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The Jewish Peoplehood Alliance

היוזמה לקידום עמיות יהודית



ONE2ONE

Conversation Topics



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Session 1 – Conversations Starters

Welcome!

Take this session to introduce yourselves:

Home & City
Family
School
After School
Sports
Hobbies

Music
Youth Group
Volunteering
Travel
Food
Social Media

Turn to the next page for suggested questions

Session 1 – Conversations Starters

Need ideas for questions?
No problem!

Home & City: Where do you live? Have you always lived there? Feel free to show it on the map!

Family: Tell me about your family

School: Share about your school: location, size, subjects you learn, extracurricular activities, how do you get to school?

After School: What do you do after school?

Sports: Do you play sports? Watch sports?

Hobbies: What are your hobbies?

Music: Play one song that you like. Do you have similar tastes?

Youth Group: Do you belong to a youth group?

Volunteering: Are you involved in any community or volunteer activities? What is your favorite social organization?

Travel: Have you been to Israel? To America? What were your impressions?

Food: What are your favorite foods?

Social Media: What is the role of social media in your life? What social media platforms are you on?



Diving Deeper

There are many differences between life in Israel and North America. Sometimes, what is natural for us can be very different in a different place. Here are some further things to talk about. Try to go into details as much as possible, to get a sense of life in a different country:

Summer Plans
Driving
Hanging out with Friends
Family Gatherings
School

Class Trips
Languages
Weekends
Vacation
After High School

Diving Deeper

Need ideas for questions?
No problem!

Summer Plans: How do you spend your summers? What do you like to do on other vacations?

Driving: What is the process of getting your drivers license? How do you get around?

Hanging out with Friends: Where do you like to hang out with your friends?

Family Gatherings: Does your family live close to you? How often do you see them?

School: How do you get to school? What is your school schedule? What is it like to not learn on Sundays/Fridays? What is your favorite subject? What activities does school bring throughout the year? On what topics? Do you enjoy them? What would you change? What after-school programs do you have?

Class trips: Where do you go? What has been your favorite?

Languages: What languages do you speak? Learn in school?

Weekends: What do your weekends look like? Find differences and similarities.

Vacation: What do you do on various vacations?

After High School: What do you plan on doing after high school? What have older siblings/relatives done? What does the application process include?

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Session 2 – Family and Jewish Experiences

“Jewish Experience” can mean many things to different people. For some, it includes daily rituals and beliefs. For others it is family gatherings on the holidays, culture, values, or a connection to Israel.

The next slides feature photos taken by Jewish teens from around the world, who were asked to photograph their connection to the Jewish People

The photos were taken as part of [The Jewish Lens](#), a program run by photographer Zion Ozeri and ANU – Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv

- What photos do you connect with?
- What don't you connect with?
- What picture would you take to capture your Jewish connection?



Israel



USA

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Mexico Israel

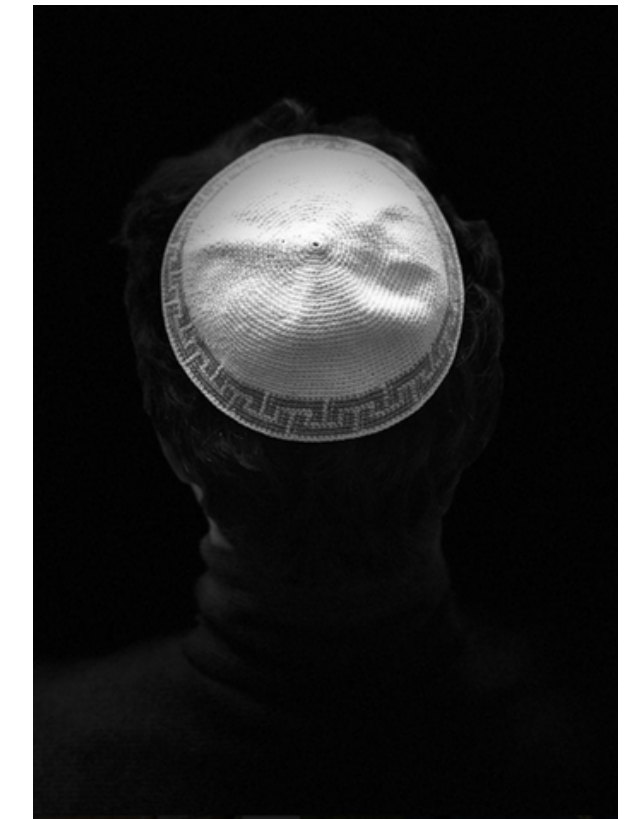


Russia



Hungary

Israel



USA

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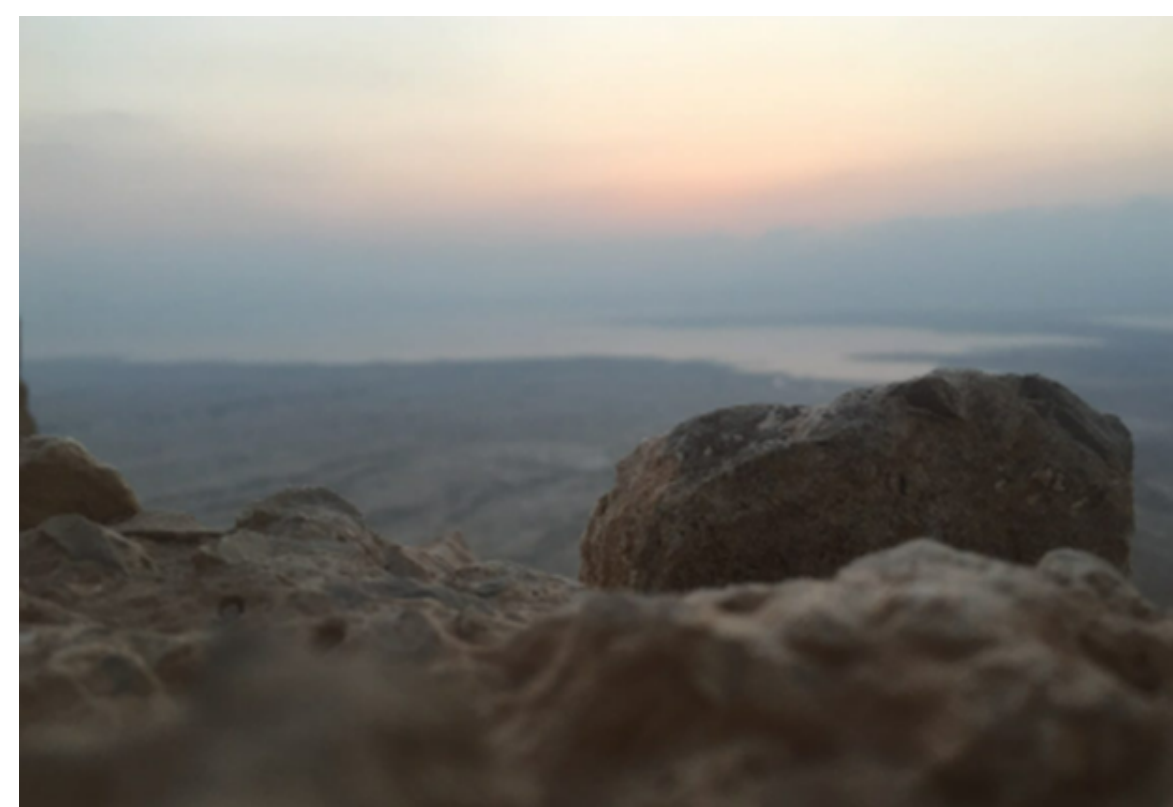
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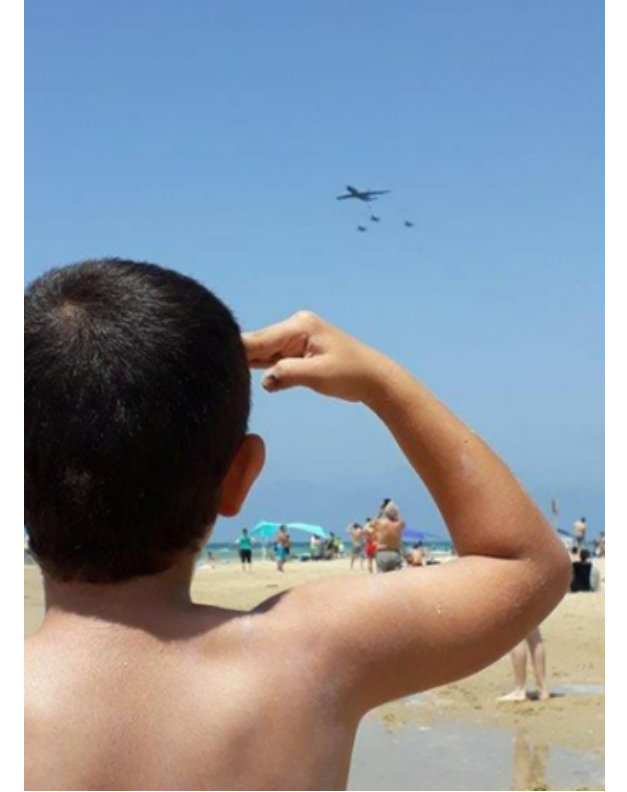
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Italy



Chile



Israel



Israel



South Africa



Turkey



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Session 2 – Family and Jewish Experiences

1) What is Jewish in your life?

Is it language, culture, customs, holidays, heritage, friends? Or something else?

2) In your family, what does being Jewish mean?

3) What does being Jewish mean to you?

4) What's your most memorable "Jewish" experience?

5) Do non-Jews take part in Jewish celebrations?

6) Have you ever visited another Jewish community – either one far from home, or one where Judaism is practiced differently?



Session 2 – Family and Jewish Experiences

How might Jewish experiences be similar and different in your communities/countries?

Holidays

Go through the calendar and discuss Jewish or traditional holidays and also national holidays.

- Do you have a favorite holiday?
- Are they celebrated in your home or school?
- Share a favorite family holiday tradition.

Lifecycle Events:

Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings... and also funerals.

- How are lifecycle events marked in your family? Or your community?
- Share experiences and photos!

Food

Is food a part of your identity?
Get inspired:

[100 Most Jewish Foods](#)

Suggestion for the next meeting:

Each participant brings their favorite snacks/candy. Eat and introduce them to each other.
(Thanks to Talli and Molly from One2One '22 for the idea!)

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Session 3- Dare to Ask



"Dare to Ask" is an online video series that offers insight into the complex realities of living in Israel

Honest questions.

Real Answers



Session 3– Dare to Ask

Watch [this short introduction](#) and discuss together:

Are there questions or topics that you feel that you can't address in certain settings?
For example: politics, religion or personal questions.

Do you think there are differences between American and Israeli societies on this issue?
Is there an unconventional question that you would want to ask someone in Israel or in a different Jewish community?

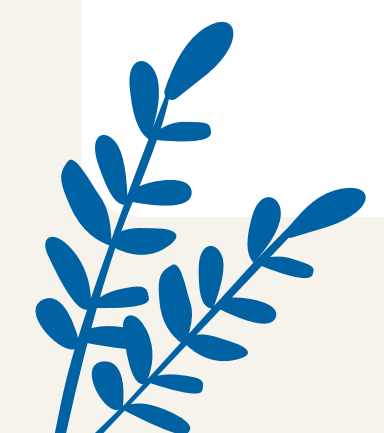


Session 3- Dare to Ask



Jewish. An Israeli citizen, what else?

[Click here to watch the episode](#)



Session 3– Dare to Ask

Share your thoughts:

Were there parts that reflected your views?

Were there statements that you don't agree with, or that made you uncomfortable?

“In the United States and everywhere else in the world, you have to actively stay Jewish. Being a Jew in Israel is as easy as it comes... it's so natural we barely even think about it” (O:O3) What do you think?

“I don't have to go out of my way to be Jewish. I take it for granted” (O:26) Is that true for you?

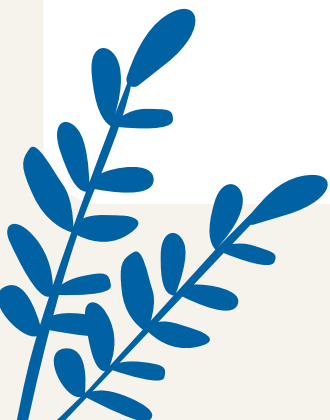
Do you express your Jewish identity? How?

Would it be different if you lived elsewhere?

How often do you meet with people with different beliefs or customs?

“You bring two Israelis and you have ten different opinions, but if suddenly there is an outside threat, people come together” (6:23) Do you agree with this statement?

Do you think the same is true about the Jewish people as a whole?



Session 3– Dare to Ask

Want to watch the other episodes? click on the topic you like to watch the full episode:

[The Official Trailer](#)

[Americans in the Eyes of Israelis](#)

[Israeli GenZs](#)

Stay tuned for Dare to Ask season 2!

This time, Israelis will ask young North American Jews unconventional questions!

Can't wait? Want to submit your question?

Let us know here: one2one@enterpeoplehood.org



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Session 4– Mutual Responsibility ('Arvut Hadadit')

"All the people of Israel are responsible for one another" (Jewish sages)

Kol Yisrael areivim zeh b'zeh

כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה (חז"ל)

- What is the meaning of “all the people of Israel” (i.e. Jews everywhere) are responsible for one another?
- The aftermath of October 7, 2023 brought challenging times for Jewish communities in Israel and around the world. Discuss some of the experiences that your community has been going through, and share examples of mutual responsibility during this time.
- Have you experienced additional examples of mutual responsibility in a Jewish context – in your family, school, community, youth movement?
- Share your thoughts about this idea. Is it something that is important to you?

In the following pages you will find different examples of mutual responsibility.

Explore and discuss together.



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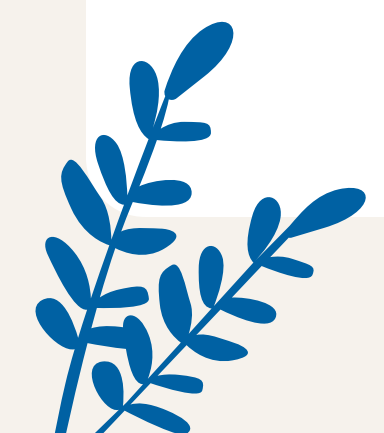
Staff from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee at the border between Romania and Moldova, preparing to assist Jewish Ukrainian refugees. (Ramin Mazur/JDC via JTA)

[Click here to read more](#)



A 1960s Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry protest. (Courtesy of Yeshiva University Archives, Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry Collection)

[Click here to read more](#)



Session 4– Mutual Responsibility ('Arvut Hadadit')

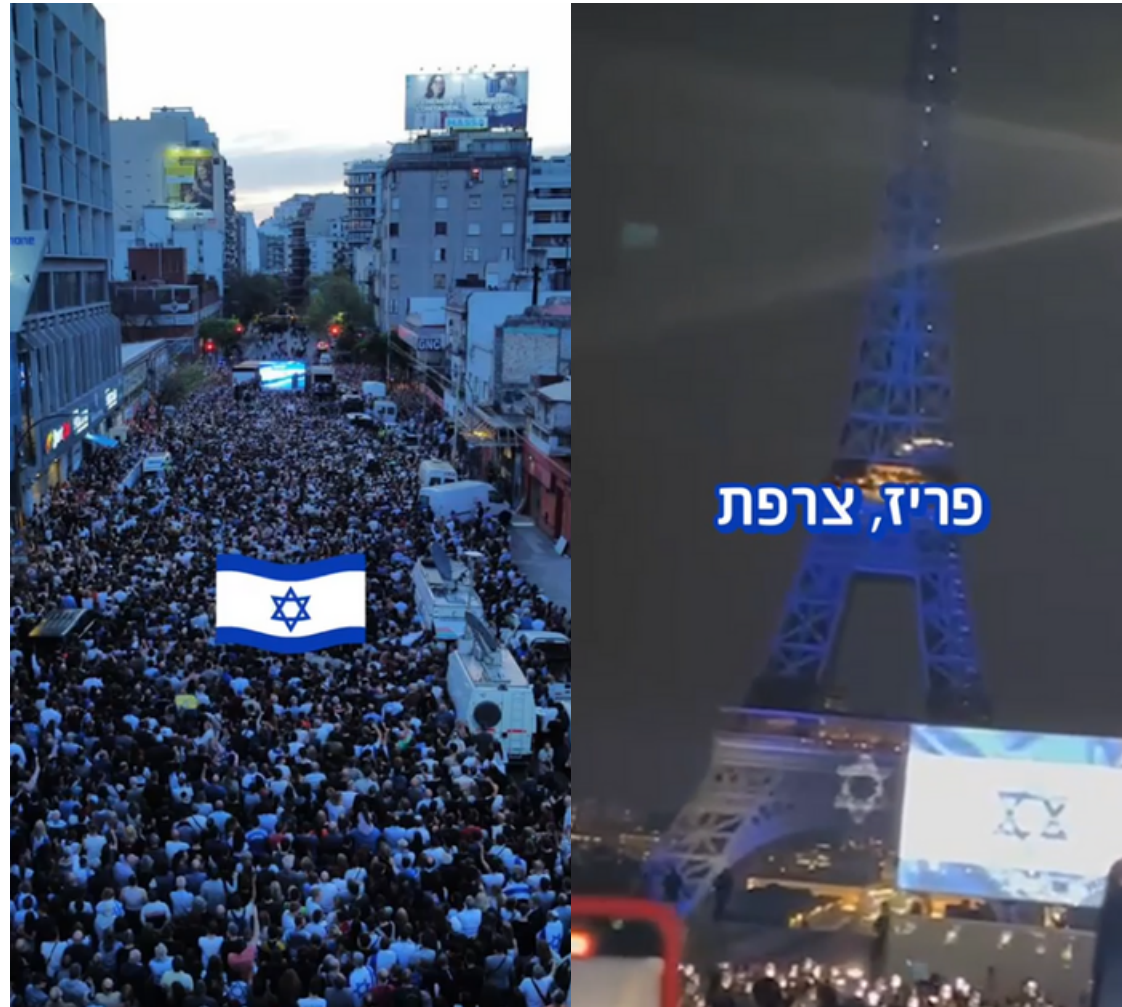
Mutual Responsibility between Jews around the World

Questions for Discussion:

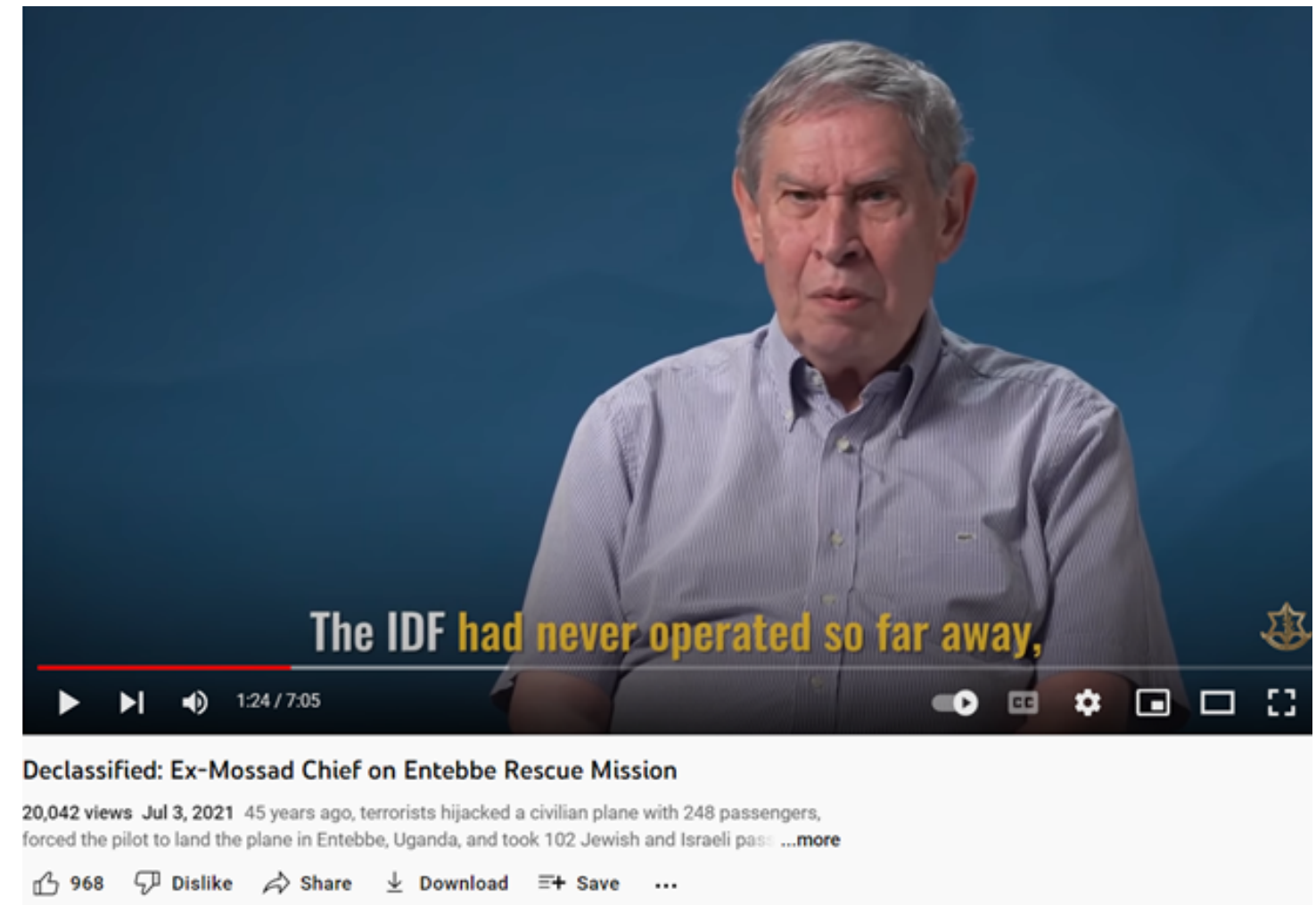
- 1) If you see a headline of a news story that relates to Jews in another country do you read it or skip it? Why?
- 2) If you hear about a Jew in need in another country do you wish you could help? What are the different ways of helping?
- 3) Have you ever benefitted from services provided for Jews in your country or in another country when you were traveling?
- 4) When a natural disaster strikes across the world or another form of tragedy is it ok to ask if any Jews were affected? Can such a question be perceived as caring only about the fate of Jewish people and not about others?



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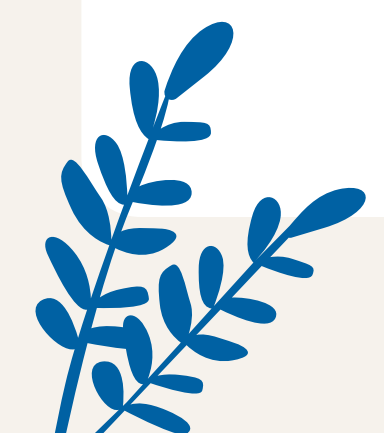


[Jewish Support for Israel
October 2023](#)



[Declassified: Ex-Mossad Chief on
Entebbe Rescue Mission - YouTube](#)

In June 1976, an Air France flight from Tel Aviv to Paris was hijacked and flown to Entebbe, Uganda. In one of the world's most daring and risky missions, Israel successfully rescued the passengers.



Session 4– Mutual Responsibility ('Arvut Hadadit')

Mutual Responsibility – Israel and Jews around the World

Questions for Discussion:

- 1) On Israeli Independence Day, Israel selects 12 heroes to light honorary torches at a widely attended and televised national ceremony. Recently, it was decided that one of the 12 should represent the Jewish Diaspora. What do you think about this decision? Who would you choose and why?
- 2) Should Israel dedicate resources toward helping Jews outside of Israel?
- 3) Do Jews around the world have more of a responsibility to help Israel than other countries or causes?
- 4) Does Israel have a greater responsibility to help Jews around the world than to help non-Jews?
- 5) Should Israelis put their lives at risk to help Jews around the world? Should Jews around the world put their lives at risk for Israel?
- 6) Should Israel help Jews around the world who do not support Israel or are anti-Israel?



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Session 5– Wrap Up

Reflect on your One2One encounters

Spend a few minutes reflecting on what you've learned. What are the strongest impressions you take with you from these meetings about your partner and their life story?

About the realities of Jewish life in another society?

About the “big ideas” you discussed, including:

- “Jewish Peoplehood”: a sense of belonging to the Jewish people and connections between Jews around the world
- Diversity of Jewish experience
- Jewish life as a minority or majority
- Education, arts and culture and ritual as pillars of Jewish life
- Mutual Responsibility - 'Arvut Hadadit'

Session 5– Wrap Up

Share your experience and “spread the word”

Help your partner practice how they might present your One2One experience to their family, their community and to their peers.

Capturing the connection

Choose a creative way to capture the connection you’ve made, for example take a screenshot and add a caption and/or record a short (60 second) video describing your encounters or introducing each other.

Please upload the picture or video to upload.one2one.org.il

Session 5– Wrap Up

Saying goodbye

You've reached the conclusion of the series!

Say goodbye with gratitude.

Offer a blessing or a wish to your partner about the future, for them and their community.



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