



ACTIVITY

Wherever You Go, There's Always Someone Jewish

Materials Needed

- Video clip
- screening device and internet connection

Time Needed

30 minutes

Goal

To explore the feelings of connection that Jews around the world may feel toward each other (through a catchy tune!)

Before You Get Started

Look at the list of enduring understandings. Which one would you like to emphasize through this activity?

1. Judaism is not (only) a religion. It is also a People and the national component of Jewish civilization is central to understanding Jewish texts, practices and culture.
2. Many of Judaism's norms, laws and mitzvot are articulated and relevant through the Jewish collective.
3. The Jewish People (and not its constituent individuals) is the carrier of Jewish religion and civilization. Sustaining the People and continuing its legacy is therefore a core Jewish value.
4. "The Jewish People are bound by a shared past (the covenant of fate) and a shared future (the covenant of destiny)" – Soloveitchik.

Directions for Activity

1. Ask participants to share a story from when they traveled abroad and connected with being Jewish (either visiting a Jewish site, meeting other Jews, sharing Hebrew as a common language with a Jew in another country or some other story.)
2. Find and watch the clip (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJy7Jh8mxjk>).
3. Ask participants to share their overall reaction to the song – do they find this feeling of connection to be true? Is it comforting? Or do they have a different feeling of disconnect?
4. Sum up the discussion and ask participants to share a question or idea they are left with.

Note to Educator

Did the enduring understanding that you set out to teach surface during this activity?