

## Better Classroom AI than ChatGPT

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NotebookLM is similar to ChatGPT or Gemini, with one major difference: you provide the source material (documents, PDFs, videos, images, etc.), and it works exclusively from that content. Because it is grounded only in what you upload, it hallucinates far less than general AI chat tools.

NotebookLM also offers a range of powerful features. It can generate a video or podcast based entirely on your materials. It can create quizzes, flashcards, study guides, and graphics. For example, you could upload your class packets and instantly generate review questions or even a full practice exam.

As an experiment, I uploaded my current unit packet on **סמיכת גאולה לתפילה** and asked NotebookLM to create a video based solely on that material. What it produced was remarkable. The content was extremely accurate and faithful to the sources, yet it was presented with a cinematic narrative arc—complete with mystery and intrigue. It was engaging, fun to watch, and genuinely educational.

The packet I uploaded included:

- The Hebrew text of the Gemara
- Selected Rishonim
- Vocabulary words
- Background מושגים
- Comprehension questions

In just 7.5 minutes, the generated video managed to summarize nearly all of that material—including the shakla ve-tarya and even the lomdus/chakira.

My plan is either to show the video to my class after we complete the unit or to post it on Google Classroom as a structured review for the test.

And this was based on just one unit. NotebookLM has a massive capacity—you could upload all of your packets for an entire semester or even a full year, creating an integrated, AI-generated review resource tailored entirely to your curriculum.