

Peulat Shabbat - Parshat Pinchas

Schedule for boys 1, girls 2, girls 3

Intro - 5 min

Track A - 20-25 min

Track B - 20-25 min

Schedule for boys 2, girls 1, girls 4

Intro - 5 min

Track B - 20-25 min

Track A - 20-25 min

Intro by Mira, Tali Or

Split into 6 groups.

Groups boys 1, girls 2, girls 3 stay on one side of migrash or mirpeset (rain)

Groups boys 2, girls 1, girls 4 go to other side of migrash or in beit am aleph (rain)

Intro:

As you all know, the name of the Parsha is Pinchas, named after Pinchas, a man who killed an Israelite and a Midionite woman. However, a large portion of this parsha deals with the story of B'not Zelophehad, a group of five sisters trying to gain possession of their deceased father's land.

During this time, when a father died, his land would be passed on to his sons, while his daughters would marry and become part of their husband's families. Zelophehad died without sons, leaving his five daughters without any inheritance. B'not Zelophehad went to Moshe, asking him if they could get their father's land. Moshe talked to God, and God decided that B'not Zelophehad's plea was "just" and that they should get their father's land. After that, the law about land inheritance was changed so that daughters could inherit land when their fathers died if there were no sons in the family.

B'not Zelophehad stood up for themselves in a male dominated society. They fought for rights only given to males. We are now going to look at strong Jewish women who continued the legacy of B'not Zelophehad in the fight for their equality.

Split into groups

Track A: Hinuch Staff Jewish Women Rotations

Three or four members of hinuch staff dressed as famous Jewish women will go around to three groups.

The women are Bruria, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Rachel the poet, and Judy Blume.

The women will talk about themselves and have a short discussion with each group about how being a Jewish woman has impacted their lives.

They will spend about 5-7 minutes with each group.

If conversation dies down, encourage more questions about how femininity and Judaism has hindered or encouraged their progress.

Bruria - wife of Rabbi Meir from the talmud, participated in halachic discussions with husband

Ruth Bader Ginsburg – female Supreme Court justice

Rachel – Russian and Hebrew poet published in Davar about the state of Israel

Judy Blume – accomplished American author for young adults

Track B: Picture Situation Gender Discussion

Each madrich will be given 6 pictures. The pictures contain situations that comply with or go against gender stereotypes.

The madrich will hold up one picture and ask a series of questions:

What is happening in this picture?

Does this happen in real life?

Does this happen a camp?

Should this happen anywhere?

What would you do if you saw this happening?

How do you think this/these person/people is/are feeling?

Have you ever been in a similar situation? How did it make you feel?

What are you going to do next time you experience something like this?

You do not need to discuss all the pictures. You do not have to get to all the questions. We are aiming for a good discussion about equality.

Also, if you have time and/or feel it necessary, you can bring up “typical” families in the discussion.