 Förfröjor Asa Cösh

"I am happy to be here in Israel, at the World Zionist Organization. Our task is to make the Jewish people stronger, together with the State of Israel, in order to fulfill the obligations set by the organization."

1. The poetess Esther Rehav describes a situation where there is mutual influence. Can you give examples of such situations during your visit to Israel?
2. And can you give more examples of mutual influence in Israel as a whole?
3. Does this mean that there is no such thing as a country with Jewish influence?

Professor Assa Herzog

"We always say about Israel that it was founded on the 14th of Nisan 5718. In fact, the proper name of "Independence Day" is "Declaration of the establishment of the State of Israel." On that day, the establishment of the state, in the full meaning of the historical expression, began and has not ended to this day.

We have not finished creating the state, we have not finished disposing the Jewish people, we have not finished disposing the Jewish people, we have not finished forming the internal relations of the state, in particular its identity and its laws,
we have not finished forming the external relations of the state, in particular between us and the neighboring people.
and therefore, each of us can take part in the historical process of establishing the state. Each of us can bear a part of this process, as we say on Independence Day."

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פרופסור אסא כשר

1. מה עמדתך ביחס לדבריו של אסא כשר כי תהליך הקמתה של המדינה לא תם עד היום?
2. מה להבנתך משמעות המשפט: "לא סיימנו להוציא את העם היהודי מן הגלות, לא סיימנו להוציא את הגלות מן העם היהודי". האם אי פעם נסיים? האם נכון לסיים?
3. אילו משימות נוספות עומדות בפנינו
4. כשר טוען כי כל אחד יכול לשאת באחריות לחלק מתהליך הקמת המדינה. איזו אחריות היית נוטל על עצמך? אם בכלל..
Prof. Asa Kasher

“We tend to say about the State of Israel that it was established on the 5th of Iyar, 5708. Thus, the precise name of the “Declaration of Independence” is “The Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel”. On that day, the State of Israel was established as a political and legal entity; however the formation process of the state, in the full sense of this historic expression, began on that day and is not over to this very day.

We have not yet finished the establishment of the state.

We have not finished extracting the Jewish People from the Diaspora,
We have not finished extracting the Diaspora from the Jewish People,
We have not finished establishing the internal relations of the state, including its identity and its constitution,
We have not finished establishing the external relations of the state, especially those between us and the neighboring people.

Therefore, each one of us can still take part in the historic process of establishing the state. Each one of us can still take responsibility for a part of this awesome process.

The Holiday of Independence (Yom Ha’atzmaut), whether in ceremony or in text, can also be an expression of this.”

The Sword and the Nest
Esther Raab (1894-1981)

We live poised at the needle's eye
At the edge of a pit;
On the precipice of the abyss—
we plant gardens,
bear children,
pick fruit;

In our hands a sword
and in our hearts—an olive leaf,
teeth-clenched
we fight,
all the fields wait,
al the nests brimming
with chicks—
and a sword hangs above

1. Esther Raab the poet describes, through poetry, a situation in which opposites exist side by side. Can you provide examples of what she says based on your visits to Israel? And examples of other opposites that reside side by side in the State of Israel?
2. Are extreme situations such as these that exist side by side, also familiar in the place from which you come?
3. Do you think there is another way? How?

1. What is your position in relation to what Asa Kasher said about the process of the establishment of the state not being over until today?
2. What in your opinion is the meaning of the sentence: “We have not finished extracting the Jewish People from the Diaspora; We have not finished extracting the Diaspora from the Jewish People”. Shall we ever finish? Should it finish?
3. What other tasks face us?
4. Kasher claims that anyone can be responsible for a part of the establishment process of the state. What responsibility would you take upon yourself? If any ..