

3. Peulat Erev/ Peulat Tzrif

Peulat Erev

6/24- 60's Dance Party

6/25- Watched Hairspray

6/28- Take Home Ramah

Yehadut staff worked with us to begin the process of writing Bogrim Divrei Torah. They began talking about how to integrate different texts together to make one flowing argument.

6/29- Learned Edah Dance

6/30- Music Challenge

The edah was divided in half. One half of the activity was to guess a list of song titles and artists after only hearing a short clip of the song. The other half had a sing down using different themes or Jewish values.

7/1- Play Practice

7/2- Bogrim Play

7/5- Camp Wide

7/6- Teva Bonfire

7/7- Rick Recht

7/8-

7/9- Shabbat prep

7/12- Yehuda

7/13- Project Runway

The edah was divided up into teams according to bunk where they were given ridiculous pieces of clothing that did not match (purchased at Goodwill). They were then given a certain amount of time to make new garments out of these items. After the cut up the clothing, they had to walk down the runway to music of their choice and were judged on the quality of their new clothing. We brought in judges from outside the edah and all the kids had a great time working together as bunks to create the new clothing.

7/14- Nivonim Play

7/15- Dodgeball w/ MAG (cancelled JV Berkshires)

7/16- Improv Games

7/21- Facebook

7/22- Ami Yares Concert

7/23- Lip Sync

7/26- Yehadut night

7/27- Trivia Challenge

Each group of campers were given a list of 20 random trivia questions to answer, and were interrupted to complete physical challenges. This peulah allowed different campers to share different strengths and work on different aspects of the trivia at one time.

7/28- Camp Wide prep night (talent show)

7/29- Tisha Bav

8/2- Global Thermal Nuclear Warfare

8/3- Yom Sport

8/4- Ramah's Got Talent

8/5- Etgar

8/6- Machon Play

8/9- Magshimim Play

8/10- Pep Rally

8/11- Improv Games

8/12- Peulat Tzrif

8/13- Picture Perfect

These campers were able to handle a lot of intelligent programming. The best programming was when all the campers were given tasks or engaged together or in groups. It was difficult when only one or two campers were involved in the activity at a time. When making groups we tried to mix up social circles and randomly assign campers together. It was important to mix up the genders and force campers to work with people they do not normally interact with.

We did not have a lot of Peulat Erev this summer, but the ones we had were very successful and fun. It was important for the staff to take the boring old programs and revamp them to instill Jewish themes into them and make them more exciting. One thing that helped us with programming for the first session was a brainstorming session during staff week. We made a list of overdone programs at camp and decided that we were not going to do any of them, but challenge ourselves to develop better stronger programs. We then came up with a list of new innovative programs we wanted to plan for the session. This allowed the vaads to take ideas from the list and plan programs accordingly. After staff week our entire schedule of peulat for that month were planned.

Occasionally, we brought in non-bunk staff to judge different competitions. We worked with the Chinuch staff once a session on divrei Torahs and Teva staff to help with a bonfire. We did not utilize out live-ins or non-Bunk staff enough for peulat erev.