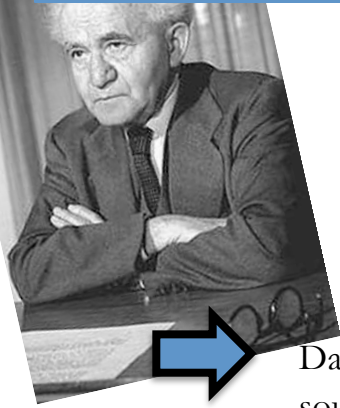


# Fun Facts About...

## David Ben Gurion

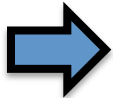
1886-1973



David Ben Gurion was born David Green, and changed his name to sound more “Israeli”.



He is considered the founder of the state of Israel.



DBG made aliyah to Israel in 1906 where he became involved in the creation of the first agricultural workers’ commune (which eventually became the Kibbutz).



DBG and his wife, Paula, were married in a civil ceremony in New York City.



DBG served as Israel’s first Prime Minister. On Friday night, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948, on the eve of Shabbat, DBG declared the establishment of a Jewish state to be known as Israel.



DBG displayed a great aptitude for learning languages; in addition to speaking Yiddish-Hebrew, he also spoke Turkish, English, Russian, French, German, Spanish, and ancient Greek.



DBG was an avid yogi and was often photographed standing on his head.

