

Speak Up: No *Lashon Hara*

Overview

- Educator: Ilana Gimpelevich, Kenneth Beth Israel
- Estimated Audience Size: 10-15 people
- Estimated Time for Lesson: 60 minutes
- Session Title: *Speak Up: No Lashon Hara*
- Technology Used: Laptop and Powerpoint

Learning Objectives

Participants will be will be able to...

- Identify the Jewish value of speaking up
- Argue *letoelet*: constructive purpose for revealing information
- Understand the added sensitivity of speaking up in situations of sexual assault and abuse
- Identify the reluctance to speak up

Assessment

Students will demonstrate comprehension of the objectives by...

- Completing an assessment form
- Asking to apply what they have learned in a real situation

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Session Agenda

I. Introduction & Framing (10 minutes)

- Introduce the topic and frame the question of *lashon hara*
- Examine the difficulties in discussing sexual assault and abuse

II. Values of Speaking Up (20 minutes)

- Examine each value with a corresponding text source

III. Text Study: Gedalia (20 minutes)

- Was Gedalia told *lashon hara*?
- How can Gedalia listen to *lashon hara* if there is a prohibition?
- What do you think about R' Tarfon's resolution to the dilemma?

IV. Discussion and Closing (10 minutes)

- Self-reflection and group discussion
- Ask final questions and complete the assessment form