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# Town Hall

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# Announcements

Evan Beller - Robotics and Cooking and Culture Club

Zoe Ritz, Leah Cohen, Talia Davoudian - Drama

# Outfit of the Week

“Rosh chodesh garb” - rabbi  
schwarzberg



**Meme of the Week**

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**Evan Beller**



# Vort of the Week

In each to whom I relate as a human being, I find a friend, for we have many things in common, as well as a stranger, **for each of us is unique and wholly other**...This otherness **stands in the way of complete mutual understanding**. The gap of uniqueness is too wide to be bridged. Of course, there prevails, quite often, a harmony of interests, - economic, political, social - upon which two individuals focus their attention. However, **two people glancing at the same object may continue to lead isolated, closed-in existences.**

- Rav Soloveitchik, *Confrontation*

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**Who has a seat at the table?**

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## Two Sides - BBC Article

"But Mr Jackson would not offer his own opinion on abortion, exactly, saying instead he prefers to stay silent on the specifics since "women are the only experts when it comes to their bodies"."

"Too many pro-choice men think this is just a 'women's issue' and it's not their place. This is an issue that impacts all of us, and will require all of us to engage if we want to create a society where all are free to pursue the life they envision for themselves and their family."



# Other Examples

- Can white people have **legitimate** opinions on the experiences and treatments of black people?
- Can non-Jews determine whether something is anti-semitic?
- Are Israelis and Palestinians the only ones with legitimate opinions on the Israeli-Palestine conflict?
- Are these examples different from each other?
- How much weight do outsiders' opinions have?

**Why or why not?**

# If yes, If no

**If yes, you have a seat at the table:**

- Can you really ever understand the experience of someone else?
- Can you have an objective opinion without the experience/cultural history?
- Does this vary by topic?

**If no, you don't have a seat at the table:**

- Are you concerned we're creating further division in this nation?
- How do we reconcile this with the ideals of democracy?
- Does this prevent us hearing diverse viewpoints?