



LISTEN! ISRAEL'S ALL AROUND

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From the shuk to the kibbutz, Israel is a dynamic country filled with amazing sights to see... and sounds to go with them.

JEWISH CONCEPTS

Clicky, clacky, slurpy, squishy – for such a little country, Israel is filled with lots of sounds! From the snow-capped mountains of the North to the desert land of the South – not to mention the miles of beaches and bustling cities in between -- there's plenty to do in this tiny slice of the Middle East. The modern state of Israel was founded just over 70 years ago, but Jewish ties to this land extend back thousands of years. To learn more visit pjlibrary.org/listenisraelsallaround.

Aspects of Israeli life may seem very different to readers in other parts of the world, but much of it is familiar. As you read this book with your child, point out things that are different from life where you live – and then think about how it's the same. Perhaps you've never played *matkot*, but racquet games are fun wherever you live. You probably can't visit a *kibbutz* (communal farm) in your area, but you might be able to locate a tractor. Maybe it's not as easy to find a falafel-stuffed pita for lunch, but when you can find it, it's delicious! The world is smaller than we sometimes think, and our shared human experiences almost always outweigh our differences. To find the commonalities that connect us, all we have to do is look – and listen.

