

New York Trip

I did not plan the New York trip much in advance and that was detrimental to the trip overall. It would have benefited from advance work. As has been discussed, it is not entirely clear what the point of the trip is overall, other than a more expensive way than usual for the kids to hang out. The major cultural point of the trip was the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which could be replaced by a Boston art institution. The major emotional point was the visit to the September 11 memorial, which could be replaced by a local emotional experience. The major Jewish experience was davening in a shuel, which was what it was.

Campers were divided into small groups (10-ish) with a counselor. Sandra was with us, in an advising role and she did not have her own group, which was a nice bonus to our staffing structure. We drafted a very careful group list before the trip which was overall very successful, and the staff were generally excellent with regards to ensuring their group was with them at all times, which was good since a situation otherwise would have been terrible.

The schedule for the trip (corrected and annotated based on what actually happened) is attached at the end of the report. I should note that I originally encouraged a counselor to help plan, but that didn't work out. A note on the trip overall is that we came in under budget. Another note is that after some negative experiences regarding food allocation from the Chadar for Etgar, I was very thorough and somewhat aggressive with securing more than enough food through the Chadar for this trip, mostly eliminating the need to purchase any extra items once the trip was in motion.

If the trip is to happen again, it should be planned before anyone arrives at camp. The shuel (Sutton Place) was great, except for a few random allergy-ish things to the carpet. Shaarey Zedek is a good place as well (I think) for a smaller edah. It has better bathrooms anyhow. The JTS leg of the trip wasn't so useful. David Offit's notes on planning were very useful, especially concerning Metro Cards, something we ended up doing quite well due to his advice.

Notes from Hillel Buechler's end-of-summer report

NIV15 NYC Tiyyul (Footnotes added after trip, and times adjusted after too)

Monday

6:25 - Davening

7:15 - Breakfast

7:35 - Load Buses, supplies, take sandwiches.

8:00 - Depart CRNE for Sutton Place.

12:00 - Arrival at Sutton Place. Drop off everything except lunch/snack, H2O.

12:20 - Return to Bus to head to Metropolitan Museum of Art.

1:30 - Arrive by bus to Metropolitan Museum of Art. Eat Lunch Outside.

4:30 - Depart Met on foot, head south to Bryant Park.

5:00 - Arrive at Bryant Park. Badlands movie showing. Snacks.³

7:30 - Head to Sutton Place

8:00 - Arrive at Sutton Place for dinner (camp provided)

Tuesday

8:00 - Davening with Sutton Place minyan

9:00 - Breakfast, distribute lunch

9:45 - Depart Sutton place for world trade center (SUBWAY, E to WTC)

11:00 - Arrive at Ground Zero for Tekes / Explore Wall St area

1:15 - Lunch at Battery Park (10 min walk)

1:30 - Head to Times Square (SUBWAY, 1 to TIMES SQ) for scavenger hunt

2:30 - Arrive at Times Square

4:15 - Check in at TKTS and then head to Central Park

7:30 - Return to Sutton Place for dinner (ordered pizza)

8:30 - Peulat Erev at Sutton Place with guest

Wednesday

8:00 - Davening with Sutton Place minyan

9:00 - Breakfast, distribute lunch, pack up

10:00 - Depart Sutton Place for JTS

10:45 - arrive at JTS for tour

12:00 - Eat lunch at JTS

12:45 - Depart JTS for CRNE

4:47 - Arrive at CRNE, shower, have rest of kayitz

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³ This did not happen. The movie was not until 8 and we did not wait. Instead, we stayed at the park for a while until returning to Sutton Place for dinner.

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Shishi

8:35 - Shacharit

9:30 - Arujat Boker

10:15 - Niqayon - assign folks to switch Bamidbar and Devarim books in Moadon
-Tell them their chuggim for Bet

10:50 - CLEAR the Kfar for cleaning crew

11:00 - Zman Roo

Tzevet: -CLEANING CREW AT 11 AM. CLEAR OUT AND GUARD.
 -Gather Shabbat-o-Gram materials for 1 pm.
 -Adapt a peulah for 9Av (Mag14?)
 -Note that we have a 3-hour block after Kishroniyah ends Weds
 -Make three nontrinsically related mind-blowing peulot for next week
 -Review this piece of paper and its things therein

12:00 - Chug Bet

1:00 - Peulah

2:00 - Arujat Tzohorayim / SR CNSLR (BBQ) [PIZZA]

2:45 - Challah Making (PICK 4 Binyan 1 and 4 Binyan 2)

5:30 - Hachanah then all that Shabbat stuff

Shabbat

8:45 - Send meds kids to the place from which they get the meds

9:00 - Arrive at Arujat Boker then more Shabbat stuff

1:30 - This is the time that Aruchat Tzohorayim is at. CLEAR Kfar beforehand

5:00 - Peulat Shabbat (Moadon Nivonim). Be on time.

5:45 - Mincha

7:15 - Seudah Sh'lishit / Pre-Fast Meal

8:15 - Dress in Black.⁴ This is the exact start time of the fast. Shabbat out at 9:05.

8:45 - Meet at Kfar in circle as edah

9:15 - Begin Maariv and Eicha at BAB. Then back to binyanim, including tzevet, for night.

Rishon

9:00 - Tzad-wide Shacharit at BAG

10:15 - Optional meal at Chadar

11:00 - Peulat Edah / Unless we do it later / Poor use of /

12:00 - Chug Bet (All must go, fasters may sit-out active ones)

1:00 - This perek is called XBlock

2:00 - Mincha

2:00 - Optional meal at Chadar

3:30 - Hadracha

4:30 - Nivu

5:30 - Beneath the Helmet Film

7:30 - Optional meal at Chadar

8:50 - Maariv and Break-Fast at Chadar. This is the exact time the fast is over.

Eli Tsiyon v'areha, k'mo isha b'tzireha, v'chivtulah chagurat sak, al ba'al n'ureha.

⁴ This is simply a thing that is happening. It cannot be "for Eicha reading etc." as it is not permissible to prepare for Tisha B'Av mourning before Shabbat is over.

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Yom Shishi (Chadar Nikayon 2B)

8:35 – Shacharit
9:30 – Aruchat Boker
10:15 – Niqayon,⁶ Pack
2:00 – Aruchat Tzohorayim
3:00 – Israelis mall
4:15 – Photos / Shabbat Rehearsal (Chorshah)

Yom Shabbat (Chadar Nikayon 2C)

8:45 – Send Meds Kids
9:00 – Aruchat Boker
9:30 – Shacharit / Torah/ Musaf
1:30 – Aruchat Tzohorayim
4:50 – Peulat Shabbat: The Nivonim Myth
6:00 – Mincha
6:45 – Seudah Sh'lishit
8:30 – Maariv (Moadon Nivonim) (Motzash 8:36)
9:00 – MFT
9:30 – Niqayon until Approved. Then Glidah at Ohel
11:00 – Chofesh
11:45 – Mailman (BAG)

Yom Rishon

1:00 – Shabbudies (Kfar)
1:30 – Peulot Binyan (Kfar)
2:30 – Improv Games (Moadon)
3:15 – Movie (Moadon)
3:30 – Questions and Sharing (Medurah)
4:47 – Closing Tzevet Addresses (Moadon)
5:35 – Shacharit (Moadon)
8:30 – Aruchat Boker
9:00 – Buses Leave
10:00 – Gates Open

Things:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015tzevetinfo Do this please

Write-Ups! Send 'em over to me via the email

Saturday night: Pack meds the Marp gives you. Meds Sunday will be given out.

⁵ Tzevet Nivonim, thank you for everything. Let's make these last few days amazing. They deserve it, we deserve it, big bird deserves it, Sydney deserves it, and Ollie doesn't deserve but whatever let's just do it.

⁶ Just in case the order here fails to make the requested actions and their respective orderings most abundantly clear, you are to clean first and then pack, which means that packing happens after cleaning.