

Activities

Activity 1

Israeli Innovation and Humanitarian Programs

Preparation:

Estimated Time: 1 class period • **Materials:** DVD *Israel: Small Country, Big Ideas!*

Background: This DVD, which includes some video footage, is an absorbing introduction to Israel's many innovations and humanitarian programs, some of which are also described in *Israel 101*.

Activity:

Show slides 3 through 34 (including the video footage on some slides) of the DVD *Israel: Small Country, Big Ideas!* Have students keep notes of the innovations and programs they find most interesting.

Discussion: Have students discuss their reactions to the presentation, raise questions, and select a topic they found most interesting for further research.

Wrap-up: Despite its limited natural resources and defense needs, Israel has created an environment where innovation and creativity flourish. It has invested in its people and in education and encouraged startup companies. These innovations have served Israelis, helped Israel develop a booming economy, and enabled Israel to improve the lives of people around the world.

