

Peulat Shabbat Chukat: Gilad Shalit

Goal: To learn about Gilad Shalit and the story he wrote, which will introduce our campers to the theme of unity.

Story summary: About a fish and a shark who meet and, though natural enemies, they decide to become friends and live in peace.

Location: Bet Am Aleph (if available) otherwise A-side amphitheater or Moadon if raining

Introduction and reading of story in Hebrew-Edan

Reading in English-Barry

Procedure: Select staff members (listed below) will act out story as it is read (10-15 minutes)

Fish-Ashley

Shark-Zev

Fish's mom-Adam

Shark's mom-Dana

Jellyfish-Matan

Seaweed-Camper volunteers

Scuba diver-Liav

Discussion questions-lead by Zev (2 minutes)

Has anyone ever heard this story before?

Do you know who wrote it?

Ashley will explain some background about the story by reading an internet passage (2-3 minutes)

Zev will continue a discussion on what the story means and will share a personal connection to Gilad Shalit (10-15 minutes)

Questions: How does it make you feel?

What do you think it means/represents?

"When the Shark and the Fish First Met"

by: Gilad Shalit

A small and gentle fish was swimming in the middle of a peaceful ocean. All of a sudden, the fish saw a shark that wanted to devour him.

He then began to swim very quickly, but so did the shark.

Suddenly the fish stopped and called to the shark:

"Why do you want to devour me? We can play together!"

The shark thought and thought and said:

"Okay- fine: Let's play hide and seek."

The shark and fish played all day long, until the sun went down.

In the evening, the shark returned to his home.

His mother asked:

"How was your day, my dear shark? How many animals did you devour today?"

The shark answered: "Today I didn't devour any animals, but I played with an animal called FISH".

"That fish is an animal we eat. Don't play with it!" said the shark's mother.

At the home of the fish, the same thing happened. "How are you, little fish? How was it today in the sea?" asked the fish's mother.

The fish answered: "Today I played with an animal called SHARK."

"That shark is the animal that devoured your father and your brother. Don't play with that animal," answered the mother.

The next day in the middle of the ocean, neither the shark nor the fish were there.

They didn't meet for many days, weeks and even months.

Then, one day they met. Each one immediately ran back to his mother and once again they didn't meet for days, weeks and months.

After a whole year passed, the shark went out for a nice swim and so did the fish. For a third time, they met and then the shark said: "You are my enemy, but maybe we can make peace?"

The little fish said: "Okay."

They played secretly for days, weeks and months, until one day the shark and fish went to the fish's mother and spoke together with her. Then they did the same thing with the shark's mother; and from that same day the sharks and the fish live in peace.

THE END

Gilad Shalit Peulat Erev Part 2 7/4

Goal: To show support and appreciation for Gilad Shalit and his family by continuing with the theme of edah unity.

Location: Bet am bet (Note: Israeli music should be playing in the background throughout activities-provided by Edan/Yaara)

Procedure: Begin by watching Gilad Shalit Youtube video. (5 minutes)

- o Edan will then split up the edah by tzrif to make letters (addressed to Naom Shalit/the Shalit family) that express appreciation and support for what he/they have been through. (10-15 minutes)
- o Each tzrif will then be making posters in support of Gilad Shalit to hang up in their tzrifim. Chanichim may include uplifting quotes, wishes and/or blessings, etc. ex. Free Gilad, We're thinking of you... (10-15 minutes)



The order of these two activities is interchangeable.

- o Simultaneously, one bunk at a time will be called up to paint hand-prints and/or messages on a large flag that will be sent to Noam Shalit.
- o If any groups want to share what they wrote in their letters or on their posters, they may.

Conclusion: Ashley and Harry will lead the edah in Acheinu. (2-3 minutes)

- o Website for lyrics: <http://www.ncsyatlanta.com/?pgid=51>