

## P'sukei D'zimra Rotating Stations

Intro: In p'sukei d'zimra, we raise God in many ways

Materials: printout of Az Yashir Moshe from the Torah; 55 pieces of paper; markers

### 1. Baruch She'amar

-Read the prayer in Hebrew and English

-Discussion: what is this saying about the significance of words? How did God create the world? (with words!!)

-Activity: Thinking about the meaning of words, play a game where you go around in a circle and everyone says a random letter. The counselor stops the word after a few letters, and the next camper must try to pronounce the word and say what it means. Everyone must then act out the meaning.

### 2. Ashrei

-Read the line for the letter "shin" in Hebrew and English

-Discussion: What do you think about this line? Do you believe that good people are always rewarded while evil people are punished?

-Activity: Text Study. Job 9:21-22. "I am blameless, but I do not know how to find rest; I despise my life. It is all one; therefore I said, '[God] destroys both the innocent and the wicked.'" This is a quote from Job, who led a righteous life, yet was punished by God. How is it different from the line in Ashrei? What do you think this is saying about reward and punishment from God? Do you believe that God rewards and punishes people? Is there some way to reconcile both verses? [ask as many as you have time for/pick the questions you like]

### 3. Halleluya

-Read the prayer in Hebrew and English

-Discussion: what do you think this is saying about how we can pray?

-Activity: This prayer tells us that we don't need to use the traditional prayers to worship God. Pass around the drum, and have every camper beat it in a way that they see as praising God.

### 4. Az Yashir Moshe

-Read the prayer in Hebrew and English through "yemincha hashem tiratz oyev."

-Discussion: (Show the campers a printout of this prayer from the Torah.) Why do you think the words are written like this?

-Activity: Traditionally, this pattern is said to show the Israelites walking between the walls of the Sea of Reeds. Have every camper draw their own picture of the Israelites walking through the Sea of Reeds.