

When Palestine Becomes Personal

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Finding My Identity in the Powerful Stories of Grandpapi's Homeland

1. From what countries did your ancestors immigrate? Have you ever visited any of those places?
2. What foods are distinctive to your ethnicity?
3. Referring to Grandpapi's Nakba story, Cat Knarr's mother said, "Sometimes you don't tell stories that don't have happy endings." How do you think this mindset affects family histories? Do you see this kind of silence in your own family history?
4. One of Knarr's discoveries about Nakba is that it never ends. What did you discover about Nakba through this story?
5. Why do you think Knarr has been afraid to speak out about Israel and Palestine?
6. How does Knarr's personal story change the way you look at current news stories coming out of the Middle East?