

## Tisha B'Av Peulat Edah

Theme: Sinat Hinam versus Ahavat Hinam

Intro: Tisha B'Av commemorates the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Traditionally, we learn that the Temple was destroyed because of Sinat Hinam. (Does anyone know what Sinat Hinam means?) There is still Sinat Hinam in the world today. One way to stand up to this hatred is through Ahavat Hinam, senseless love, the opposite of Sinat Hinam. (5 minutes)

(Split up into 6 groups, one counselor running the activity and another with the campers)

Summary: 1. Each group will have the story of Bar Kamsa read to them by a counselor (See story on next page, 5 minutes)

2. The counselor will lead a discussion: Where did you see Sinat Hinam in this story? How did this Sinat Hinam lead to the destruction of the Temple? Where do you see Sinat Hinam in the Jewish community today? Where do you see it in the world? [Re-introduce the concept of Ahavat Hinam] Where do you see examples of Ahavat Hinam in the world today? Can you think of a time when you practiced Ahavat Hinam? (5 minutes)
3. 3. The counselor will instruct the kids to perform the story of Bar Kamsa using the value of Ahavat Hinam instead of Sinat Hinam. (10 minutes for kids to create and practice the new story. Make sure that every kid has a role)
4. Have the edah come back together. Every group will perform their version of the Bar Kamsa story with Ahavat Hinam. (15-20 minutes)