks, rocks, leaves, and other found items and bring them to their teams area.
- Teams must design an emblem to use as a distress signal using the items they found. This emblem should be based on the mission that was in their packet
- Teams will also create forts and shelters to protect them from the wilderness. They can use whatever they can find that comes from nature in order to build this
- After a half hour of building, counselors will judge the forts and distress signals. Winner will get extra points to capture the counselor.
- The teams must explain their designs to the judges

Staff Roles

All staff members should be with their teams
Seth Ariel, and Chozick will judge the forts/emblems

Supplies:

None

5:45 – 6:35 Gilad Shalit/ Letters to soldiers/Continue group folders

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Program:

- Campers will still be in teams
- Paper and markers will be passed out
- Campers will write letters of encouragement and support to Israeli Soldiers or Gilad's family
- After the campers finish this, they can work on their folder activities

Staff Roles:

Oversea campers

Supplies

Paper, markers

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Supplies:

Markers

2 notebooks

2 packs of construction paper

5 frisbees

carton of eggs

straws

string

cotton balls

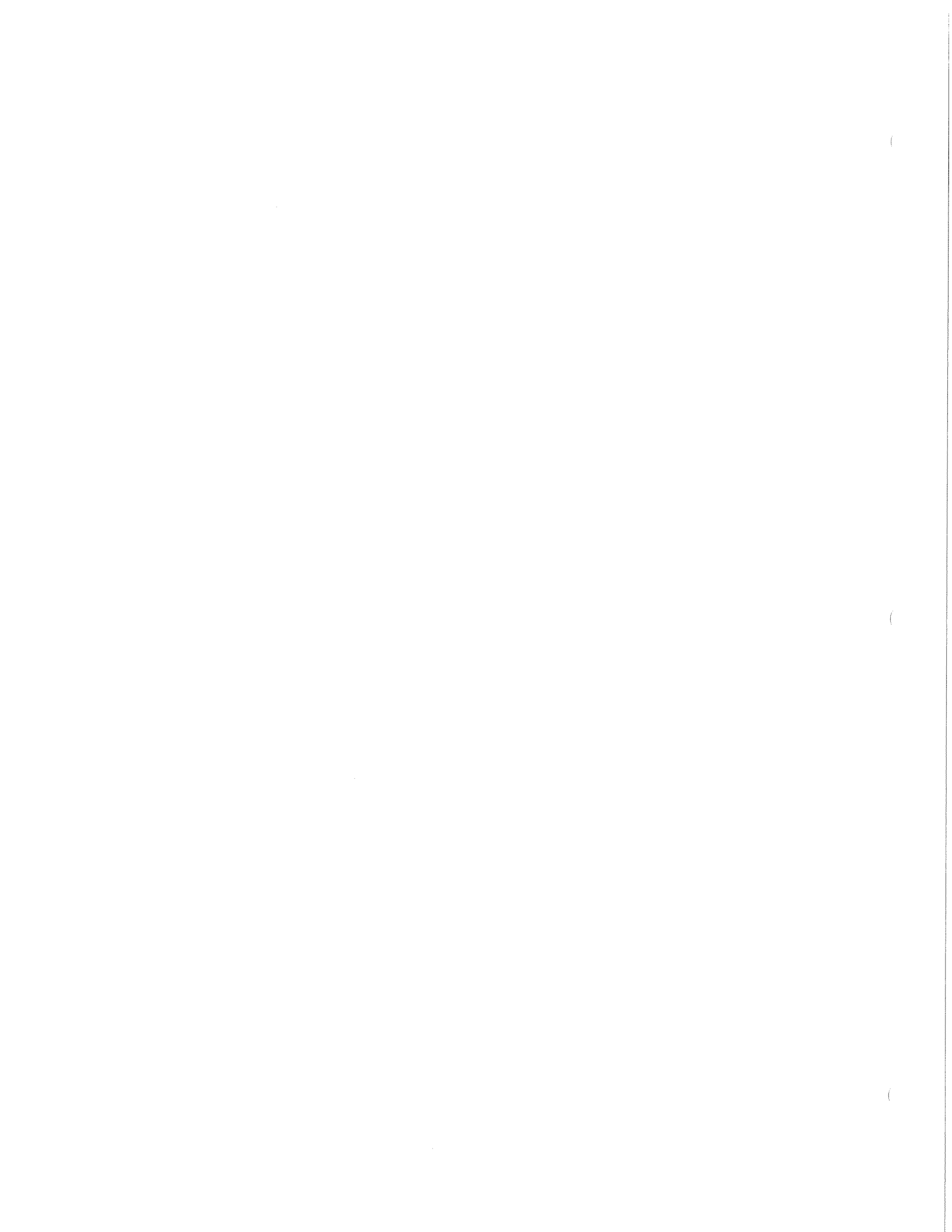
Styrofoam

Face paint

Hula hoops (4)

Projector

Video on chozicks computer



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MISSION BRIEFING: MA'ALOT MASSACRE

Ma'alot, located on a plateau in the hills of the Western Galilee region of Israel, six miles south of the Lebanese border, is a development town founded in 1957 by

Jewish immigrants, mainly from Morocco and Tunisia. The attack was carried out by three members of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine dressed in Israel Defense Force uniforms.

The group entered Israel near Moshav Zar'it on Sunday night, May 13. They were armed with AK-47 assault rifles, hand grenades, and plastic explosives of Czechoslovakian manufacture. They hid until the next night in the orchards near the Druze village of Hurfeish

Proceeding to Ma'alot up the winding road, they encountered a van driven by a Druze resident of Hurfiesh bringing Christian Arab women from the village of Fassuta home from work at the Ata textile works in the Haifa Bay area. The leader of the operation, Lini, stood on the roadway and opened fire on the vehicle, instantly killing one woman, and wounding both the driver and other workers, one of whom later died of her wounds.

Reaching Ma'alot, the terrorists knocked on the doors of several homes. Fortuna and Yosef Cohen heard the noise and opened their door. The terrorists shot and killed the couple, their 4-year old son Eliahu and wounding their 5-year old daughter Miriam. Fortuna, seven months pregnant, tried to flee the intruders, but was also shot. The only one in the family who survived unhurt was 16-month-old Yitzhak, a deaf-mute.[3] From there, the terrorists headed for the Netiv Meir elementary school where students on a school trip were lodged. On the way, they met Yaakov Kadosh, a sanitation worker, and asked for directions to the school. They beat and shot him, leaving him for dead.

Netiv Meir elementary school was a three-story concrete building with apartment buildings under construction nearby. The terrorists entered the building at 4 a.m., taking 102 students hostage. Some managed to escape by jumping out of windows, but 85 students and several teachers were held hostage. The students were forced to sit on the floor at gunpoint, with explosive charges between them.

In the morning, the captors demanded the release from Israeli prisons of 23 Arab and three other prisoners, including Kozo Okamoto - a Japanese national involved in the 1972 Lod Airport Massacre. Unless these conditions were met, they declared that they would kill the students. The deadline was set for 6:00 p.m. the same day.

At 10 a.m. a young man named Sylvan Zerach, at home on leave from the Army, tried to climb a water tower not far from the school building to get a closer view of what

was going on. He was shot to death by one of the hostage-takers.

At an emergency session of the Knesset, a decision was reached to negotiate, but the hostage-takers turned down a request for more time.

At 17:25, the commander of the elite Sayeret Matkal Special Forces group was given the 'green light' to storm the building. The assault force was divided into three units; two to break in from the entrance while a third was to climb a ladder and enter from a window facing north. The squads moved into position from the blind side to the east, from the frames of some apartment buildings under construction. The operation was to have been coordinated with simultaneous sniper fire on the three hostage-takers. At 17:32 the first squad entered the building through the main entrance on the first floor, which was blocked with tables and chairs. The first three-man team, led by Yuval Galili of Kibbutz Geva, was hit by gunfire on the stairs leading to the second floor. Galili threw a phosphorus grenade into the second floor hallway to create a smokescreen. The smoke from the explosion blinded the second team led by Amiran Levine, which had been ordered to take out Lini, at that time posted at the third floor window where he had shot Zerach.

When they broke into the classroom where the students were being held, Haribi grabbed a student, Gabi Amsalem, and held him at gunpoint on the floor. Rachim was shot dead but Lini managed to reach the classroom, grab ammunition clips from the teacher's desk and reload his weapon. He then sprayed the students with machinegun fire and tossed grenades out the window. When a burst of fire broke his left wrist, he threw two grenades at a group of girls huddled on the floor. Several students leaped from the windows to the ground, some ten feet below.

Twenty-two high school students were killed in the attack. Over 50 were wounded. The student victims were buried in their hometown, Safed. Some of the 10,000 mourners attended the funeral.

The next day the Israel Defence Force planes bombed offices and training bases of the Popular Democratic Front and the Popular Front.[9] According to a BBC report, the bombing inflicted damage in seven Palestinian refugee camps and villages in southern Lebanon killing at least 27 people and leaving 138 injured.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

-THE MA'A LOT MASSACRE WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE

_____.

**-THE TERRORISTS TOOK CHILDREN FROM THE SCHOOL
_____ HOSTAGE.**

**-THE SPECIAL UNIT FROM THE ISRAELI ARMY THAT
CARRIED OUT THE HOSTAGE RECOVERY WAS THE**

_____.

-THE FIRST HOSTAGE RECOVERY SQUAD WAS LEAD BY

_____.

**- _____ HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE KILLED IN
THE ATTACK**

**- _____ PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN ISRAELI AIR
FORCES RETALIATED AGAINST THE TERRORISTS.**

REFLECTION:

**DRAW A PICTURE OF THE EVENTS THAT
OCCURRED, AND HOW THE MASSACRE MAKES
YOU FEEL**

Operation Entebbe was a hostage-rescue mission carried out by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) at Entebbe Airport in Uganda on July 4, 1976.[1] A week earlier, on June 27, an Air France plane with 300 passengers was hijacked by Palestinian terrorists and supporters and flown to Entebbe, near Kampala, the capital of Uganda. Shortly after landing, all non-Jewish passengers were released.

The IDF acted on intelligence provided by Israeli secret agency Mossad. In the wake of the hijacking by members of the militant organizations Revolutionary Cells and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, along with the hijackers' threats to kill the hostages if their prisoner release demands were not met, the rescue operation was planned.[2] These plans included preparation for armed resistance from Ugandan military troops.[3]

The operation took place at night, as Israeli transport planes carried 100 elite commandos over 2,500 miles (4,000 km) to Uganda for the rescue operation. The operation, which took a week of planning, lasted 90 minutes and 103 hostages were rescued. Five Israeli commandos were wounded and one, commander Netanyahu, was killed. All the hijackers, three hostages and 45 Ugandan soldiers were killed, and 11 Soviet-built MiG-17's of Uganda's air force were destroyed.[4] A fourth hostage was murdered [5] by Ugandan army officers at a nearby hospital.[6]

The successful rescue, named Operation Thunderbolt,[note 1] is sometimes referred to as Operation Jonathan in memory of the unit's leader, Jonathan Netanyahu. He was the older brother of Benjamin Netanyahu, currently the Prime Minister of Israel.[7] As a direct result of the successful operation, the United States military developed highly trained rescue teams modeled on the Entebbe rescue. The most visible, though unsuccessful attempt to imitate it was Operation Eagle Claw, a failed attempt to rescue 53 American embassy personnel held hostage in Tehran, during the Iran hostage crisis.[8][9]

_____ WAS THE LEADER
OF OPERATION ENTEBEE

THE HOSTAGES WERE TAKEN TO
_____ AIRPORT

_____ TERRORISTS WERE THE
ONES WHO HIJACKED THE AIRPLANE

CURRENT PRIME MINISTER OF
ISRAEL, _____ IS THE
BROTHER OF THE LEADER OF
OPERATION ENTEBEE

ONLY _____ INNOCENT PEOPLE
WERE KILLED

**REFLECTION: DRAW A PICTURE OF WHAT YOU
THINK THE OPERATION LOOKED LIKE AND
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Operation Moses (Hebrew: מִצְּחָה מֹשֶׁה, *Mivtza Moshe*) refers to the covert removal of Ethiopian Jews (known as the "Beta Israel" community or "Falashas") from Sudan during a famine in 1984. The operation, named after the biblical figure Moses, was a cooperative effort between the Israel Defense Forces, the Central Intelligence Agency, the United States embassy in Khartoum, mercenaries, and Sudanese state security forces.

Beginning November 21, 1984, it involved the air transport of some 8,000 Ethiopian Jews from Sudan directly to Israel, ending January 5, 1985. Thousands of Beta Israel had fled Ethiopia on foot for refugee camps in Sudan. It is estimated as many as 4,000 died during the trek. Sudan secretly allowed Israel to evacuate the refugees. Operation Moses stopped on Friday January 5, 1985 after then-PM Shimon Peres held a press conference confirming the airlift while asking people not to talk about it. Sudan killed the airlift moments after Peres stopped speaking. Once the story broke in the media, Arab countries pressured Sudan to stop the airlift. Some 1,000 Ethiopian Jews were left behind. Many were evacuated later in the U.S.-led Operation Joshua. More than 1,000 so-called "orphans of circumstance" existed in Israel, children separated from their families still in Africa, until five years later Operation Solomon took 14,000 more Jews to Israel in 1991.

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

**IN OPERATION MOSES, JEWS WERE FLOWN
FROM _____ TO ISRAEL.**

**OPERATION MOSES WAS NAMED AFTER THE
_____ CHARACTER MOSES.**

**OVER ____ THOUSAND JEWS WERE FLOWN
FROM THE SUDAN TO ISRAEL.**

**____ THOUSAND PEOPLE DIED IN THE
OPERATION**

**_____ WAS PRIME MINISTER
OF ISRAEL WHEN OPERATION MOSES ENDED**

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Operation Wrath of God (Hebrew: *לֵאָה מְעוֹ עֲצָבָם*, *Mivtza Za'am Ha'el*),[1] also called Operation Bayonet,[2] was a covert operation directed by Israel and the Mossad to assassinate individuals alleged to have been directly or indirectly involved in the 1972 Munich massacre.

Their targets included members of the Palestinian militant group Black September, who were responsible for the Munich attack, and members of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) accused of being involved.[3] Authorized by Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir in the autumn of 1972, the operation may have continued for more than 20 years.[4]

During this time, covert Israeli assassination units killed dozens of suspected conspirators across Europe, including the mistaken murder of an innocent waiter in Lillehammer, Norway, in what became known as the Lillehammer affair. An additional military assault was launched by Israeli commandos deep inside Lebanon to kill several high-profile Palestinian targets. This string of assassinations spurred retaliatory attacks by Black September against a variety of Israeli government targets around the world. It has also prompted criticism of Israel over its choice of targets, tactic of assassination, and overall effectiveness. Because of the secretive nature of the operation, some details are unverifiable beyond a single source, including the story of Yuval Aviv, who claims to have led an Israeli assassination squad. Some or all information about the operation might have been placed by the Mossad itself, to cover the tracks of its agents, and spread useful rumours (e.g., in the book upon which the feature *Sword of Gideon* was based, most Mossad agents involved in the operation get killed, possibly a cover to protect them from revenge.)

The killing of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Summer Olympics by the Palestinian militant group Black September moved Israel to consider measures to deter future similar actions. Soon after the incident, Prime Minister Golda Meir created Committee X, a small group of government officials tasked with formulating an Israeli response, with herself and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan at the head. She also appointed General Aharon Yariv as her Advisor on Counterterrorism; he, along with Mossad Director Zvi Zamir, took the principal role in directing the ensuing operation. The committee came to the conclusion that to deter future violent incidents against Israel they needed to assassinate those who had supported or carried out the Munich massacre, and in dramatic fashion. Pressured by Israeli public opinion and top intelligence officials, Meir reluctantly authorized the beginning of the broad assassination campaign.[6] Yet when the three surviving perpetrators of the massacre were released just months later by West Germany in compliance with the demands of the hijackers of a Lufthansa aircraft, any remaining ambivalence she felt was removed.[7] The committee's first task for Israeli intelligence was to draw up an assassination list of all those involved in Munich. This was accomplished with the aid of PLO operatives working for the Mossad, and with information provided by friendly European intelligence agencies.[8] While the contents of the entire list are unknown, reports put the final number of targets at 20–35, a mix of Black September and PLO elements.[9] Once this was complete, the Mossad was charged with locating the individuals and assassinating them.

Several descriptions have emerged as to the groups formed by Mossad who carried out the assassination campaign. It is possible that different groups were formed for different objectives, and existed at different or overlapping periods of time, which may account for the variety of reports. Certainty exists solely about the assassinations that actually took place, while further information is based on limited sources.

It is also known that Mossad agent Michael Harari led the creation and direction of the teams,[12] although some may not have always been under government responsibility. Author Simon Reeve explains that the Mossad team consisted of:

"...fifteen people divided into five squads: "Aleph," two trained killers; "Bet", two guards who would shadow the Alephs; "Het", two agents who would establish cover for the rest of the team by renting hotel rooms, apartments, cars, and so on; "Ayin", comprising between six and eight agents who formed the backbone of the operation, shadowing targets and establishing an escape route for the Aleph and Bet squads; and "Qoph", two agents specializing in communications."

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

**THE 1972 OLYMPICS WERE HELD IN
_____, GERMANY**

**MOSAD AGENT _____ LED THE
OPERATION**

**THERE WERE _____ SQUADS INVOLVED IN
THE OPERATION**

**_____ ISRAELIS WERE KILLED IN THE
SUMMER OLYMPICS IN 1972**

**_____ WERE THE MURDERERS OF THE
ISRAELIS AT THE OLYMPICS**

**REFLECTION: DRAW A PICTURE OF WHAT YOU
THINK THE OPERATION LOOKED LIKE AND
EXPLAIN HOW THE OPERATION MAKES YOU
FEEL.**

