

B'dikat Chameitz Nikayon

Goals:

- to teach the chanichim how to clean each part of the tzrif
- to introduce our summer theme of chagim
- to experience a search for chameitz in preparation for pesach

Materials

- paper cup
- wooden spoon
- 10 (or more) uncooked bow tie noodles

Step by step procedure

- Gather as a tzrif on the mirpeset at the beginning of nikayon. Wait until everyone arrives at the tzrif from the marp.
- As the chanichim if they know what a bedikat chameitz is, and when we do it. (the correct answer is that it is a search for the last bits of leavened foods the night before Passover). Tell the Chanichim that since we are beginning Solelim Passover that evening, we need search our tzrifim for hameitz.
- [while this is happening, one madrich should be hiding the 10 bow tie noodles around the tzrif: one should be on a counselor's shelf, one under a counselor bed, one on the floor, one on the sink, one in the shower, one on a counselor bed (unmade), one in a bathroom stall, on the mirpeset, one on the clotheslines, one near the trash can in front of the tzrif.]
- Read the following out loud to the chanichim before beginning the search:
 - Before beginning our search, we say: Baruch atah hashem Eloheinu melech ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al bi'ur chametz. Praised are You, Adonai, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us through commandments, commanding us to remove all chametz.
 - We will be searching all together for the 10 pieces of chameitz hidden around the tzrif. When we find chameitz, we will use the spoon to put it into the cup. If you see a piece of hameitz that we have not gotten to yet, don't call out.
- Take all the hanichim into the tzrif. Begin with the bathroom, and work out from there.
 - Show the kids how to straighten the sinks (put supplies back on shelves, make sure the soap is full, etc.) and how to wipe them down. "find" the sinks bow tie—have a chanich scoop it into the cup. Ask for questions on how to clean the sinks. Make sure all chanichim see how it is done.
 - Show the kids how to clean the showers. "find" the showers bow tie etc.
 - Show the kids how to clean the toilets. "find" the toilets bow tie.
 - Show kids how to make the bed, using the counselor bed as an example. "find" the bowtie.

- Show kids what clean and neat shelves look like.
- Show kids what a clean under their bed looks like.
- Show kids how to sweep.
- Show kids how to clean the mirpeset.
- Show kids how to use the lines.
- Show kids how to take out the garbage.
- Each time you show the kids how to do the nikayon tasks, "find" a noodle and scoop it into the cup.
- After all 10 noodles have been found, read the following:
 - Any Chametz or leaven that is in my possession which I have not seen, have not removed and do not know about, should be nullified and be worthless and considered like dust.
 - Explain that we will burn the cups with the pasta in them at the medura Thursday night, and that at that time we will complete the last stage of the b'dikat chameitz ritual.
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