

Ayin L'Tzion Workshop

March 10, 2021

Extraordinary and Ordinary Lens



Concept	Info	Discussion Prompts
We all have to eat!	Bamba, developed in 1964 and adored by children and adults alike, has been scientifically proven to help reduce dangerous peanut allergies.	Do you know any foods that are grown or produced in Israel? Which have you tried and liked?
What are you streaming?	Some of the shows in Israel are versions of U.S shows like The Voice. The U.S. golden globe winner Homeland was adapted from Israel's Prisoners of War, HBO's In Treatment was completely based on Israel's " <i>B'Tipul</i> ", and shows like " <i>Fauda</i> ", and " <i>Shtisel</i> " have been widely popular in the U.S., Europe and beyond.	Why do you think other countries are fascinated with stories about Israelis?
Cell Phones	Did you know ... cell phone technology was first developed in Israel!	How long could you go without doing something, anything on your phone?
Health	Israel is leading the world in vaccinating their citizens. Pfizer considered Israel a model and will be using their data information to help the world develop strategies to defeat the virus.	How does it make you feel to read that Israel is considered a model to the world? Are you familiar with any of these health-related innovations from Israel? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ClearLight; phototherapy to treat acne.• PillCam, miniature camera in a pill to clearly see internal problems.• BabySense prevents crib death.• ReWalk helps paraplegics walk.
We all love a good contest	In Israel:	What is your favorite story or verse from Tanakh?



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	<p><i>Hiddon haTanakh</i> is an annual competition for high school students on 400 chapters of the three sections of Tanakh, Torah, Writings, and Prophets. The first-place winners have been boys, girls, religious and secular.</p> <p>Intentional:</p> <p>The Shalva Band won the popular vote in 2019 to represent Israel at the international Eurovision music contest. The Shalva Band is a musical band of 8 musicians who all live with a degree of disability. The band withdrew because preparation for Eurovision would have required practicing on Shabbat.</p> <p>Dana International represented Israel at Eurovision, and brought home first prize, Israel's 3rd Eurovision victory in 1998. Dana was born in a family of Yemenite-Jewish descent, was assigned a male identity at birth and came out as transgender at 13.</p>	<p>How would you advise someone in a competition to be a good winner and a good loser?</p> <p>What does "inclusion" mean to you? Share an example how you've personally experienced or practiced it.</p>
<p>A good friend in time of need.</p>	<p>Provided aid for natural disasters in Greece, Haiti, the U.S., Japan, Nepal, Kenya, Jordan, Sierra Leone, Mexico, England and more.</p> <p>Also provided resilience guidance and training to educators and counselors after horrific mass shootings such as at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.</p>	<p>What are some ways you and your family have helped others this year?</p>
<p>Taking it Deeper</p>		

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Israel is the only Democracy in the Middle East.	Democracy and politics are messy and complicated. Israel is having its' 4 th elections in two years. Completely unprecedented. The April '19, Sept '19 and March '20 elections were all inconclusive!	What are the most important qualities for Israel's leaders? What are ways you can be part of a democratic process, even before you can vote? Why should someone who doesn't call Israel their home care about the outcome of this upcoming election?
Waze and Moovit can get you there ... eventually! Caring for the Land	Tel Aviv was recently ranked top fifth worst in the world in traffic congestion, and seriously disrupts the daily lives of other Israeli cities and regions. Top of the game in solar energy production, but significantly behind in generating renewable energy, and can do much more to combat climate change, reduce pollution and environmental damage.	Do you think cars should be banned from Israel's major cities to help ease traffic congestion? What about in the U.S.? Why or why not? Do you agree or disagree with this statement: <i>Israel has done their part with solar energy production (2nd worldwide!), other countries are now responsible to develop solutions for renewable energy.</i> Imagine your family sitting with an Israeli family discussing together good environmental practices. What are some things you'd share with them?
Racial Inequity	Racism could have been the delay to bring Ethiopians to Israel in the '80'. There is still a wage gap and educational gap (BA degrees and higher) between 3 rd generation Ashkenazim and Mizrachim (source: TAU & Columbia research 2019; Adva Center Policy Analysis Institute 2019)	Are you surprised to learn that there are education and income disparities in Israel between Jews of different backgrounds? Why or why not? Based on what you know, how is this similar or different to disparities in the U.S. regarding Americans of different backgrounds or skin color?

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	Last summer's protests against police brutality directed at Israeli Ethiopians. Officer charged with shooting is now in criminal trial.	What would you tell an Israeli kid your age about 1 –2 steps you have, or will take, to help stop disparity or discrimination?