Solelim 2017 Tisha B’Av Peulat Edah

11AM, Moadon Solelim

Goals:

* Teach chanichim about the Kamza and Bar Kamza story
* Teach chanichim about sinat chinam and ahavat chinam
* Chanichim practice having discussions and practice thinking about different people’s points of view

What’s happening:

1. Play Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6t3Zm7nMTg> (5 min)
2. Introduce individual characters to the entire edah: (5 min)
   * Bar Kamza, Danny
   * Host, Hannah
   * Rabbis, Sarah
   * Cesar, Alex
   * Servant, Jess
   * (Goat/Calf, Ori)
3. Separate into 5 kvutzot (5min)

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| Bar Kamza | Host | Rabbi | Ceasar | Servant |
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1. Re-introduce each character to their specific group. Each character will share his/her side of the story.

Bar Kamza:

I was invited to my enemy’s house and thought I was invited to make peace. Instead, when I arrived the host kept trying to kick me out. I was embarrassed in front of my whole commmunity. Nobody tried to stand up for me. So, I went to Ceasar and made him attack the Jews by lying about the goat.

Host:

I told my servant to invite kamza, and instead Bar Kamza showed up. I was not expecting my enemy to be at my party. I had been planning this party for months for all my friends, and he comes and ruins the whole thing. He embarrassed me at my own party. And because of Bar Kamza the Romans (Ceasar) attacked Jerusalem and the Temple.

Rabbis:

I was watching the fight between the host and Bar Kamza. They were both being mean to each other. I thought about saying something, but I didn’t want to pick a side because it wasn’t my problem. And now the beit hamikdash is ruined and I don’t know why.

Ceasar:

I don’t really know what happened between Bar Kamza and the host. All I know is that Bar kamza came to me and said that the Jews were going to fight me. And the Jews didn’t sacrifice my goat, which made me feel like it wasn’t good enough for them. I was so angry, so I decided to destroy their beit hamikdash.

Servant:

My boss was throwing a big party and told me to invite his friend Kamza. I accidently invited Bar Kamza because their names sound so similar. I had no idea that this one mistake would create such a mess. Maybe i should have told someone when I realized I had made a mistake.

1. Discussion of the overall questions

[insert question] and *WHY*?

* + Should the host have let Bar Kamza (BK) stay?
  + Why do you think BK went to Caesar?
  + What should the rabbis have done in this story?
  + How could you prevent the situation?
  + What would you do differently if you were in the story?
  + How can you relate what you learned in this story to situations at camp?

1. Discussion to prep the character for the debate based on the specific character questions. After talking about all the questions for about 10 minutes, the madrich should write down some of the answers

Specific Groups & Debate Questions:

* + Bar Kamza, Danny
    - Why didn’t you leave after the first time you were asked to leave?
    - Why did you go to Ceasar?
  + Host, Hannah
    - Why were you so angry at Bar Kamza that you couldn’t just let him stay and ignore him?
    - Do you think you acted in an appropriate way?
  + Rabbis, Sarah
    - Why didn’t you intervene?
    - Who do you think is right? Bar Kamza or the host?
  + Cesear, Alex
    - Why did you believe Bar Kamza?
    - Do you think your response was too severe for the situation?
  + Servant, Jess
    - When you realized you made a mistake, why didn’t you go to your boss and admit you had made a mistake?
  + (Goat/Calf, Ori)
    - What’s your opinion on all this?
    - Who do you think is to blame?
    - How could each of the characters have acted differently?
    - What’s your favorite animal?

1. Debate among the characters (based on the chanichim’s responses)
   * Tell your story from your eyes

After debate edah discussion:

* Sinat chinam vs. Ahavat chinam
* What could your character have done differently
* How do we prevent these types of situations from happening at camp
* Connection to Tisha B’Av because of
  + Destroying beit hamikdaash
  + Sinat chinam