



A moment of Solidarity with Israel

There is a loneliness in praying for Israel, and a power in feeling like you're a part of a larger community. We are asking Part Time Jewish Educational environments to start their learning with a communal experience for their Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers. So, you can be our partners in spreading hope in a time where people are discouraged, scared and frustrated. Because the Jewish people are always drawn to hope even in the darkest times. Hope allows us to believe that tomorrow will be better than today, and that strength encourages us to keep believing and moving forward.

Below are three options for you to start the conversation around Israel. No list is exhaustive, but these were designed to offer entry points into engaging with this moment in time with middle schoolers and high schoolers.

Option 1: Sing Hatikvah together or The Hope by Rick Recht <https://www.jewishrockradio.com/the-hope-lyrics-rick-recht/>. Make space to reflect on the core premise of the song: To be a free people in our land. For more conversations about this, look at 4hq: <https://makomisrael.org/the-four-hatikva-questions-4hq-explained/>

Option 2: Sing Hatikvah together or The Hope by Rick Recht <https://www.jewishrockradio.com/the-hope-lyrics-rick-recht/>. and record it. If you want to share it wider, we will happily collect them and compile it into a collective video and post on our portal. Please email them to dlevy@jewishedproject.org

Option 3: Open your session with a conversation about Israel, asking each learner to respond to one of the three prompts below on a sticky note, and create a gallery of responses. If you want to, share the image with us and we will share your learner's hopes with the wider world

- Israel means to me...
- I love _____ about Israel...
- I'm hoping for _____ in Israel right now...

For more resources for how to talk to teens about Israel:
<https://educator.jewishedproject.org/content/israel-crisis-educator-community-hub>