

### Nevonim 2008 – Peulot Erev/Peulot Edah

Mishlachat program (Gadi Ezra): split chanichim by gender and, with supervision of tzevet and mishlachat from other eidot, do some military-style training exercises and even some self defense work (it was very well done with a level of seriousness as to not encourage violence) then take each group on a blindfolded trust walk to machine 1 where they were presented to about what the mishlachat thought it means to be Israeli and where the chanichim can fit themselves in the Jewish world and Israeli world.

Complexity is Not a Vice program (Wthan Witkovsky and Mike Landes): Chanichim were in the beit am bet and watched a short video clip about media misrepresentations of the Palestinian-Israel conflict. They were then broken into small groups led by madrichim with pre-prepared questions and engaged in a discussion of perception and the complexity of not only the conflict (we tried to stay away from discussion of the conflict itself) but of the issues involved in trying to transmit information about the conflict. We then brought everyone together for sharing and watching a clip from the West Wing (season 4 episode 3 "Game on") which summed up well the main take-aways of the peulah.

Talent show program: each bunk was given a poem, play or song that they had to creatively present to the eidah. Not a very educational program but was incredible for bunk bonding and eidah bonding. It created inside jokes that lasted the rest of the summer and was a very fun evening.

The first week of camp we split the boys and girls up after dinner; the girls learned the Miriam dance while the boys davened Mincha and then had a discussion about prayer at Ramah, prayer in Nivonim and hitting one's chest during '*Slach lanu ki...*'. Then the girls davened Maariv and had a discussion while the boys learned '*ana b'koach*' which they sang on the first Friday night.

Last night of camp: after camp wide festivities we returned to the kfar for pulot ohel which were very successful (could have even been a little longer) then we had a peulat minim (the girls program was amazing and involved communal journaling, the boys program was a more frontal thing in which the counselors individually answered the question "what would you most like the men in this eidah to take away from the summer" with questions from the chanichim afterwards). After this was a peulat eidah in the Beit Am which involved watching some of the movies filmed by the chanichim over the past week, watching the last 'Saturday night live' sketches from the madrichim, some short speeches from campers and counselors and the eidah haracha from the Rosh. We left the Beit Am around 5am, got back to the kfar and then davened shachrit at 5:30am.