**Disabilities and Sense activity** Date of the peulah: 7/13/2011

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Length of Peulah: 45 minutes

Staff present: (Too many: yes / no) (needed more: yes / no) circle the best answer

Goals of the Peulah

1. To make campers aware of their abilities

2. To make campers acknowledge and be respectful of other people’s disabilities.

Materials needed for peulah:

Benches, blindfolds, feathers, pipecleaners, paintbrush, water cups, apples, tape, socks, sweatshirt, siddur, bed and sheet, talis, ball.

Program explanation:

3 stations, switch like round robin. 15 minutes for each station

Blindness:

Two parts:

1: make a maze out of benches, blindfold each camper and instruct their bunkmates to guide their friend through the maze using their voices.

2: blindfold each camper and help them interact with different things and guess what they are. IE- rub a dry paintbrush against their skin, tickle them with a feather, have them hold an apple. Splash water on them. Tell the campers to describe how the object feels against their skin/in their hands, tell them to guess what it is.

Deafness:

Two parts:

1. Teach shma in sign language. Use YouTube to help you learn it!

2. Do a drum circle (using your hands), and play follow the beat (like follow the leader).

Amputee (No Use of your hands)

Put socks on campers hands and use tape to tie them to each other. Make them go through a “mini schedule”, and act out things that represent the day’s activity. For example, for wake up, give the campers a sweatshirt and have them try to put it on using their sock-taped hands. Make a bed for nikayon. Open a siddur and put on a talis for tefilot, pass around a ball for sport….

Was the program a success? Give 2-3 reasons why!

1. yes! The kids seemed to have a real grasp of the senses they don’t use as often.

2. They were interested in learning about different types of disabilities.

3. they found their own strengths.

What are some ways you could improve the peulah? What would you change for next time?

1. prepare the staff better.

2. better coordinatation with switching the round robin groups.