



# MAKING CONNECTIONS...

## **Baba, What Does My Name Mean? By: Rifk Ebeid**

As caretakers of young people, making connections and continuing the conversation is helpful to developing critical thinking skills and extending compassion. It is also helping us to broaden our understanding of how issues of immigration, incarceration, gender, and more are linked to sexual violence. This connection is crucial when thinking about how to keep our communities safer and work towards a future free harm.

The book, "Baba, What Does My Name Mean?" takes us on a journey through Palestine and teaches us about the rich, beautiful culture. This book uplifts and amplifies the joys of being Palestinian. It also highlights what it means to be displaced from one's home country. The joy found in this book helps to build the foundation of recognizing humanity and reminding us why we build community. Radical joy is necessary to movements and to ending violence. Radical joy through music, food, and dress centers the voices we need to hear and adds nuance as to why we are listening.

Sexual violence is used as tool of displacement and genocide. It is used against refugees, including children, inside of detention centers, shelters, and in new countries. When considering the end of sexual violence, it is important to think of how it appears in spaces that are not always visible or accessible.



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EMPOWERING  
SURVIVORS  
ENDING SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE



# CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION...

1 What is a refugee? What did Baba tell Saamidah about leaving home?

What is home? What feelings should we feel about our home?

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3 What did Baba mean about the "right to return home?" What is a "right?"

What feeling do we get when someone ignores us saying no? When they don't believe us?

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5 Consent means mutual permission for a touch or an action - like sharing a feeling or your home. Did Saamidah and her family consent / say yes to leaving their home?

