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I. Tal Becker Lecture — From No Homes to Two Homes

Study questions.

1. Are Jews in the current moment identifying more deeply with other Jews, who may be more distant, or with the people in their local communities and regions?
2. What are some of the stories of Jewish identity and belonging that Jews can coalesce around, despite their differences in interests, cultures, political beliefs or customs?
3. How does the global pandemic exacerbate the difference or close the distance between Jews in Israel and North America?

II. Angela Buchdahl and Dotan Arieli, in Conversation With Tal Becker

Study questions.

1. Angela Buchdahl says that "home is the place where you can be fully realized" — and America is the place where she can be a female, Reform, Korean rabbi — serves that for her. What place serves that for you? What is your personal narrative of home?
2. Dotan Arieli, a fifth generation Israeli, reflects on home as a feeling of being part of the land — almost as though she grew out of it. Her encounter with American Judaism laid bare a completely new and rich reality to which she had never previously been exposed. What surprises and challenges have you encountered in the "other home"?
3. Are there particular moments where you have felt more at home or not at home in Israel? In America?
4. How has your personal narrative of home changed as a result of COVID-19?