

Unit 18

Part 2

Good morning! Did you sleep well?

Are you ready for a walk?

Gladly! Yesterday we walked around the Kinneret farm. Where shall we walk today?

Today we shall walk to the old cemetery in the settlement Kinneret.

A grave yard? I'll remain at home. I don't feel like coming with you! I don't want to visit a grave yard.

This isn't a simple grave yard, this is an interesting place. It is worth while coming.

And the grave yard is near the lake. We'll have a short walk, and later we go swimming.

Here there are graves of people who dreamt about Jewish labour, the Hebrew language and Jewish defence.

These people built the first Kibbutzim. They built the first settlements in the Galilee. They shaped the history of Israel.

Come over! Somebody forgot a book here.

Nobody has forgotten this book here. This is the grave of the poet Rachel. You remember? She learnt agriculture at the

Kinneret farm, during the day she worked, and in the evenings she wrote poems.

Do you see this tree? This one, near that house?

This is a palm tree.

This is Rachel's palm tree. She wrote about it in her poem:

There on the beach, there is a low palm tree...

I know this poem.

You said we shall walk a little bit, and then we can swim in the Kinneret. Now it already is late, and we can't swim.

This is not so bad. Let us go now to see the tank in Dganya, and tomorrow morning we will go swimming in the lake.

Do you remember, Michael? A year ago we dreamt about Israel, and now we are here, and it is no longer a dream.