Host a Podcast Listening Party

What's a listening party?

A Listening Party is an easy-to-run activity that brings students together to dig into a topic in a fun and engaging way. Use one or more of the Unpacking Israeli History episodes as a starting point and let great audio storytelling give you and your students the chance to listen together (socially distant or virtually), and open yourselves up to some thoughtful discussion about interesting and controversial events and issues in Israeli history.

It's simple. Start here:

- **Review the current releases from one of
  our podcasts**
- **Pick a subject you want to learn more about**
- **Gather your students in a cozy place in real life or on
  your preferred online platform**
- **Play the episode, listen and discuss**

Discussion Tips

Israeli politics can be a tinderbox for discussions but exploring Israeli history can be enlightening as it will help you understand the complex context that led the country to be where it is today. Regardless, it's still good to set some ground rules:

- **Listen to one another**
  be empathetic

- **Find the nuance and speak to it**
  details matter

- **Share the difficulties**
  what's bothering you may be bothering another person

- **Engage**
  don't speak over, but speak to one another

- **Be open to other ideas**
  true dialogue and discussion begins with more than one point of view

Topics to Help Spark Conversation

1. What was the most surprising fact you learned in this episode?

2. What were some pre-existing assumptions you had about this topic?

3. Did your perspective change on this issue in any way? How?

4. If you could go in a time machine and change the way this event played out, what would you change?

5. What message did you take away from this episode?

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