

do



- **Challenge ideas**, not individuals
- Clarify the conversation's **purpose**
- Give the **benefit of the doubt**
- Explore **complexities**
- Allow room for **struggle**
- Draw on **Jewish texts** for context
- Foster an **ongoing dialogue**
- Explore in the context of our **American identity**



don't



- **Avoid** the subject or dictate opinions
- **Insist** on a specific conclusion or consensus
- **Assume** shared meanings for different words
- **Speak from "we" or "you"** — rather, speak from "I"

בְּמָקוֹם שֶׁאֵין אָנוּשִׁים
הַשְׁתַּדֵּל לִהְיוֹת אִישׁ

IN A PLACE WHERE THERE IS NO
HUMAN, STRIVE TO BE HUMAN.

— Avot 2:5

embrace

- **Acknowledge diverse perspectives** within Judaism
- **Recognize varying levels** of knowledge and experience
- Know that it is **okay to feel discomfort**
- Accept non-closure. We won't resolve these issues. **That's ok.**



DO'S & DON'TS
FOR TACKLING TOUGH CONVERSATIONS