

# *Conversation Cards*

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## *How to Play:*

*Each card has two questions on a certain leadership topic. The first question is just a warm-up. Take the time to think about, and discuss your answers. These can be used alone, one-on-one, or in groups. Let's start the conversation!*

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## Introduction: Dreaming Bigger

*A: Who is your favorite Jewish celebrity?*

*B: Is being a part of the Jewish community important to you and should this be a value that everybody holds?*

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*Introduction: Dreaming Bigger*

*A: What is one experience (positive or negative) you had working in a group project?*

*B: What skills are you able to learn from being part of a challenging group?*

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*Introduction: Dreaming Bigger*

*A: If you could meet any leader (past or present) who would it be and what would you ask them?*

*B: Which Jewish leader would you most like to emulate and why?*

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## *1: Defining Jewish Leadership*

*A: If you had a newspaper article written about your contribution to the Jewish world, what would be the headline?*

*B: What makes Jewish leadership different from leadership in the broader sense?*

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## *2: Who Am I?*

*A: When people think of you, what is the first characteristic that comes to mind?*

*B: If when people think of you, they think of a singular characteristic, what would it be?*

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### *3: Saying No and Saying Yes*

*A: B: Do you say "yes" or "no" more often?*

*B: When was the last time you did something because you wanted to and not to please someone else?*

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#### *4: Why Me? Quieting Your Inner Critic*

*A: What are three adjectives to describe your leadership style?*

*B: What is a skill or virtue that others have told you that you possess?*

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## *5: Growing and Changing as a Leader*

*A: Is there an event or situation that has changed you in the last few years?*

*B: What are 3 areas that you would need to work on in order to become a better leader?*

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## *6: Leading and Role-Modeling*

*A: Who is a role model in your life?*

*B: Acknowledging that you are a role model for others, what traits do you hope to exhibit?*

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## *7: Imagining Your Future*

*A: If you could change a wrong that is currently happening in the world, what would it be?*

*B: What is a mistake you fixed in your own life?*

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*8: Your Moral Compass in Articulating Your Leadership Values*

*A: What are your three greatest values?*

*B: Can people change their values over time or are they always stagnant?*

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*9: Leadership by Design*

*A: What is one thing you always want to be remembered for?*

*B: What do you need to change today to accomplish what you want in the future?*

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## *10: Leadership and Time Management*

*A: What is the first thing you do when you get home from school?*

*B: Is there such a thing as putting in too much work? If so, when?*

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*11: Leading as an Introvert, Extrovert, or Ambivert*

*A: Would you be the person to start the flashmob or join in the flashmob?*

*B: Is being a leader an innate trait or something learned?*

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## *12: What Is Stress?*

*A: What is your go-to destress tool? (Chocolate, yoga, walk by the beach, etc.)*

*B: Does stress help you in any way?*

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*13: Grit and Resilience—the Strength to Keep Leading*

*A: Are you a glass-half-empty or a glass-half-full kind of person?*

*B: What events in your life have shaped you to be an optimist or pessimist?*

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## *14: Making Better Decisions*

*A: Who is someone that you can chat to when you are looking to make a big decision?*

*B: When was the last time you made a big decision?*

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*15: Limiting Choices*

*A: What's the hardest test you have ever taken?*

*B: How did you handle your hardest test in life?*

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## 16: Leading the Flock

A: If you could have any public figure leadership role what would it be and why? (President, Captain of Football Team, Dean of College, etc.)

B: Do you think you will be a better leader in 10 years' rather than as an adult?

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## *17: The Power of Empathy*

*A: What emotion is easiest for you to empathize with?*

*B: How does/did your role in your family affect the way you behave in the world today?*

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*18: The Lost Art of Listening*

*A: Do you talk or listen more?*

*B: When is listening more important than talking when you are in a position of responsibility?*

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*19: Leading Outside Your Comfort Zone*

*A: What is something you've done only for your resume?*

*B: What is something scary or daunting that has contributed to your character building?*

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## *20: Stop the Trash Talk*

*A: How can you break the cycle of lashon hara?*

*B: Why do you think Lashon Hara is such a big part of teen culture?*

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*21: Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say*

*A: Have you ever had to 'fake it till you make it'?*

*B: How do you create a connection with the audience when engaging them?*

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*22: Write It Better*

*A: Are you a list person? Why or why not?*

*B: When making a decision do you consider who will be affected and how?*

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*23: Control Your Need to Control*

*A: How often do you try to finish other people's sentences?*

*B: What are different ways of active listening?*

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*24: Thanks for the Feedback*

*A: What was your most recent reaction to being criticized?*

*B: Why is constructive criticism important?*

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## *25: Working with Adults*

*A: What is something that is wasted on adults?*

*B: What is an example of a situation where teens could achieve more than adults?*

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## *26: Creating Sacred Communities*

*A: What is your favorite community event or memory?*

*B: How did you respond to moments of internal conflict within the community?*

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## *27: How to Have That Difficult Conversation*

*A: What is your least favorite or most tolerable form of confrontation?*

*B: How do you act when walking the hard line between being someone's friend and being their leader?*

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*28: Fundraising and Friend-Raising*

*A: If you were going door-to-door raising money for an organization, what would be your introduction/tagline?*

*B: Why is it important to believe in what you are raising money for?*

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## *29: Eight Fundraising Hacks*

*A: What would be your ultimate way to fundraise for something?*

*B: Do you believe only certain personalities should be involved in fundraising?*

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*30: An Attitude of Gratitude*

*A: Who 'fills your cup' when you need it most? Do they know this?*

*B: When you feel tired and overwhelmed, what do you do to regain your strength?*

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### *31: It's Now*

*A: If the world was going to be destroyed in the next 24 hours, what would you want to accomplish?*

*B: Do you believe teens are given enough opportunity to develop their leadership skills?*

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*32: Changing the World through Tikun Olam*

*A: What's a good deed you've done this week?*

*B: Do you believe that the idea of tikkun olam refers to the larger global idea of repairing the world, or fixing smaller problems with gestures of help?*

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### *33: Stepping Up and Standing Up*

*A: What responsibilities are you scared of having in the future?*

*B: How does it make you feel when you are given responsibility for a difficult task?*

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### *34: Prioritizing Leadership*

*A: What groups/hobbies did you do that you didn't really enjoy?*

*B: Is it the leader's job to come up with the ideas or just to execute them?*

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### *35: Turning Problems into Possibilities*

*A: Do you believe love should just come easy or is it something you need to work for?*

*B: What is something you had to work on in order to enjoy it?*

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### 36: Embrace Your Mistakes

A: Are you a rule-follower or do you like to push the boundaries?

B: Do you believe in the notion 'rather ask for forgiveness than permission'? Explain why/why not

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*A: What are you most proud of Israel for?*

*B: Do you feel that you can represent Israel even if you are not a practicing Jew?*

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## 38: The Tech Trap

A: What is something you use everyday that was invented or developed in israel?

B: How can we make the narrative of Israel more diverse without focusing on its tech development?

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### 39: End Bullying

A: What is the meanest thing you've seen someone been called?

B: The last time you upset/hurt someone were you able to apologise? What was that experience like?

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*40: Taking the Lead against Antisemitism*

*A: Would your life be different without religion? How so?*

*B: Have you ever felt like you need to hide your Jewish identity?*

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*41: Your I.Q. (Israel Quotient)*

*A: If you were making a dating profile for the State of Israel, what would it's bio be?*

*B: Do you believe that the Jewish nation has to be in the land of Israel or they can be a Jewish nation anywhere in the world?*

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*42: Judaism and Racial Justice*

*A: Have you ever stopped an act of injustice?*

*B: In a case of injustice, will you be the leader that will come and help or be a bystander and hope someone else will come help?*

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*43: Inclusion and Diversity*

*A: If you could have any stereotypical Jewish skill, what would it be?*

*B: Do you feel that your Jewish identity is being accepted in your communities and programs?*

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*44: Getting Inspired and Staying Inspired*

*A: Do you believe in God?*

*B: Have you ever experienced a moment in which you felt close to God or a higher being might exist?*

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## *45: Telling Your Jewish Leadership Story*

*A: What is your favourite place in Israel (if you haven't been, where are you most excited to go)?*

*B: Which do you value most: the Torah of Israel, the Community of Israel, or the Land of Israel?*

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*Bringing it Home:*

*A: Is there a prayer or song that deeply resonates with you?*

*B: What inspires you to be a better leader and person?*

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*Bringing it Home:*

*A: Do you think everyone is cut out to be a leader in their community?*

*B: What is one area of the community that you feel most passionate about contributing toward?*

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*Bringing it Home:*

*A: Do you think everyone has the potential to be a leader in their community?*

*B: Does your Jewish community create enough space for a diverse range of leadership opportunities?*

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*Ten Leadership Superpowers:*

*A: What most excites you about being a leader?*

*B: What is the difference between successful and unsuccessful leadership?*

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*Ten Leadership Superpowers:*

*A: Are certain leadership positions better suited to a particular gender?*

*B: Do you feel that you have leadership potential?*

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*Ten Leadership Superpowers:*

*A: Do you feel respected by the adults in your life? Why?*

*B: What do you wish adults understood better about you?*

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