

## ACTIVITY BASED ON SONGS IN PREPARATION FOR JERUSALEM DAY

### 1. My Jerusalem

Read and listen to the song "My Jerusalem"/Dan Almagor

- Who are the characters speaking in the song? What is Jerusalem for each of them?
- Could different "cities" exist in the same place and at the same time?
- What is my Jerusalem? Each of them will recount an experience of visiting the city. Where in Jerusalem does he feel that it is "my" Jerusalem? What specifically makes this place special? Which Jerusalem is my Jerusalem?

### 2. Jerusalem of Gold or Jerusalem of Iron?

Read and listen to the song "Jerusalem of Gold"/Naomi Shemer, without the last two stanzas

- What feeling/experience does the song present to you?

Recount how immediately after the Six Day War two "responses" were written for the song. Read and listen to the new stanzas that Naomi Shemer added to the song.

- What experience is she describing?
- How does it change the entire song?
- What has been added to the song?
- What is missing in it?
- Which Jerusalem does it describe?

Read and listen to the song "Jerusalem of Iron"/ Meir Ariel

- What experience is he describing?
- How does the song respond to "Jerusalem of Gold"
- What has he added to it? What does he say about it? What Jerusalem is he describing?