

# Israeli Art Masters Program

## Yaacov Agam (1928- )

### Introduction to the Artist:

Yaacov Agam is an Israeli-born sculptor and experimental artist. Born as Yaacov Gibstein in Rishon LeZion, he graduated from Bezalel Arts Academy. Agam developed the "Op-Art" technique which is based on optical illusions. Many of his works include light, movement and sound effects and encourage viewer participation. Agam's works are placed in various locations around the world. The most famous art work in Israel is the Water and Fire Fountain at Dizengoff Square in Tel Aviv.



### Israeli Land and History:

This artist was studied at the time of Yom haatzmaut because of his work with the Israeli flag.

### Vocabulary Building:

Using the art as a foundation we worked on relevant Hebrew vocabulary. Students also used vocabulary picture cards and matched them to the different paintings that related to the vocabulary word.

Illusion: Aslaya, אֲשֵׁלָיָה

Dimension: Memad, מִמֵּד

Motion: Tenuah, תְּנוּעָה

Sculpture: Pesel, פְּסֵל

Geometric shapes: Tzurot geometriot, צורות גיאומטריות

Flag: Degel, דֶּגֶל

Fire and water fountain: Mizreket Esh v'mayim, מזרקת אש ומים

### Theme:

Students learned about mixed media, optical illusion, dimension and artistic motion.

### Art Techniques and Application:

IHDS students created a three-dimensional picture inspired by Agam. Students drew two pictures, then they cut the two pictures into equal strips, glued them in an alternating pattern for the finished picture. From the right side you can see the first picture and from the left side the second picture.

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Student work:

