



Yom Rabin יום רבין

The Jewish Day of Healthy Argument

GUIDE TO HOSTING A YOM RABIN EVENT



Feel free to make use of our publicity materials!



Understand your audience

Take time to think about the participants in your event – What are their interests? Knowledge levels? Passions?

Then go through our stories in “[Stories for the Sake of Argument](#)” if you have it, the [stories on our website](#), or the [story](#) we wrote especially for #YomRabin.



Choose a story that will spark arguments

Select the story or stories that are most likely to get people’s passions aroused. Be brave. This is what the day is about. We’re daring to argue about what divides us, trying to build beyond the violence at the heart of Yom Rabin.



Make sure everyone has a copy

Make sure every participant has a copy of the story/stories you intend to use. Either print them out or create a QR code to access each one online.



Provide background information

Open the event with some words about Prime Minister Rabin and his assassination. We leave this to you. The only thing we recommend emphasizing is that when words run out, violence begins. Within Israel, within the Jewish People, and throughout the world, we are forgetting how to address our disagreements. We need more healthy arguments. [If you’d like more information, [this half-hour podcast from the BBC is excellent](#), and here is a [collection of articles](#) about the assassination and its significance.]



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Set your intentions as a group

Establish a few intentions with everyone. Feel free to screen our very short videos – you’ll find them all on the [resources page](#) on our website. One explains how in a healthy argument our goal is to gain more perspectives, not necessarily to “win” or to rush to a cheap consensus. Another runs through what we call “[Intentions](#)” – these enable folks to begin to imagine a conversation that can address conflict without feeling confrontational. You may wish to put a [poster of our Intentions for a Healthy Argument](#) on the wall.



Split into small groups

Split everyone into groups of 5. It’s a good number – not too many so everyone gets a chance to talk, not too few so conversation dies out.

This is applicable to an evening of 10 people or 100 people – everything is possible so long as you’re divided into small groups.



If it’s a large event...

If you are hosting a large event, we would recommend two things:

- Look to use a hall/venue that has good acoustics, so that lots of people talking passionately doesn’t get painful for the ears!
- Try not to have people sitting around tables. Tables increase the distance a small group sits from each other, requiring people to raise their voices. Best to squeeze chairs together intimately.



Role of the facilitator (optional)

If you do assign a facilitator to each group (you really don’t have to), their only job is to make sure that folks are not interrupted, and that the discussion is not commandeered by someone who is not leaving room for others to talk.

Without a facilitator, the group itself can assign this task to someone new each time.



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Instructions for your group

Tell each group to do three things:

1. Read the story out loud.
2. Read a few of the questions attached to the story.
3. Give your responses to the questions, the story, and the responses of other people in the group.

Allocate 20 minutes for the story and discussion.



Gather responses and start a new story...

After 20 minutes, you can gather responses, thoughts, ideas, and disagreements, and then set everyone off with another story.

We recommend between 2-4 stories per event.



Take photos!

Final rule: Take photos. Share them on social media with the hashtag **#YomRabin**. And tell us how it went!

