

Peulat Shabbat Devarim: Who Wants To Be A Leader?

Program Planners: Elena, Will, TBT

Program Type: Peulat Shabbat

Date: 7/25

Approximate Duration: 35 minutes

Ideal Location: Lower migrash, tennis courts

Description: Peula begins with a skit by the peulah planners (a la 5 o'clock news) highlighting Bnai Yisrael's time in the desert. Then split up into groups for leadership activities and finish up with a discussion of leadership and authority.

Goal: Get campers talking about the role of the judges in the Torah, but also about authority's place in society.

Methods used: skit (counselors), game, discussion

Supplies needed: Slips of paper with random topics in plastic bags (one per group)

News Report

(get decked out - sit at a table with papers to do that thing that news reporters do. Teach everyone the "doo doo doop" thingy for intro/exit music)

Will: Good evening, I'm Will Gomolka, and these are tonight's highlights from the last forty years.

Elena: Bnai Yisrael began their journey with a rough start. After appointing judges to help him govern, Moses leads our chosen people to Israel's borders.

Tova: But a rough report from the spies sent to scout the land scared the offensive line, and the Israelites made a quick retreat.

E: To Moses's dismay.

T: That's right.

W: As punishment for their lack of faith, God sentences the Israelites to wander in the desert until the current generation has died out and their children are ready to enter Israel.

E: Fast forward 38 years, and Bnai Yisrael has become an unstoppable force. They battle the Emorites and Bashanites and claim their land.

T: \*pretending to listen in to a headpiece\* I'm receiving a report now from our men on the ground - on the brink of entering Israel, Moses has just passed leadership on to Joshua!

W: Will Joshua rise to the challenge? Or will he crumble under the pressure? Stay tuned to find out.

Activity: Who Wants to Be a Leader?

Confidence - If you want people to believe in you, you have to believe in yourself. Prove you are confident by strutting your stuff.

Campers line up and play a game of Follow the Leader, switching leaders frequently

Charisma - A leader must be charismatic! If you want to lead rowdy Bnai Yisrael, you've gotta hone your public speaking skills.

Have campers take turns picking a slip of paper out of the bag. Whatever the topic (socks, jell-o, etc.), they must make a speech about it for 60 seconds in front of the group

Enthusiasm - To become an effective leader, you've got to have spirit. Express excitement and people will follow you!

Create a haka (rugby intimidation dance) with your campers - basically get them to yell "komate komate ha ha!" and wave their arms a lot

Have campers add their own steps, but there cannot be any real words. Only nonsense sounds.

### Discussion Questions

What qualities make a good leader?

How should a leader be chosen?

Do you think that they should be appointed by the previous leader, the way that Moses appointed Joshua, or should they be elected by the people?

Is it better to have one strong leader, such as when Moses lead Bnai Yisrael almost single-handedly, or many, such as when the judges helped govern the people? Describe the pros and cons of each type of leadership.

What ways can you be leaders in your tzrif? In the edah as a whole?

How can leadership go wrong? What safeguards can we put in place to keep leaders from becoming tyrants?

## Groups

Group 1 - Claire and Julian	Dalia L Sophie S Ariella L	Simon M Josh W Micah I
Benja C Oren M Jackie S Maayan H Yael S Eliana G Gabe S Ethan W Gilad G Adi G	Cece F Alex H David H Jake B Etan D	Group 6 - Taylor and Koby  Nathan M Ariel S Kyla C Sadie R Yael N Sarah F Daniel M Aaron F Josh L
Group 2 - Eve and Will	Group 4 - Tova and Gefen	Group 7 - Reut and Alan
Tal A Leah F Tali K Rebecca B Talia C Abby C Jonah W Nadav B Ben W Jacob E	Caleb H Kayla T Peri L Shelby S Liana R Ben F Gabe P Yonatan H Jeremy L	Harrison S Elise B Sari D Rachel S Anna B Deborah W Jesse R Micah M Marc W Avi S
Group 3 - Elena and Eli	Group 5 - Ruby and Saul	
Micah L Sophia J	Josh S Adeena B-S Daphne K Hannah L Naomi V Tova G	