

Peulat Shabbat 8/18

Judge Judah!

Parashat Shoftim (judges) outlines how judges should rule and make decisions, including many rules for trial, as well as how a society should be built. For this peulah, chanichim will learn about some of the main rules included in Shoftim and will make mock court decisions based on these rules.

Dictionary:

1. Shofet/shoftim = judge(s)
2. Ed = witness
3. Mushbaim = jury members
4. Muasham = accused/tried

- Split up into groups of 5 (1 shofet, 1 ed, 2 mushbaim, 1 muasham)
- The shofet (judge), using the evidence from the ed (witness) along with the mushbaim (jury), uses the rules in the Torah as guidance to decide whether the muasham (accused) is guilty
- We will go over various rules from the parsha; the cases will align with the rules
- Witnesses will receive a scenario that they saw, to be shared with the judge and the jury
- The accused will receive an alibi (or at least an outline of what should be said)
- The jury will take in the information and submit their stance to the judge
- The judge will evaluate the jury's stance and issue a final decision, using the laws from the parsha

SCENARIOS

- Chanich A steals Chanich B's makolet and Chanich B kills Chanich A. B always hated A and was looking for a time to commit a crime without it seeming out of place. Should B go to a safe city or be sentenced to death?
- Nivonim has just broken out yom sport. The captains of each team did not ask for peace instead of war before the color war was broken out. According to this week's parsha, should god punish the captains for not asking for peace before war, or should they be allowed to go to war without punishment?
- 2 lemurs argue about their living. One is a levy lemur and therefore he has a levy tree he can live in. The other is normal lemur and gets no fixed residence. Normal lemur thinks that all lemurs should have the same facilities. According to the parasha was the normal lemur right?
- In the war over pizza bagels vs regular pizza, a member of the bagels party was slain on the battle field (migrash). The regular pizza party saw his body, said a prayer over it, and went back to battle. However, the bagel party accused them of war crimes after the treaty was signed. What, if anything, did the regular pizza party do wrong?
- A short chanich at Six Flags (sheshet degalim) tried to give a ride attendant his meah milim chultzah to let them on a ride he was too short to ride on. According to parshat Shoftim, what did the chanich do wrong and what should be their punishment?