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Podcast Discussion Guide



IMAGINE ISRAEL

Connect to Israel and Israelis through the lens of social change

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's Imagine Israel is an initiative designed to engage Washingtonians with Israel and Israelis through a wide variety of programs focused on issues of social justice and civil society.

PODCAST

Federation's Imagine Israel Podcast directly connects you to a modern, relatable Israel in real-time through stories from innovative Israeli influencers leading social change in the start-up nation.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

This discussion guide can be used as a reference to spark conversation and explore social issues in Israel and at home through interactive discussion and activities.

How to use the discussion guide:

- **Adults:** Podcast Discussion Party with friends (take your book club to the next level)
- **Educators:** Use as curriculum in your classroom
- **Rabbis:** Share with your congregations
- **Education Directors:** Discuss with your teachers
- **Parents:** Start conversations with your children



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Meet Kaynan Rabino

The International Language of Doing Good

Hear his story

Learn about his impact

Discuss social change

Imagine Israel Podcast Episode 4

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In this episode, host Robbie Gringras interviews Kaynan Rabino, the brain behind Good Deeds Day. This annual day of service, established in Israel in 2007 under Rabino's leadership, is now an international phenomenon reaching more than 90 countries and over a million volunteers around the world! Rabino explains why the simple objective to change the world and positively impact the lives of others has garnered such a strong following, one good deed at a time.

Robbie Gringras talks with philanthropist Kaynan Rabino:

1. When we think of Israel as a platform for entrepreneurialism and a "Start-up Nation", we most often think about technology.
How has Kaynan Rabino applied entrepreneurialism to social change? What start-up capital does it require?
2. Could our community be fertile ground for social entrepreneurship? As the largest Good Deeds Day site in the United States, how can we build on that experience to encourage social change and a more just and caring community?
3. In what way could Good Deeds Day/Ruach Tova be seen as one of Israel's most important exports? How do we disseminate this example of Israel's social personality?



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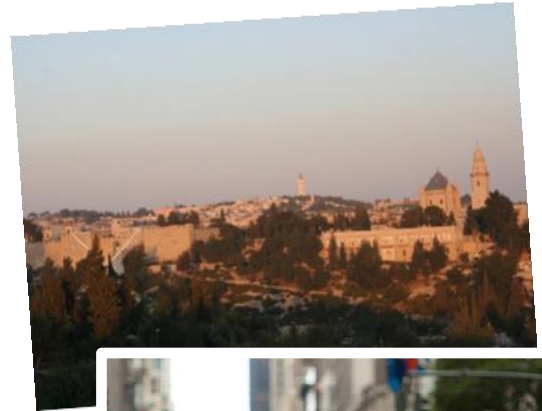
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General Questions:

1. Read the excerpt from the Israeli Declaration of Independence, below. From what you hear on the news and media, do you think the document is an actual guideline or an aspirational standard?

"THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the in gathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations."

2. How does this podcast episode affect your perspective of Israel? How may you explore this topic further?
3. How does the issue addressed in this episode relate to you as a Jew living in DC?
4. How would you share this aspect of Israel with others to engage them in a conversation about Israel?
5. Did you learn anything new about Israel? Did anything surprise you?
6. Based on what you heard in this podcast would you describe Israel as a Jewish, democratic or Zionist state?



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Interactive Activities

1. Using the tools from the Community Tool Box (ctb.ku.edu/en/influencing-policy-development), generate a strategy to influence public policy around an issue you find important.
2. Use this lesson from On1Foot (on1foot.org/sites/default/files/AB%20Seminar%20Session%202020.pdf), and the Jewish values it references to learn and discuss why it is significant to use a Jewish lens to repair the world.
3. Review the ways that you can be involved in social justice and community building through The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington at shalomdc.org/make-it-yours-toolkit.



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