

Peulat Shabbat 7/9/16 5:00-6:00 pm

Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Goals:

To have all the chanichim discuss and share different conflict resolutions. Chanichim will analyze various situations of conflict and rivalry and try and find ways to resolve such issues.

Materials:

Write up

Text Sheet

Groups

Setup:

1. Introduce program
2. Split Edah into 3 groups, one group in the beit am aleph one group on the mirpeset of beit am aleph, one group on the upper migrash
3. Each group should have ____ group leaders and one judge
4. Within these large groups, form groups of six campers and one counselor

Structure

1. Within groups that are a third of the edah, the group's judge will introduce the program and tell the campers that they will be posed with conflicts and asked to judge who is at fault and why
2. Group leaders will distribute enough text sheets for each camper to have one
3. Group leaders will read each scenario aloud
4. Group leaders will pose the guiding question

5. After asking the guiding question, group leaders will have the campers in the group to pair up and come up with a verdict to the question posed
6. Each group will present to their larger group and a judge

Pop Cultural Conflict (5 minutes)

2009: Kanye Interrupts Taylor's VMAs Speech

Taylor Swift was awarded the VMAs for her music video to “You Belong With Me” that beat Beyonce’s music video to “Single Ladies.” As Swift went for her acceptance speech, Kanye interrupted and said "Yo, Taylor, I'm really happy for you and I'mma let you finish, but Beyoncé had one of the best videos of all time. One of the best videos of all time!" *(conflict was resolved by Beyonce inviting Swift onstage when she won an award later that night)*

Questions (5 minutes)

- Why would Kanye be upset? What would cause him to do something like this?
- Why would Taylor Swift be upset?
- Who is at fault?
- How does someone (Beyonce) who did not ask to be involved, try and fix a conflict that Kanye started?

Share with larger group (10 minutes)

Sports Conflict: (5 minutes)

Yankee/Red Socks

The New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox are two Major League Baseball (MLB) teams that have competed in the MLB American League (AL) for over 100 seasons. They are one of the most well known rivalries in sports.

Questions: (5 minutes)

- What happens when you don't know the origin of a conflict?
- How do you resolve a long-standing conflict?
- Should we allow a rivalry like this continue?

Share with larger group (10 minutes)

Camp Conflict: (5 minutes)

Palmer/Berkshires

The infamous Palmer Berkshires rivalry. Camp Ramah in New England (Palmer) and Camp Ramah in the Berkshires participate in a day of sports competition. All Tzad Bet campers participate in these games. Over many years, the rivalry and competition is fierce. Over the years, when Palmer and Berkshires participate in these games, the competition and rivalry has grown.

Questions: (5 minutes)

- How do you resolve a conflict with people who come from a similar background?
- How do chanichim from Palmer feel?
- How do you think chanichim from Berkshires feel?
- Do you think we (Palmer) have a similar narrative to Berkshires?
- **Share with larger group** (10 minutes)

Parsha Conflict: (5 minutes)

What Korah said to Moses

They assembled against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, for the entire congregation are all holy, and the Lord is in their midst. So why do you raise yourselves above the Lord's assembly?"	<p>גִּיּוֹקֵהָלוֹ עַל־מֹשֶׁה וְעַל־אַהֲרֹן</p> <p>וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֲלֵהֶם רַב־לָכֶם כִּי כָל־</p> <p>הָעֵדָה כָּלֵם קֳדָשִׁים וּבְתוֹכָם יְהוָה</p> <p>וּמִדּוּעַ תִּתְנַשְּׂאוּ עַל־קֹהֶל יְהוָה:</p>
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How Moses responded to Korach (5 minutes)

Moses said, "With this you shall know that the Lord sent me to do all these deeds, for I did not devise them myself.	כחַוִּיאֲמַר מֹשֶׁה בְּזֹאת תֵּדָעוּן כִּי־יְהוָה שְׁלַחְנִי לַעֲשׂוֹת אֵת כָּל־הַמַּעֲשִׂים הָאֵלֶּה כִּי־לֹא מִלְּבִי:
29 If these men die as all men die and the fate of all men will be visited upon them, then the Lord has not sent me.	כַּטָּאִם־כָּמוֹת כָּל־הָאָדָם יָמָתוּן אֵלֶּה וּפְקֻדַּת כָּל־הָאָדָם יִפְקֹד עֲלֵיהֶם לֹא יְהוָה שְׁלַחְנִי:
30 But if the Lord creates a creation, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them and all that is theirs, and they descend alive into the grave, you will know that these men have provoked the Lord."	לִנְאֻם־בְּרִיאָה יִבְרָא יְהוָה וּפָצְתָה הָאֲדָמָה אֶת־פִּיהָ וּבָלְעָה אֹתָם וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר לָהֶם וַיֵּרְדּוּ חַיִּים שָׁאֵלָה וַיֵּדְעֻם כִּי גָאֲצּוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים הָאֵלֶּה אֶת־יְהוָה:
31 As soon as he finished speaking all these words, the earth beneath them split open.	לֹאֻיְהִי כִכְלִיתוֹ לְדַבֵּר אֵת כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וּתִפְקַע הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר תַּחְתֵּיהֶם:
32 The earth beneath them opened its mouth and swallowed them and their houses, and all the men who were with Korah and all the property.	לְבוֹתַפְתַּח הָאֲרֶץ אֶת־פִּיהָ וּתִבְלַע אֹתָם וְאֶת־בְּתֵיהֶם וְאֶת כָּל־הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר לְקֹרַח וְאֶת כָּל־הָרְכוּשׁ:

Questions: (5 minutes)

- Why was Korach angry with Moses? Was Korach trying to start a fight?
- How was Moses thinking after Korach accused him of taking all the power?
- How was Korach thinking after Moses threatened him?
- Was Moses' reaction too harsh?
- How could have this been solved?

Share with larger group (10 minutes)

Notes: This was a highly thoughtful and well planned peulah, however, I think that it would have run much better with an older group of chanichim. I think that our chanichim were not mature enough to have a discussion and struggled to sit still for the entirety of the discussion. Many groups were forced to cut the discussion short.