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The story behind the argument.

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A NOTE BEFORE WE TALK

Josef Olmert was in Madrid for the first Israeli-Syrian talks. When he joined me, we started somewhere else: a family that left revolutionary Russia for Harbin, China, and later made its way to Israel. By the time we reached Madrid, you knew why he says what he believes even when his allies would rather he didn't.

My guests have spent careers explaining positions. I ask about the chapter before the position: where you grew up, who handed you the questions you still carry, the day the work stopped being a job.

> *The policy arrives anyway. It arrives with a person attached.*

If you want a stage for talking points, this is the wrong room. If you have ever filed a piece and felt the real story never made it onto the page, this is where it goes.

Dr. Rod Berger
Host, and Editor-at-Large at Fair Observer

THE KIND OF QUESTION YOU'LL HEAR

01 What did you see before you had the vocabulary to write about it?

02 Which version of your story do you tell at dinner that you would never put in print?

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No. 10	John Friedman	9,530

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"Berger reminds us that reclaiming our own narratives is essential for deeper understanding and genuine connection in a fragmented world."

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