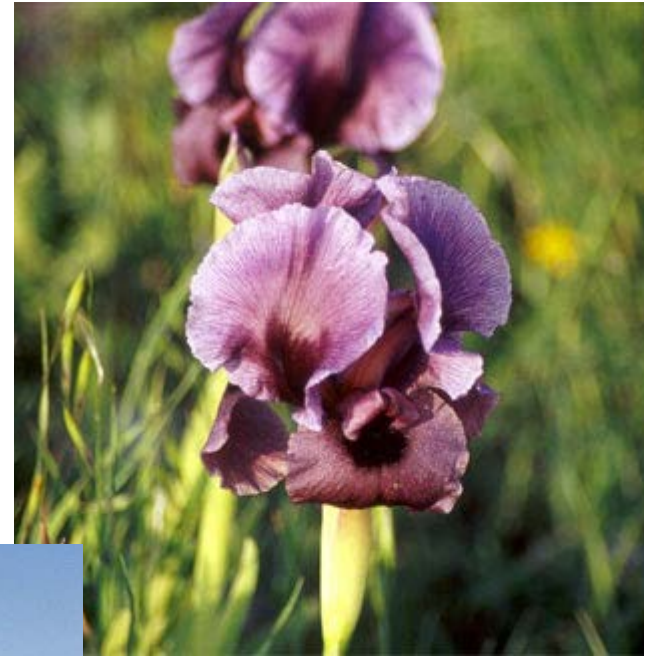

GILBOA

Name Adopted from a Biblical Mountain

The act authorizing the Town of Gilboa was passed March 16, 1848. In it, “The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: §1. All that part of the towns of Broome and Blenheim, in the county of Schoharie, that is included within the following described boundaries shall be a town, and shall be called Gilboa . . .”

According to Roscoe’s *History*, the main village of that area gave its name to the town. The village’s name, in turn, had been chosen at random after a biblical mountain located south of Galilee, west of the Jordan Valley, and where Saul met his death near Jesus’ early home in Nazareth.



To the left is a photograph of Mt. Gilboa in Israel. Photo courtesy of Flora Del and LaVerne Hubbard.

Above: There is a trend for young Israelis to build communities that focus on green living. One, Michal, is close to the Sea of Galilee and was halted by the National Planning and Building Council because the new village threatens a national treasure—the rare Gilboa Iris. Photo copyright © 2012 Discovery Communications, LLC. courtesy of Discovery Communications, LLC.