

## Bogrim Brachot Challenge

**Week One:** "Upon seeing a friend for the first time in a year" ("Mechaye hametim")

"Upon doing something for the first time in a year"

Why is mechaye hametim the bracha for reunion? → is it miraculous?

*Theme= new beginnings – beginning of camp*

**Week Two:** "For a miracle done to the Jewish people"

What do miracles look like today? How do you know if you have experienced a miracle?

Why are there two different brachot for miracles done to you personally and for ones done to the Jewish people? What is the difference between these types of miracles?

*Theme=Parshat Balak (a miracle done to the Jewish people via bracha)*

**Week Three:** "Upon seeing a rainbow"

What are signs of making promises today?

What promises do you make, at camp or at home, and how do you show that you're keeping your word?

What else are rainbows used to symbolize? Is there a connection between the symbols?

*Theme: peace/brit. Pinchas took mishandling of the brit into his own hands. Brit is sacred*

**Week Four:** "Upon seeing wonders of nature"

"Upon hearing thunder"

Why do we need to say a bracha over permanent surroundings?

How does saying a bracha for nature take on a new meaning in world where we have to go and seek out nature, and make an effort to protect it?

*Theme: nature - etgar*

**Week five:** Birkot Hashachar

What are some morning rituals that you have? How does birkot hashachar compare to your morning routine? How does saying a bracha with your routine change the way you think about or complete your routine?

*Theme: bracha in routine*

**Week Six:** "Upon learning Torah"

Why is the bracha worded, "to make yourself busy with Torah? How do we see this in action at camp? How do you make Torah a part of your occupation? How would you define Torah?

*Theme: New Torah readers, page 6 – part of Peuskei d'zimrah*

**Week Seven:** "Upon Hearing good news." "Upon hearing bad news"

when is it appropriate to recognize good and bad? What happens when there is good news for someone and bad news for someone else

*Theme→Tisha B'av*

**Week Eight:** Appreciating things in general. Kids make their own bracha. Give each other blessings

How can you take home a bracha with you?