First Interview

We learned that a group of people is different from a community, or in Hebrew, *k'hillah*. In a *k'hillah*, people feel like they belong, that they need to help each other and that they are together for a reason. Start to explore the Jewish *k'hillah* (community) by interviewing a family member.



Decide which family member you want to interview and ask them to sit down with you in a quiet spot at home.



Ask them these questions:

- 1. Tell me about a *k'hillah* Jewish or not that you are part of. What makes it a *k'hillah*?
- 2. Have you ever helped the Jewish community in any way (for example: help plan an event, make a donation, join a committee)? Why did you help?
- 3. Has someone from the Jewish community ever helped you? How did that feel?
- 4. Why is it important to you to be a part of any k'hillah?



Write some notes as you interview your family member, using page 2 or your own note page.



Think of some follow-up questions you might want to ask to better understand their answers or get more details.



Record & **share** a piece of your interview on Flipgrid.



Challenge #1

First Interview Notes

(If you can't print, create your own notes page.)

Tell me about a k'hillah - Jewish or not - that you are part of. What makes it a k'hillah?
Have you ever helped the Jewish community in any way (for example: help plan an

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- event, make a donation, join a committee)? Why did you help?
- 3. Has someone from the Jewish community ever helped you? How did that feel?
- 4. Why is it important to you to be a part of any k'hillah?

Planning Your Next Interview

- **Pick a person** on the list of available interviewees. *Who do you want to learn more about?*
- With help from an adult at home, figure out some available times to **schedule your interview** call during the week specified by your teacher.
- 3 Send an email or make a phone call to the person you will interview, to **invite them** to speak with you. *A helpful script is on page 2*.
 - Your teacher will give you **information** about your person. Try to find out more about them. Do they have an interesting job? Do they do something in the Jewish community?

 Write 2-3 sentences of what you find out and 2-3 questions you have about the person.
Post these on Flipgrid.



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Challenge # 2

A Helpful Email or Phone Call Script

Hello ____,

I hope you're well. My name is _____ and I'm in ____ grade at _____.

I'm learning about the Jewish value, *k'hillah* which means community. I hear that you are involved in the Jewish community, so I would like to learn more about you and to hear some stories of your experience in our *k'hillah*.

I am available at these dates/times: _____. Let me know if one of those times is possible for you.

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I'm excited to talk with you!

Thank you,

Planning Your Interview



Think of yourself as a journalist! The best journalists prepare their list of questions before the big day, and sometimes even write extra questions!



Use the preparation guide on page 2.
Start with the 4 questions provided, and think about what else you want to ask.



- Write 2-4 more questions.
 - What other questions will help you get to know the person and their experience in the Jewish community?
 - What follow-up questions can you ask to help you understand their answers?



• Share your list of questions to Flipgrid.





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Challenge # 3

Plan Your Interview Questions



4 interview questions

- 1. How is the Jewish community important to you? And why?
- 2. Can you tell me about a time you helped the Jewish community in any way (for example: help plan an event, make a donation, join a committee)? Why did you help?
- 3. Can you tell me about a time someone in the Jewish community helped you? How did that feel?
- 4. What is the most important thing I should know about k'hillah?

Create 2-4 more questions

(If you can't print, make your own questions list on a piece of paper.)



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Conduct Your Interview

Remember the skills of great journalists as you conduct your interview to learn about a member of your Jewish *k'hillah*!

- ACTIVELY LISTEN to the interviewee, paying attention to their answers and stories. LISTEN for details and show interest through body language, like eye contact.
- Sometimes, you can go OFF SCRIPT and ask a follow-up question, rather than just going through your planned list of questions.
- Remember to say a **BIG** thank you at the beginning and end! Being interviewed isn't always easy! (Don't forget to smile!)
- Great journalists TAKE NOTES! Use pages 2-3 or your own notebook.
- **SHARE** your notes on Flipgrid when you're finished.



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Challenge # 4 My Notes (4 questions)



(If you can't print, use this to help you create your own notes page.)

How is the Jewish community important to you? And why?

Can you tell me about a time you helped the Jewish community in any way? Why did you help?

Can you tell me about a time someone in the Jewish community helped you? How did that feel?

What is the most important thing I should know about k'hillah?

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Challenge # 4

My Notes (my own questions)



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Share Your Interview

Read through your interview notes again and **share** what you learned with an adult (maybe the same person you interviewed for Challenge #1).

> What did you learn about the person? What did they teach you about your Jewish k'hillah? How is the community stronger with them as a part of it?



Celebrate *k'hillah*! Use page 2 to make a banner. If you can't print, use page 2 as inspiration to make your own!



Snap a photo of yourself holding the banner up and share to Flipgrid for your *k'hillah* to see!

EXAMPLE:



OPTIONAL: Record a video where you share more about what you learned about your person and about your *k'hillah* during your interview. Share to Flipgrid.

