A Trip Down Memory Lane

Round 1:
Collective Memories

1. Cut the cards along the dotted lines.
2. Mix the cards & lay them face down in rows.
3. The first player chooses two cards and carefully turns them over.
4. If the two cards are a matching pair then the player takes the cards and is awarded another turn. If the cards are not a match they are turned back over and it is now the next player's turn.

But wait, there's a twist!

5. Each time a player makes a match, before picking again, they must answer one of the prompts below. Try to get through all of the prompts as you play!
6. Once all the cards have been played the player with the most matches is the winner

Prompts to answer after each match:

- Share, in as much detail, what you know about this memory. If you don't know anything, you can ask another player to help.
- Who introduced you to this memory and what do you remember about it?
- What is one of your earliest memories learning about this moment?
- Set a timer for 30 seconds. Along with the other players, write down all of the words that you can think of that relate to this moment. When time is up, take turns reading your words out loud.
- How does this memory tie into your own Jewish story?
- Describe a song/movie/poem/art piece that you have seen that speaks to this memory.
- Describe this memory in first person, as if you were there.

Why is it important to have a shared collective memory?

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Round 2:
My Jewish Memories

Now that you have played one round of matching, it's time to make this your own story. Which events are missing for you? Where do you see a mismatch between the collective Jewish story and your own?

1. On the blank template, identify up to12 critical Jewish memories and create your own set of cards.

2. Draw or write events, people, objects, artifacts or anything else that you would include in your matching game. For example, does Seinfeld, chicken soup, the Women's March, IsraAid, or the March of Solidarity belong in your set?

3. Make sure to add two copies of each image.

4. Combine your new cards with the original set. If any memories from that set aren't at all a part of your Jewish story, remove them. Let this be a reflection of your Jewish memories!

Having difficulty identifying the moments on the cards?
Here is a key to help you out:

Creation Story | Slavery in Egypt | Crossing the Red Sea | Receiving the 10 Commandments | Mishnah is codified | Miracle of Chanukah | Jews Expelled from Spain | Jews Settle in America | First Zionist Congress | Tree of Life Synagogue | Let My People Go! | Adolf Eichmann Trial

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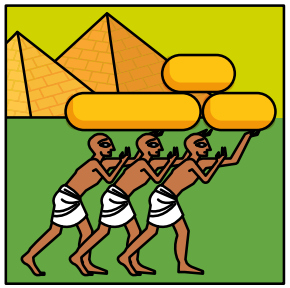

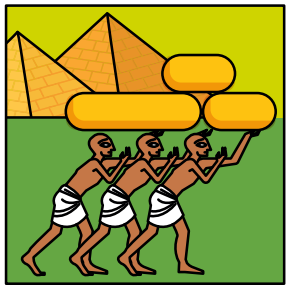

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