

1st Peulat Shabbat Solelim-- Masaot

HaMasa of Machane Ramah

Peulat Shabbat

4:25-- Meet at the gates to camp

- Break into five groups, with 1-2 leaders per group
- "Today we are going on a Masa shel Machane Ramah, Solelim. Kadima!"

Places to visit on our journey:

- Moadon Ilanot
  - Opening questions:
    - How many of you started in Ilanot (or before Ilanot)?
    - How many of you are at camp for the first time?
  - Explanation:
    - At Machane Ramah, Edat Ilanot represents the beginning of the Ramah Masa. Ilanoters are introduced to the ways of camp and the ways of Judaism. Maybe you've noticed that in Solelim, we've already begun to add on to expectations and peulot that you did in Ilanot. For example, we have more complete tfilot, we have tzrifim leading tfilot, etc.
  - Discussion questions:
    - What are some things that we do in Solelim that you didn't do in Ilanot?
    - If this is your first time at camp, what does the beginning feel like for you?
- Chorsha/Moadon Magshimim
  - Opening questions:
    - How many of you have siblings on Tzad Bet?
    - Are you looking forward to being a chanich/chanicha on Tzad Bet? Why or why not?
  - Explanation:
    - For tzad aleph, we try to introduce you to camp and to Judaism, and on tzad bet, we work on making you Jewish leaders at camp and out of camp. In addition, you are trusted with more independence and you are given more responsibility. For example, on tzad bet, you will have community service projects, more intense etgar, Berkshires (be sure to explain), Mach Ach, etc.
  - Discussion questions:
    - Did you see a change in chanichim that you know who have moved on to tzad bet? What are some differences between tzad aleph and tzad bet chanichim (physical, emotional, intellectual, etc.)?
    - What does it mean to be a good leader? What traits/qualities does a good leader have? Who are your most influential leaders (at camp, in your community, etc.)?

- Do you think it's more important to first learn about being a leader, or rather to become a leader by being a leader? Do you need to do both in order to become the ideal/ultimate leader?
  - What type of masa are we on right now? (Answers may include physical, or symbolic)
  - What are some other types of masaot?
  - (for example, madrichim may want to discuss spiritual journeys. They can talk about being in the chorsha for Kabbalat Shabbat [especially since this station is at the chorsha], Seudah Shlishit Zmirot, etc.)
- Kfar Nivonim
  - Opening Questions:
    - When do we see Nivonimers at camp? What are they doing/what roles are they playing? (Yom Sport, Minis, Friday night shirah, etc.)
  - Explanation:
    - As you all know, Nivonim is not only the oldest edah on tzad bet, but also the oldest edah in camp. Nivonimers aren't only chanichim, they are also trained to start the next stage of the masa: madrichim and miktzoim. That is why we have "Minis," that is why Nivonim leads Yom Sport, etc. Being the oldest is a privilege, but it also comes with a lot of responsibility. "With great power comes great responsibility!!"
  - Discussion Questions:
    - Are there situations in your life where you're the oldest one (family, groups at school)? How does that feel? Are there expectations for you as the leader of the group?
- Mirpeset shel Moadon Tzevet
  - Opening Questions:
    - Where are we? (Tell them)
    - [Insert personal story about coming (back) on staff or about life as a staff member.]
  - Explanation:
    - This is the beginning of the second stage of life at Machane Ramah: tzevet. One of the main reasons we come back on staff is because we had such positive, influential experiences as chanichim, and we want to be able to give you those same (or even better) experiences. On tzevet, you can use what you learned as a chanich/a (especially in Nivonim) and implement it.
  - Discussion Questions:
    - Can you imagine yourself as a tzevet member? What would you add to the camp? What would you give back?
- Tzrif Yisrael (if time allows):
  - Opening Questions:
    - How does camp talk about Israel? What do you know about Israel from camp?

- Who knows what Ramah Israel Seminar is?
- Explanation:
  - [People who went on Seminar will speak about their experiences, and the goals of Seminar.]
- Discussion Questions:
  - Is Seminar critical to the Ramah Masa? How would Seminar add to your job as a madrich(a)?

Closing at Mirpeset HaG'dolah (be there by 5:30)

- We hope you enjoyed our physical and intellectual journey, Solelim.
- Talk about this week's parsha-- the connection between peulat shabbat, the parsha, and the parsha's title (and the theme of the kayitz!)
- While this masa is coming to a close, we want you to remember that most masaot never have a real end. It is the process of the masa that is most crucial for growth. Have fun on your Masa shel Ramah!!