**Tzad Wide Tisha B’Av Program 2017**

**\*Rosh Edah Version**

**Goals:**

**·       Set the tone for Tisha B’Av**

**·       Learn about history of Tisha B’Av**

**o   Destruction of Temples**

**·       How do you keep a sense of who you are no matter where you are?**

**Tzad Alef sitting by tzrif in Beit Am Alef**

**Start by having one person narrate a first-person experience of living through the destruction and exile (talking points):**

My family has been in living in Jerusalem as long as I can remember…

We would go to the Temple to make a sacrifice for every holiday- it was amazing- thousands of Jews from all over would come together to celebrate Pesach, Shavuot, Sukkot. Shabbat.

Felt part of something really special.

Then the Romans came to town. It started with a siege. No food or water could come in through the city walls and we weren’t allowed to leave. For a while it was fine-we had plenty to eat and drink. But then food became more scarce, and we got more scared. We still had the Temple though, and we still had each other.

Then the Romans broke through the walls and destroyed our Temple and made us leave the only home we’ve ever known. We had to leave Jerusalem. We’d heard stories about when this happened to the first Temple with the Babylonians. It was hard, but we were able to come back 70 years later.

This time, though it looks like no one will be coming back. We’re going to have to figure out how to live in a new place with no Temple. How will we keep being Jewish? How will we stay united as a community?

We sat and cried for Jerusalem, just like our ancestors did when they were forced to go to Babylon. And we tried some new things too- we prayed using words instead of sacrifices. We started reading and studying the Torah more. We tried to find new ways to celebrate the Jewish holidays. But the whole time, we wish we were back home.

**Process in small groups. (Kochavim to the Mirpesset)**

* How was this person feeling? How would you be feeling if you were in their place?
* What would you have done the same if you were in their place? What would you have done differently?

**Madrich/a says:** Tisha B’Av was a day that the Jewish people lost a big symbol of who they were (the Temple), and had to figure out how to survive in a new place and in a new way. The reason we are still here is that there were parts of being Jewish that couldn’t be taken away.

* What do you think some of those things were? (tefilah, holidays, mitzvot, etc)
* When you were packing for camp, what were some of the most important things you needed/wanted to bring? *Forget about the things that everyone needs, like clothes, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.* What are the things you brought to camp that make you, you? (not just items but also parts of your personality)
* What are the most important parts of who you are that you carry with you no matter where you go and no matter who you’re with?

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So we’re going to make ahavat chinam cards- cards that show our love and appreciation for members of this kehillah.

[Rashei Edot will explain in greater detail. (Make for people like Marp staff, kitchen staff, not other chanichim unless every chanich is going to receive one.)]

**End with reading a few verses from Eicha.**

One person will say to everyone:

The book that we read on Tisha B’Av helps us to remember the big thing that was taken away (the Temple), and the cards we made and the way we treat each other helps us remember those parts of who we are that can never be taken away from anyone.

Read Eicha, yashar latzrifim

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Program Outline:

Picture of Titus’s Arch (10 mins):

In your small group, show the chanichim the picture of Titus’s arch.

Ask:

·       What do you think this is a picture of?

·       How do you think the people in this picture feel?

Tell them that **this is a picture of the Romans carrying the spoils of the Second Temple away from Jerusalem after they destroyed it.**

·       After finding out what this is a picture of, how does this picture make you feel?

·       What do you think the Temple represented for the Jews of that time?

o   *Madrich hint: The Temple meant everything to the Jews. You couldn’t be Jewish without it*…

·       If you were living at the time of the second temple, what would you have done if it was taken away?

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Writing/Drawing:

Transport yourself backwards 2,000 years. You had to leave Jerusalem and now have to live in a new home with no Temple.

You just met your new neighbors who are not Jewish, what are the things that are important for them to know  to know about tHow do you keep a sense of who you are no matter where you are? How do you always make sure you are “you?”

Islands of personality

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