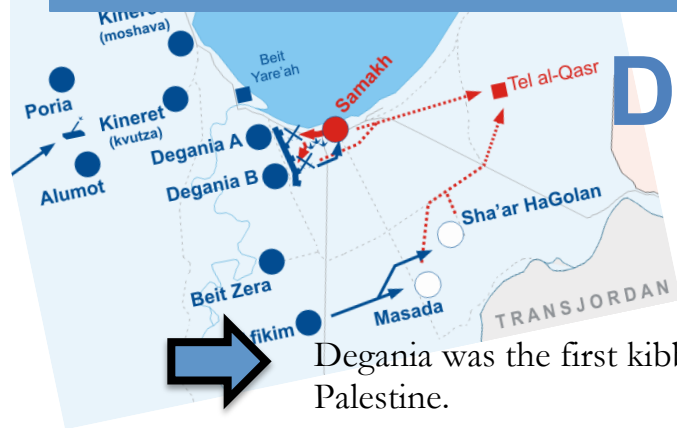


Fun Facts About...



Degania דגניה

➔ Degania was the first kibbutz established by Jewish Zionist pioneers in Palestine.

➔ Degania was established in 1909 by ten men and two women.

➔ The name is derived from “dagan,” meaning, “grain.”

➔ The founders of Degania were from Eastern Europe and were inexperienced with physical labor. They also didn't know much about agricultural work, which made it especially hard to deal with a desolate land that had been neglected for decades.

➔ Degania Alef has been home to many prominent Israelis and members of the early state of Israel, including the poet Rachel, and Josef Trumpeldor who led the battle at Tel Hai.

➔ Israeli military leader and politician Moshe Dayan, who was the second child ever to be born on a kibbutz, was born in Degania Alef. Dayan was named after kibbutz member Moshe Barsky, the first kibbutz member to be killed in an Arab attack. Barsky was killed November 1913. He was alone in the kibbutz fields when he was shot in the back and left for dead by Arab marauders.

