Peulat Tefillah: Jury Duty For Moshe

Goals:

* Teach the chanichim about Parshat Hashavua
* Have Keyf

Description:

Split the chanichim into 13 kvutzot based on the safsalim they are sitting on and the madrichim that are around. Once in groups a madrich/a will stand in the front and read out the process of Moshe’s punishment and trial. The chanichim, in their groups, will then decide what they believe is the correct and fair punishment for Moshe’s crime of hitting the rock.

Materials:

* Summary of Moshe’s punishment and “trial”.

Rain plan:

* None

Text of Moshe’s punishment:

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Handout for tzevet:

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Discussion questions:

* Raise your hand if you think Moshe’s punishment was fair.
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* Raise your hand if you think Moshe’s punishment was unfair.
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* How do you think God should have handled Moshe instead?