

## **Title: Re'eh palooza**

**Goal:** Teach about the shlosa regalim (from Re'eh) and teach about Rosh Chodesh while keeping the chanichim engaged and active.

### **Materials:**

- Slips of paper with fall harvest vegetables

### **Timeline:**

0-10 introduce and split into kvutzot

10-50 Rotate madrichim around different kvutzot

- 6 minutes of each peulah
- 1-2 minutes of transition

### **Madrich Roles:**

- One madrich will be running each game and after the time runs out will rotate to the next kvutsa.
- All other madrichim will be assigned a group and will be responsible for the chanichim at each game.

### **Activities:**

- **Pesach**
  - Dag Maluach across the red sea
  - Say: Just like the Israelites crossed through the Red Sea to escape slavery in Egypt you must now cross the salty sea. I will stand on one end (Eretz Yisrael) and you will stand on the other end (Egypt). I will turn my back and count to shalosh and then yell "dag maluach". When I am counting you can run toward me, but when I get to shalosh you must freeze. I will turn around and if I see you moving I will send you back to Egypt. Whoever makes it to the promised land first gets to let my people go (be the caller for the next round).
- **Sukkot**
  - Salad bowl with fall vegetables
  - Say: In this game one person will be given a slip of paper. Written on that paper will be one fruit or vegetable that we harvest in the fall. Sukkot is a holiday where we celebrate this harvest. In the first round you describe it with words without giving away its name (like taboo).
  - *Play until every chanich has had a turn*

- Now to make it more challenging we will play again using the same words, but now you cannot speak (like charades).
- *Play until every chanich has had a turn*
- *Time permitting* For the last round you can use only one word and from that word everyone needs to guess what is on your card.
- **Shavuot**
  - On Shavuot we celebrate receiving the Torah. We will now each think about one thing that we are thankful for receiving. *Let the chanichim think for a minute.* Everyone will say thier name and the thing that they are thankful for receiving and say the name and item that the person is thankful for receiving for everyone who has had a turn.
    - Eg. “My name is ... and I am thankful for reciving .... She is ... and she is thankful for recieving ...” etc.
- **Pilgrimage**
  - Sukkot, Shavuot and Passover are all pilgrimage holidays. In the times of the temples the people would travel to the temple in Jerusalem on these holidays. The journey for many people was long and they would bring with them their harvests to use as offering to G-d. You must now make this journey. First, your entire team must leapfrog from one side to the other because you are traveling across the mountains. Next, you must go back to the other side with mayim step (grape vine) to pass over the Jordan River-one person at a time . Then, your entire team must link arms and walk leg over leg all the way across just as the entirety of the Jewish people would come together for this pilgrimage. Lastly, you must hop on one foot to the other side to climb the hill into Jerusalem- one person at a time.
- **Rosh Chodesh**
  - Ships and Sailors
  - Say: Does anybody know what today and tomorrow is? (Correct answer rosh chodesh). That’s right it is rosh chodesh. We know that it is rosh chodesh because of the phases of the moon. The Jewish calendar marks the beginning of each new month with a new moon. Regardless of the time of year, we celebrate Rosh Chodesh with special hallel and Torah readings. We are now going to play a game about the things that happen every month.
  - Say: When I yell “New Moon” you run to the left side because it is rosh chodesh. When I yell “full moon” you run to the right side because we are halfway through the month.
  - *Have the kids practice this a few times*

- Say: Okay now we will add in some more rules about things that happen over the course of each month. What holiday happens every single month? (Correct answer is shabbat). The next rules all relate to shabbat. When I yell “nerot” you must find a buddy to stand next to a buddy and put your arms up like shabbat candles. When I yell “havdallah” get in groups of three and link arms to be like the havdallah candle. When I yell “shabbat brownies” everyone must hold their hands above their heads as if they are holding a plate of shabbat and say: PASS UP. When I yell “sunset” you must freeze because shabbat has started. You cannot move until I yell “three stars” because that is when shabbat ends. Even if I call out other things in between you cannot move until I yell “three stars”
- *Above rules can be added in gradually or all at once.*
- *Words to know: Rosh Chodesh, Full Moon, Nerot, Havdallah, Shabbat Brownies, Sunset, Three Stars*