

MIND THE GAP: **QUESTIONS** **ABOUT FREEDOM,** **ENGAGEMENT** **& ISRAEL**

“Choose life that you and
your offspring may live...”

(Deuteronomy 30:19)

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IN EVERY GENERATION, WE ENCOUNTER PEOPLE WHO SEE ISRAEL DIFFERENTLY THAN WE DO - SOMETIMES EVEN THOSE WE LOVE MOST.

Traditions endure only when the next generation is invited to engage with them and make them their own. The Haggadah reminds us that **freedom must be discussed, imagined and redefined by every generation.**

When it comes to Israel, we can all struggle with feeling wicked, finding wisdom, being embarrassed by our questions or not even knowing what to ask...

As we try to hold on to compassion and humanity, we hope that the following story and the questions it raises, will create space for conversations that matter around your Pesach table.



"Our family, like many others today, is divided over Israel. The Israel of my young adulthood – shaped by socialist Zionism and ideals of equality and peace – is not the Israel my grandchildren see in the media.

After countless emotionally loaded conversations with my eldest grandson, Jonathan, he finally agreed to travel with me to Israel. Wanting him to see the country through the eyes of people who refuse to give up on justice, I turned to NIF. They introduced us to Israelis and Palestinians working together with determination to defend democracy, equality and a shared future.

Jonathan did not shy away from difficult questions. But for the first time in years, he engaged with Israel with an open mind.

When we returned to London, he and I found common ground again and, for the first time, an Israel we could both believe in".

(NIF supporter)

FREEDOM BEGINS BY ASKING QUESTIONS

Tonight we invite you to reflect on:

- What piece of history or personal connection to Israel keeps you invested in its future and NIF's work?
- How has your relationship with Israel changed over time?
- What would a meaningful engagement with Israel look like for you: learning more about its history or its current affairs, visiting, supporting the people working to make it better, or perhaps keeping the conversation going?



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