

Peulat Shabbat 7/4/15

Planners: Shai, Guy, Eli, Claire

Location: start on the mirpeset, then groups can spread out only on the upper migrash

Goal: teach the campers that their words have lots of power, and that what they say doesn't affect only themselves, so they should be very conscious of what they say.

Description: start with a short skit to introduce the idea of lashon hara, then split up into groups to complete challenges without talking, then having a discussion about how our words affect others.

Method:

1. Skit: Shai gives a short summary of the parsha that is relevant to lashon hara.
2. Challenges: give each camper in your group 5 tootsie rolls (or Hershey kisses or other small candies). Tell them that they will need to complete several challenges as a group but they are not allowed to talk. If one of them, every camper will lose one candy. Then have them complete the following challenges:
 - a. Line up by number of siblings
 - b. Line up by birthdate
 - c. Line up alphabetically by middle name
 - d. Make a human pyramid
 - e. Stand in a heart shape
3. Discussion about lashon hara, verbal bullying, and the effects of our words.
 - a. Is lashon hara or physical abuse worse?
 - i. Why?
 - b. Why do you think people gossip?
 - c. Are you familiar with a case of lashon hara? Explain/share if comfortable.
 - d. How can your words affect other people negatively?
 - e. How can your words affect other people positively?
 - f. How can we be sure to use our words for good rather than bad?

Sikkum: our words can really affect others, so we have to be careful how we use that power.

Groups: