

2012 - Mezuzah Project

Josh Edelglass

From: Ariella Rosen [ayrosen@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 9:18 PM
To: Josh Edelglass
Subject: Re: Mezuzah project and staff week boot camp

Hi Josh!

1. For content, I think it would be nice to highlight some of the ways we are supposed to be intentional with the "words" in the Shema with three "H's"

Hand- Ukshartam le'ot al yadecha- What is one thing you would like to learn how to do this summer?

Head- Vehayu letotafot bein einecha- What is one personal goal you have for this summer?

Home- uchtavtam al mezuzot beitecha uvisharecha - What is one goal you have for your home, your tzrif this summer?

Materials suggestions:

-Coated paper towel rolls (so they stay waterproof)

-Tennis ball tubes (best for wet weather)

-Dominos boxes (less feasible)

-Maybe we can just make something similar to this in larger form: <http://hatam-soferet.livejournal.com/107433.html>

-I think Jen mentioned large match boxes?

-Might be too much work, but we could ask Ran (and anyone else in nagarut) to hollow out some wood pieces. Would be durable, beautiful, and can still be decorated by the tzrif

2. boot camp session:

5 min- Welcome everyone in, lead 5 min of tefillot engaging them in various ways (calling pages, suggesting where to sit, singing and chanting, etc).

5 min- Unpack and discuss what they noticed about how they were or were not engaged by the experience.

What would help them be more engaged? (The goal is to help them get to the fact that active leadership from madrichim participating in tefillot makes a huge difference.)

5 min- What about as a participant in tefillot? Generate a checklist.

10 min- Game: Standing Ovation.

How it works- one person volunteers to play the madrich/a. This person will enter the room and attempt to participate in tefillot correctly. The rest of the group (using the checklist as a guide) will increase applause as that person gets closer and closer to the desired action. When desired action is performed correctly, the volunteer receives a standing ovation. Applause will get lukewarm/trickle out as the person moves farther from it.

Volunteers will pose as campers to make it more realistic.

5 min- Depending on how much time is left, we will either: hear from the volunteers who posed as madrichim what it felt like to participate in this way, or take the time to practice "getting into position" in small groups and giving each other feedback.

3. (yes, I added a #3) I'm planning on coming to camp on Monday morning. I may also come for a couple of hours on Sunday bc there's a chance I might be driving with Rami and Liav (and returning the car to West Hartford).

... just thought of a #4. Food for the tisch: I'm thinking some fruit (apples, plums, nectarines), brownies, and some veggies/dip (like carrot and cucumber sticks and hummus).

See you soon!
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On Wed, Jun 13, 2012 at 8:36 PM, Josh Edelglass <joshe@campramahne.org> wrote:

Hi Jen, Ilana, and Ariella:

Just a reminder to please e-mail me:

1. Your proposals for the mezuzah project – suggestions for what the counselors (and then the kids) will write on whatever they are putting into the mezuzah, and also some links to ideas of what we can buy to use as the oversized mezuzzot themselves, and:
2. Your proposals for the Staff Week boot camp sessions you're each running on Thurs of staff week.

TODAH!

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