

Peulat Shabbat Eikev: Whose Land is it Anyways?

Program Planners: Elena, Will, TBT

Program Type: Peulat Shabbat

Date: 8/8 @ 5:30

Approximate Duration: 45 minutes

Ideal Location: Upper migrash

Goal: Have a whole heck of a lot of fun. Learn about inheritance, tribal unity, and probability. Overall an extraordinarily educational experience for kol hachanichim b'edat hashoafim.

Description:

The edah will be split into six groups - 3 are Bnai Shoafim (equivalent to Bnai Yisrael in the parsha) and 3 are the Shoafites (equivalent to Canaanites). The overarching competition is between Bnai Shoafim and the Shoafites, but three subgroups for each side are loyal to themselves - each has their own tribe name.

Every tribe will assemble with their tribe leaders (madrachim) and will draw straws (or some equivalent method) to divide the tribe into generations. There should be 2 chanichim in each generation and 6 generations in a tribe.

Every tribe will receive an initial amount of property - land and possessions - which will be represented by marshmallows, henceforth referred to as 'shmallows.

A round commences as a tribe sends their first generation up to draw a card. The whole tribe fulfills the task on the card and the reward/punishment is served. The next tribe draws a card, etc. The second round is identical, but with second generation drawing the cards and representing the tribe. Repeat until every generation has gone.

After the game is done and everyone has eaten at least one 'shmallow, the tribes sit and each have a discussion about inheritance and the lessons they have learned.

Supplies needed: printed cards, 'shmallows, water balloons, stickers for each groups

Sikkum: The key to winning the game is for the kids to realize they should play Chubby Bunny at the end with all their 'shmallows.

Introduction

Elena: Will, can you tell me what this week's parsha is?

Will: No :(

Elena: OK, well, what's the first letter of the alphabet?

Will: A!

Elena: Yeah! And what's a fun nickname for Kevin Durant?

Will: Kev?

Elena: That's right! This week's parsha is A-Kev (Eikev)!

TBT: In parashat Eikev, Moses continues with his final address to Bnai Yisrael before they enter the Land of Israel. He recaps more of their time in the desert and explains to them how they will conquer the Promised Land and its current inhabitants with God behind them. So today, we're going to play...

All: WHOSE LAND IS IT ANYWAY!

\*Divide into groups and begin\*

## Discussion Questions

Is it fair that later generations suffer if their ancestors make mistakes, or are rewarded if their ancestors do something good? Why or why not?

What do you think about Bnai Yisrael entering the land and taking it from the people already living there? Was it justified? Why or why not?

Are we entitled to certain rewards because of God? Are we entitled to certain rewards because of who our ancestors were?

What steps can we take to make society fair for everyone, regardless of who your ancestors are or what God you worship?

Fix society in 10 minutes, Shoafim!

Create a utopia, Shoafim!

Balance the budget & repair our failing economy, Shoafim!

Ready, set, go!

Bonus: how many marshmallows can you fit in your mouth?

Groups - TBT, Will, Elena are supervising/running the game

Danjaphraimshem (Dan, Benjamin, Ephraim, Menashem)  
Reulevtalimians - Reut, Jess

Bnai Shoafim – Reulevtalimian (Reuven, Levi, Naftali, Simian); Zevashacharad (Zevulun, Asher, Izacahr, Gad);

Benja C  
Oren M

Jackie S  
Maayan H  
Yael S  
Gabe S  
Ethan W  
Harrison S  
Adi G  
Peri L  
Elise B  
Zevashacharads - Claire, Alan

Leah F  
Tali K  
Talia C  
Sari D  
Jonah W  
Nadav B  
Ben W  
Micah M  
Sadie R  
Anna B  
Danjaphraimshems - Julian, Taylor

Micah L  
Sophia J  
Rebecca B  
Sophie S  
Simon M  
Tova G  
Alex H  
Josh L  
Jake B  
Yael N  
Deborah W

Shoafites – The Lo Normalites, The  
Velerites, The Jungelites  
The Lo Normalites - Eli, Gefen

Rachel S  
Kayla T  
Sarah F  
Hannah L  
Etan D  
Josh W  
Gabe P  
Caleb H  
Josh S  
Jesse R  
Avi S  
The Velerites - Eve, Ruby

Adeena B-S  
Daphne K  
Abby C  
Naomi V  
Cece F  
Yonatan H  
Micah I  
Ben F  
Jeremy L  
Marc W  
Gilad G  
The Jungelites - Saul, Koby

Nathan M  
Ariel S  
Kyla C  
Daniel M  
Aaron F  
David H  
Liana R  
Eliana G  
Dalia L  
Tal A  
Shelby S