

Peulot Erev

Take on Tikun Olam

Program overseers: Ilana & Hilary

Number of people involved: 51 campers; 6 staff members

Expected time: 50 minutes

→ 5 minute explanation

→ 15 minutes for each activity (includes passing time)

Goal: -to educate campers about the concept of "tikun olam"

Overview:

- What is tikun olam?:
 - Tikun olam literally means "repairing the world"
 - The phrase comes up in our daily lives, & this activity will hopefully give campers a better understanding of what it means
 - The term can be found in the mishnah, & even in our daily morning services, during the aleinu, when we say: "*l'takken olam b'malkhut Shaddai*," -- "to perfect the world under God's sovereignty."
- Campers will participate in 3 activities to gain an understanding of "tikun olam"
 - Activity #1: Repairing the "physical world"
 - Staff member: Ilana
 - Activity: planting flowers in personal cups
 1. Staff member explains the connection to tikkun olam
 2. Each camper will be given a Styrofoam cup to decorate
 3. Kids choose type of seed they want to plant & then plant 1-3 in their cup
 4. Water plant & then decide if they want to keep it or "donate" to another bunk on A-side to make share the lesson they learned with the rest of our community
 - Activity #2: Repairing the "emotional world"
 - Staff member: Liza
 - Activity: writing letters to American soldiers
 1. Staff member explains the connection to tikkun olam
 2. Campers have opportunity to write & decorate a letter to send to American soldiers serving in Iraq
 - Activity #3: Repairing our "camp world"
 - Staff member: Dani
 - Activity: the octopus team building activity

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1. Staff member explains the connection to tikkun olam
2. Campers need to work together to transfer 2 balls from one cone to the other, using the octopus contraption

Directions:

1. Ilana explains the meaning of tikun olam
2. Campers are broken up into 3 groups; count off by 3s
3. Different groups begin with different activities
4. Every 15 minutes, groups need to rotate

Supplies:

- 55 Styrofoam cups (chadar)
- plastic spoons & forks to help campers plant (chadar)
- seeds & mulch for planting (teva)
- octopus, etc. from Avi Smoos (Avi Smoos –machaneh gimel)
- 55 pieces of construction paper (olmanut)
- markers, etc. for cards & cup decoration (olmanut & counselors)