

**Peulat Shabbat- Parshat Balak 7/7/12**  
**Sensory Mah Tovv**

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**Stage I. Introduction (10 minutes)**

Sing Mah Tovv songs, explain what it means etc. Talk about what is "tov" in our "tents" (bunks/moadon)

**Stage II. Sensory stations (Each 5-7 minutes)**

Bunk 81: Smell- Have an orange, peppermint from garden, clean laundry, grass. Every camper closes their eyes and tries to guess what they are smelling. Afterwards, every camper says which one they think is the most "tov."

Bunk 82: Hearing: Bang on the porch, whistle, humming, singing favorite shabbos song. Everyone says which one is the most "tov" to them, and then they make a noise.

Bunk 83: Sight: Do 1-2 pages of the I Spy book and eye test.

Bunk 84: Have bowls filled with sand, fuzzy things/feathers, stuffed animal, ice. Every camper closes their eyes and tries to guess what they are feeling. Afterwards, every camper says which one they think is the most "tov."

**Stage III. Sense of Taste (10 minutes)**

Bring campers back to moadon.

Give everyone a few mike-n-ikes, an apple, and a few pretzels. Afterwards, every camper says which one they think is the most "tov." Then discuss the idea of how our trifim and moadon are "tov", especially when we use all of our senses to appreciate what we have.

M: Hey Saba.

S: Shalom, little Moisholeh! How are you this Shabbos?

M: I hate Shabbat Saba. It's so booring.

S: What are you talking about? Shabbat is the best day of the week!

M: I can't watch TV, I can't play on my computer, I just do nothing all day.

S: Well, did you go to services today?

M: I did, but I don't understand anything because it's all in Hebrew.

S: Do you know what today's parsha was about?

M: No, I wasn't paying attention. It was so boring!

S: Boring??? Moishe, let me tell about this week's parsha Chukkat. It's really quite exciting.

M: Yeah, right.

S: It all starts with the great leader Moshe.

M: Oh I know Moshe. He's cool.

S: Did you know that in this parsha God gets really angry with Moshe?

M: What? I thought Moshe was like even better than Superman!

S: The greater you are, the higher the expectations.

M: Well I guess that's true.

S: So let me tell you the story. The great leader Moshe (enter Moshe) was nice and strong and smart. He even knew how to do the robot. But one day, the people of Israel were complaining that they want water!

(Audience says we want people!)

God tells Moses and Aaron to tell the rock to give them water. But then Moses gets angry at the people of Israel and hits the rock!

(Rock spits up)

Rock: Hey, what did you do that for? You could have just asked! I have a water bottle right here.)

Then God tells Moses: you're a really nice guy and all, but you messed up big time. You didn't listen to directions, you got frustrated, and you used your violence instead of your words. Let me think about a punishment for your bad actions.

M: Wow, that is really interesting! Next week, I'm sitting in the front row!

Moishe: Shabbat shalom Saba!

Saba: Shalom, Moisheleh! So how was shul today?

Moishe: It was ok. It was a double parsha, and it started off talking about something called vows.

Saba: Do you not know what a vow is?

Moishe: No, can you tell me?

Saba: Moishe, a vow is a promise. Let me give an example.

In walk camper and counselor.

Counselor: Hey mike, it's time for agam. Can you please put on your bathing suit?

Camper: Aw man, can I listen to my ipod instead?

Counselor: I'm sorry Mike, but it's time to put on your bathing suit. You can't swim in your clothes!

Camper: I promise I'll do it after this song!

Counselor: Ok, I'm coming back in exactly three and a half minutes.

Counselor leaves and returns. Camper is dancing on his bed...

Counselor: Alright Mike, time to get changed. What were you listening to anyway?

Camper: (Sings Mah Tovv)-Born to sing His praises in our holy, holy spaces. Mah Tovv. It's the morning, Mah Tovv.

Counselor: I love that song! But a promise is a promise, please put your swimsuit on!

Camper: No problem! I'll get started right now!

Moishe: Oh! Why was the parsha talking about promises for so long? Why are promises so important?

Saba: Because sometimes people use the strong words of a promise for bad things. Sometimes people don't complete their promise, and those actions can have really big consequences. Let me give some examples.

Counselor: Hey Sally....

Camper: Shalom, to my counselor, so glad to see you!

Counselor: Oh, well I'm glad that you're happy to see me. I'm happy to see you too because its time for Nikayon. Can you please clean up your area? It kind of stinks. Pee-yoo!

Camper: No problem, I'll do it now!

Counselor: Great! I have to go return my skis from my knees to Samantha. I'll be back soon.

Counselor leaves. Camper gets distracted by the magazine by his bed. Counselor returns.

Counselor: Oh, I trust Sally so much with her cleaning. When I come into this bunk, I'm so sure she cleaned her area that I'm not even going to look at the floor.

Counselor walks in and trips over the stuff that Sally didn't clean up.

Counselor: Oh Sally, I trusted you! Now I fell and I think I broke my tushie!

Moishe: Oh goodness, forgetting about a promise is a terrible thing! If you make a promise, you should keep it!

Saba: Yes, forgetting is bad but there is even something worse. Sometimes people lie about promises they make.

Counselor walks in and sees camper sitting on the floor with a canteen box over his head.

Counselor: Hey Jimmy, is that you?

Camper: (Mumbles) blah-blah-blah

Counselor: What? I can't hear you? Why are you wearing a box on your head?

Counselor takes off box and reveals chocolate on camper's mouth.

Counselor: Jimmy, what's on your face?

Camper: Nothing. (Wipes mouth)

Counselor: Would you happen to know where canteen is Jimmy?

Camper: No. (Throws box away)

Counselor: Jimmy, did you just eat the whole canteen for our bunk?

Camper: No

Counselor: Jimmy, are you sure?

Camper: I promise I didn't eat it.

Counselor: Ok, do you know who ate it?

Camper: Yeah, I think I saw Howard eating it.

Counselor: Ok, I'm glad you didn't eat it. Eating that much sugar would have given you a stomachache and we would have taken you to the marp.

(Counselor leaves)

Camper: Ugh, my stomach hurts. I shouldn't have lied, now I can't go to the marp for help.

Moishe: Oh my, lying is terrible! People need to choose their words wisely.

Saba, Yes, Moishe. That's why the parsha spent so much time taking about vows.