

Peulat Shabbat: Parshah Mas'ei
 Session 2, Shabbat #1
 Saturday, July 26th

Planners: Rachel

Makom: Magen David -- B-Side Migrash in groups

Time: 4:45

Part I: The Journey

- Read text, then discuss:
 - What strikes you about this text? (Trying to get to this point: *Why would this boring passage be in the Torah?*)
 - Do you consider this a story? Is it laws? What exactly is this?
 - Does this contain pieces of a big story, or is each piece its own story?
- Give everyone two minutes to individually come up with a six-word story describing the journey of the Israelites.
 - Have everyone share his/her stories.
 - Why didn't you guys include the details that were included in the Torah?
 - This journey of the Israelites is one of the most meaningful in history. Why is it important for us to remember all the stops along the way?
 - Think back on the last year of your life. What do you remember?
 - Is it the small things, or the big things?
 - One awesome English class, or your best friend's bar mitzvah?
 - Do you think the small things are just as important as the big things?
 - Gear the discussion towards this ideal (you don't necessary have to say this quote): *all of these things are important. Every step of the journey leads you to who you are.*

Part II: The Mistakes

- Read text, then discuss:
 - What does this mean?
 - If they can't figure it out, explain -- it means that the community will help hide someone who accidentally killed someone (manslayer), and protect them from harm (avenger).
 - Do you think someone who made a mistake as grave as killing someone deserves to be protected at all? Do they deserve a second chance?
 - Do you remember a time when your community [family, friends, etc.] gave you a second chance?
 - Do you think giving second chances is a Jewish value?
 - Is giving second chances a personal value of yours?
 - Would you help your friends if they made a mistake?

Wrap up by saying something about how we all need help on our journey, and as Magshimim we will be here for each other just as the Israelites were on their journey.

Come together in front of tennis courts (usual spot) at 5:30 to learn Tov L'Hodot.