Brachot Tefilah Program 6/24

Goals:

* To teach participants brachot said outside of aruchot and tefillot in a fun and memorable way
* To educate participants on where to find brachot for all occasions in siddur sim shalom
* To encourage participants to say brachot for all sorts of things, not just tefillot and aruchot

Good smelling things

* Everyone grab something that smells nice on the way from the chadar (doesn’t need to be that fragrant, just have some sort of scent)
* On the mirpeset there will be 4 signs (Herbs and plants, fruit, trees and shrubs, spices). Everyone must go to the sign that matches the type of time they picked up.
  + Break up large groups into smaller groups as needed
* Go around the circle and have everyone share one adjective about how each item smells
* Learn bracha for appropriate item in groups
  + Spices: p. 708 first - boreh minei vsamim
  + Tree or shrubs: p.708 second - boreh eztei b’shamayim
  + Herbs or plants: p.708 third - boreh isvei vsamim
  + Fruit: p. 708 fourth - hanoten reyach tov baperot

Making a thunderstorm

* After everyone teaches the bracha Andy and Ianne will begin to snap. When you hear this, begin to snap at the same pace and get your groups to do the same. Encourage people to close their eyes.
* Snapping will speed up, turn into clapping, turn into hitting lap, turn into stomping, and then gradually ease out back to slow snapping. Everyone should follow the leaders actions and speeds.
* “Was that thunder?” “Yeah I think so. You know what that means”
  + P. 709 third bracha

Shimon Omer:

* Stand up *na lakum*
* Act like an elephant who has a stuffy nose
* Be a beautiful butterfly princess
* Act like a walrus that has water stuck in its ear
* Waddle like a penguin on a mission
* Act like a hungry hungry hippo
* “I think I just saw a bunch of really beautiful animals. Luckily we have a bracha for that.”
  + P. 710 bottom

Sikum

* Tefilot and aruchot aren't the only time we can say brachot.
* Use these brachot in daily life
* Look at back of the siddur to discover other blessings