

Tisha B'av Peulat Edah

5:15 - 6:15 in the Beit Keneset

4 groups of 10, 2 counselors per group, active participation from council.

Questions: What does it mean to be hopeful? Everyone give example of something to hope for
What is your concept of a tragedy? Everyone give an example

4 stations

1. Haiti: article about it. Discuss response to tragedy, what is tragic and what is hopeful - Estie

2. Rallies and Vigils: images of Jewish vigils, the tragedies that inspired them and the hope they inspire - Jeremy

3. Hatikvah: looking into the meanings of hope within the song but also discuss the somber tone of the song musically - David

~~4. Robin Hood assassination: have someone speak of their personal response and reaction to the assassination~~

Conclusion: How does hope come out of tragedy? When is it appropriate to be hopeful following a tragedy? When would it not be appropriate

4. Oil Spill: Update on current state of spill. Environmental impact and idea of how a tragedy might not involve the loss of human life? Is this a tragedy? - Ben

Group Leaders: Cara, Gavin, Riva, Hannah/Nancy

Opening Questions

Every person should give an example of a tragedy.
Every person should give an example of something they are hopeful for.
What is the difference between a personal tragedy and
a communal tragedy?
When is it important to be hopeful?

Haiti Station

How did you react when you heard about the earthquake?
What is tragic about it?
What is hopeful about the response?
Was the "Hope For Haiti" benefit actually inspiring real hope,
or was it cliche?

Rallies and Vigils

What are your reactions to the pictures? What emotions do you see?
What is the difference between a vigil memorial and a rally?
Have you ever been to one? What was your experience?

HaTikvah

What is the message of HaTikvah? What is the place of
hope in the song?
How do you feel when you hear it?
HaTikvah has always been a somber song. Why?

Oil Spill

Do you consider this a tragedy? Why or why not?
Does a tragedy have to involve loss of life?
Is a disaster always a tragedy?

Conclusion

How does hope come out of tragedy?
When is it appropriate to respond to tragedy with hope?
When is it inappropriate?