

Peulat Shabbat for Shoafim August 6, 2011Goal:

-Teaching the importance of legacy and connecting it to the parashah

3 counselors will act as different characters: a great counselor (_____), and a bad counselor (_____). They will answer questions from the host (_____) through the following skit (feel free to improv)

Break off into discussion groups.

Questions for discussion groups:

1. Who do you think would make a better counselor? Why?
2. How will you remember these counselors?
3. Why will you think of them like that?

Activity:

1. Campers choose the 3 adjectives that they think Ilanot and Solelim think of when they think about shoafim.. Ask why they chose these adjectives (top 3)
2. Campers choose adjectives they want to be seen (Top 3) (their legacy)
3. Discuss how these differ from the first set
4. Campers choose actionsthey need to do to achieve the legacy they want (top 3)

Parashah connection:

In devarim, Moshe summarizes the Israelites journey (Masa) in the desert. He reminds them of their legacy, which is the reason they are forced to stay in the desert. Legacies can be either negative or positive. The Israelites had a bad legacy and suffered the consequences. It is an important lesson that our actions and what we leave behind can affect, for good and for bad our future and the future of others.

Host: Hello and welcome to who wants to be a counselor! (APPLAUSE) You all know the rules. I ask 3 questions to the contestants and they answer to the best of their ability. One lucky winner will be crowned counselor for a day! (Applause). Our first question is as follows: What goes into a good peulah? Contestant number one?

GC: A good peulah takes a lot of hard work and effort. It requires a lot of skill to create a program that will be both engaging and meaningful. I think it's important to not just slap together something and hope the chanichim will enjoy it. That's why I stick to the three C's: Communication with your Co's, Collecting ideas for peulot and Caring about what you do.

Host: Great! Now let's hear from contestant number two.

BC: Well I have a question for *you*.

Host: Okay, what is it?

BC: what's a peulah?

Host: Right. Well peulah is hebrew for program.

BC: Fine. Well let me tell you about my three C's of programming: who Cares? And cool guys are the best.

Host: I believe that was only two.

BC: Well I didn't ask you, did I?

Host: okaaay. Contestant number one, what is your favorite part about camp Ramah?

GC: Now that's a tough one. Between awesome programs, the shabbat experience, learning new things, and hanging with friends, I don't think I can decide.

Host: Great. Number two?

BC: Ooooooh that is a tough one. I mean between skipping programs, breaking shabbat, and all around not caring I guess I'd have to say that camp is lame, you're lame and this game show is lame.

Host: Ouch. Well we still have time for one final question. Contestant number one, why do you want to be a counselor?

GC: It's just such an amazing opportunity to meet new people, learn new things, get some great experience and have a great time too.

Host: Very nice. And contestant number two?

BC: I don't.

Host: Pardon me?

BC: I said I don't.

Host: Then why are you here?

BC: Because I wanted to be on TV, of course.

Host: I mean, we're clearly not on TV, We're at a camp.

BC: Well then I guess I'm done here. (leaves)

Host: OK, well there you have it. It's up to you guys, who gets to be.....Counselor for a day!

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