Ilan Ramon

Read the article. Then answer the questions

- Ilan Ramon (1954 - 2003) was a fighter pilot in the Israel Air Force and became the first Israeli astronaut.
- His father's family escaped from Nazi Germany, and his mother and grandmother arrived in Israel after surviving the Auschwitz concentration camp.
- At the age of 18, he enlisted to the Israeli Air Force, completed the pilot's course with honors, and served as a fighter pilot.
- As a fighter pilot, he was one of the first pilots in the Israeli Air Force to learn to fly an F-16 fighter aircraft and participated in many operations.
- He was selected by the commander of the Air Force to be the first Israeli astronaut in space.
- He moved to the US with his family, his wife Rona and four children, and took with him some objects that represented Israeli society to him- such as an Israeli flag, an Israeli Air Force flag, a small Torah and a diary.
- On January 16th, 2003, the Space Shuttle Columbia launched from the Kennedy Space Center in the United States. The mission was supposed to take sixteen days, but Illan would never return.
- On February 1st, the Columbia Space Shuttle broke apart during its reentry, killing all of its crew members.
- Four days later, the body of the late Ilan Ramon was found. Along with the body, several remains of the objects that Ilan brought with him were found as well, as some pieces of paper from his personal diary.
- He was buried in Israel in a military funeral attended by the Israeli Prime Minister, the President of Israel, and all the Ramon family.

1) Choose a sub title for these two pictures.





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2) Choose the best answer

a) Ilan Ramon was born in 1918 1954 2003 2016

b) His family came to Israel before World War II during World War II
after World War II the article doesn't say

c) Ilan Ramon was a sport pilot fighter pilot commercial pilot

d) He was selected to be the first Israeli F-16 pilot astronaut commander of the air force

e) Ilan Ramon had two four three six children.

3) Answer the following questions

a) When was the Columbia shuttle launched?

b) When did the Columbia shuttle break apart?

c) How many astronauts died?

d) Name four objects Ilan Ramon took with him to space.

e) When was Ian Ramon's body found?

f) Who came to his funeral?

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