**Erev 17th of Tammuz Peulat Erev**

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Goals:

* Teach about the story/history of the 17th of Tammuz
* Reflect about being Jewish in camp vs. outside of camp
* Introduce a parallel between the walls of camp and the walls of Jerusalem

Structure:

1. **Story of the 17th of Tammuz all together (5 min)**
2. **Tie it into the PE🡪 TIME TRAVEL (5 min)**
   * we are all Jews living in Jerusalem circa 70 CE resisting the Romans
   * MADRICH SKIT🡪 showing how it’s hard to stay Jewish within the context of the “walls” of Jerusalem under the siege
   * Intro to the connection between the walls of Jerusalem and the walls of camp
3. **Maintaining Jewish identity and assimilation discussion in groups (10 min)**
   * How do we stay Jewish in camp vs. outside of camp?
   * Is it easier to be Jewish in camp?
   * YES!!! Because at camp we have “walls”🡪 we’re in a contained environment
   * SO what would happen if those walls were to break and the was no distinction between camp and the outside world? Would camp no longer be special?
   * Relate this to maintaining Jewish identity
   * This can done either as a discussion or if it’s easier for Chanichim to draw illustrations of this then pens/paper will be provided.
4. **Build camp🡪 the walls (10 min)**
   * Everyonewill get a piece of colored construction paper on which they will draw/write the most important part of camp to them
   * Then we’ll tape those pieces of paper to the walls of the Moadon to create the “walls” of camp
5. **BREAK THE WALLS… and reflection (10 min)**
   * Dramatic music plays and Madrichimtear down the wall
   * How does this make us feel?  
     Relate to the 17th of Tammuz and the Romans breaching the walls
   * Conclude with discussing the importance of a closed off community that is camp and that allows this place to be so special🡪
     + **Are walls bad or good?**
     + **How can we build walls in our lives?**
     + **How can we build them?**

**Background Story:** The fast of the 17th of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, known as Shivah Asar B’Tammuz, is the start of a three-week mourning period for the destruction of Jerusalem and the two Holy Temples. The fast actually commemorates five tragic events that occurred on this date:

1. Moses broke the tablets when he saw the Jewish people worshipping the Golden Calf.
2. During the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, the Jews were forced to cease offering the daily sacrifices due to the lack of sheep.
3. Apostomos burned the holy Torah.[1](javascript:doFootnote('1a479885');)
4. An idol was placed in the Holy Temple.[2](javascript:doFootnote('2a479885');)
5. The walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans, in 69 CE, after a lengthy siege. (Three weeks later, after the Jews put up a valiant struggle, the Romans destroyed the second Holy Temple on the 9th of Av.)  
   The Jerusalem Talmud maintains that this is also the date when the Babylonians breached the walls of Jerusalem on their way to destroying the first Temple.

🡪 Source: <http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/479885/jewish/The-17th-of-Tammuz.htm>

**Madrich Skit:** Jews: Adam, Paz, Alex Intruders: Oren, Sole, Aylat  
  
**Adam:** I'm so glad to be back at machane ramah. This is going to be an incredible kayitz.  
  
**Paz:** oh no! The camp is being invaded by space robots. they are tearing the walls down.  
  
**Oren:** I'm am so angry at the Jews at machane ramah. I want to tear down their wall.  
  
**Sole and Aylat:** ya! Let's tear up.  
  
**Adam:** what should we do?  
  
**Paz:** scream, yell, fight?!  
  
**Alex:** maybe we should use our words and talk it out?  
  
**Adam:** please don't tear down our machane!  
  
**Oren:** okeydokey. I will respect your personal space instead and go home.  
  
Everyone: yay