

SOLELIM 2008 – Peulat Erev

Human Bingo (Getting to Know Each Other) – This was a simple, fun program which was a good way for hanichim to meet each other but the campers did not take the opportunity to really meet each other and instead ran around trying to fill out the bingo sheet as fast as possible (which was understandable).

“Which Counselor Is It?”

Camp Hollywood Squares – This program was fun but while one round was not long enough, two rounds left the kids fidgeting and a bored by the end.

Tzahal -- Our mishlachat tzevet planned a peulah where the kids learned about their counselors' experiences in basic training (by being in it!), played a game mimicking throwing and running from grenades, and then broke up into groups for a trivia game about the Israeli army. It went very well and I really liked that hanichim learned facts about Tzahal during the trivia game.

Solelim & Amitzim Joint Peulat Erev – “Building Bridges” – The peulah went mostly well – the discussion groups were at times filled with lag time between questions which could have been overcome by counselors stepping in to move the conversation along. In my opinion it is important to have a quick meeting with Solelim prior to the peulah with the Amitzimers to give Solelim a heads up about what they will likely see and give time for questions as some of the chanichim might be nervous about spending time with individuals with special needs.

Capture the Counselor

Israeli Cities

Improv Games

Environmentalism -- Teva staff was supposed to run a game similar to capture the flag that was about conserving energy units. However, it was storming that night and so they (Gabe, Noach & Dan Dan) taught songs about composting, saving food, etc. This went amazingly well because the three of them are engaging and exciting! After this, the kids were given materials to make recycling bins and signs reminding people to turn off lights for their bunks. The kids were given a “Recycling Dictionary” (please see attachment) with Hebrew words to be used on their signs. This peulah was really a success – the kids had lots of fun with the teva staff, participated in making the signs and had some time to hang out and socialize with each other.

Global Thermal Nuclear War (run by Ethan Linden) – I will just say that it was talked about throughout the rest of the summer – it went amazingly well.

Solelim Disney -- This peulah was run last year in Solelim and was a great success both times. Theedah was divided into groups (during b'chirot) and the hanichim spent b'chirot preparing skits based on various Disney movies. Some of the movies included Winnie the Pooh, 101 Dalmations and the Lion King. The peulat erev then consisted of each group's performance. It was a great peulah and the kids were talking about it for days!

Solelim's Peulat Erev of Awesomeness (Otherwise known as Create Your Own Superhero) -- This was a great peulah and the kids had lots of fun! Several of them said they would have liked more time and to have actually dressed up as their superhero with props from their bunks.

Iron Chef & B'rachot -- The campers were broken up into teams and given ingredients for the competition. Before beginning "cooking", the campers were taught the b'rachot for the various ingredients. Each team had to create an appetizer, main dish and dessert -- this was a great thing because the team was further divided into three groups and this meant that all the kids were directly involved in creating a dish instead of three of the kids on a team doing everything and the others sitting on the side. When presenting their dishes, the team had to tell the judges which b'racha was required for each dish and why. This was an amazing peulat erev!