Peulat Shabbat 7/27/12 Summary of Parshat Devarim:

This week we start the last book of the Torah; Devarim. The book of Devarim recounts Moshe's speech to the people, in the last few weeks before he dies.

He begins by talking about the importance of appointing judges.

We then read again about the story of the spies, who after going into Israel, reported back

that it was dangerous. The description of this event is much more detailed then in Parashat Shelach, where it is first found.

God commands the people to march towards the land of Israel.

We also read the last words said by Moshe before he died. Throughout his life, Moshe went through many different experiences.

Activity:

Go around in a circle and each camper should act out an event in Moshe's life, in chronological order. They can pair up with the person sitting next to them.

For example:

- 1) pulled out of the nile by pharoah's daughter
- 2) kills an egyptian task master
- 3) sees the burning bush (god says hineyni, remove your shoes, etc)
- 4) leads the people
- 5) 10 plagues
- 6) crossing the red sea/leaving egypt
- 7) leading the people through the desert
- 8) 10 commandments (receiving and breaking)
- 9) sin of the golden calf
- 10) in the desert: battles, manna, striking the rock, dealing with leprosy
- 11) sending spies to scout out the land
- 12) appointing joshua and calem
- 13) fighting the moabites, killing bilaam
- 14) death at age 120