

Chapter 3 - The Declaration, Difficult Decisions and the Price of Independence

Workshop- Leadership Between Vision and Reality

Part 1: Processing the Video

- Ask each participant to write down two things they learned from the video about the establishment of the State of Israel.
- Invite participants to share responses together in a discussion circle.

Part 2:

1. Working in groups of four, rank the leadership qualities on the cards and agree on the three qualities you consider most essential in a leader: Integrity, Reliability, Strong interpersonal skills, Decision-making ability, Perseverance, Courage, Empathy, Listening skills, Flexibility, Humility, Leading by example, Initiative, Creativity, Willingness to take risks, Self-confidence. Caution.

Ask each group to present the qualities they chose.

2. Write the word Vision on one side of the board and Reality on the other.

Ask:

What matters more in leadership- a compelling vision for the future or a realistic understanding of present circumstances and constraints?

3. Ask each participant to think of a decision made by a leader, any leader from school, the country, a youth movement, or elsewhere, and place that decision somewhere along the spectrum between vision and necessity.

Discussion:

- Where would you place Ben-Gurion's decision that we saw in the video?
- Did he have any alternative options?
- What might have happened if he had not made that decision?

Conclusion:

Ben-Gurion was a courageous leader with a clear vision, and he did everything in his power to realize it.

The declaration of independence, despite the many risks and heavy costs involved, reflects a leader who was not afraid to act and who did everything he could for what he believed was right for the Jewish people.