

# Foundations

## Why did the dominos fall?

Best for ages 3-8. ***The goal of this conversation is to help children learn the importance of being part of a strong community and not standing alone and allowing “space” to separate us.***

Dominos help illustrate this: If a foundation is not firm and/or has holes or spaces, it will easily crumble and fall as soon as one part begins to collapse. Klal Yisroel needs to stand together as one nation to maximize our purpose in the world and serve Hashem in the most effective way.

It is preferable to use actual dominos as a visual aid for this table talk. If you do not have dominos, ask your child if they are aware of how dominos work and if they are not, explain it to them.

Create a line/pattern using dominos and have your child gently tap the first one to cause it to fall. Naturally, all of them should fall. Ask your child why they think they all fell down, simply because one did?

Create another line/pattern, this time with no spaces at all. Have your child gently tap the first one, again. This time, it should take a measurably stronger “tap” for the dominos to fall, since they are all lined up supporting each other.

Explore with your child what this symbolizes and use this as a segue to explore the value of being part of a strong Jewish community.

***Please note – there is no sample conversation for this table talk as the content above is fairly straightforward. If you find a sample conversation helpful regardless of the content, please email us at [foundations@atideinu.org](mailto:foundations@atideinu.org).***



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