

Yom Chag – 8/2/06

Schedule

8:50	Breakfast, with Apples and Honey (Rosh Hashanah)	Chadar Ochel
9:30	T'filot	IlaMo
10:15	Nikayon	Tzrifim
11:00	Chanukkah Breakout	Various Locations
11:30	Yom Ha'atzmaut stations k'kvutzot (15 mins each)	Lower Migrash/IlaMo
	- Make Caramel Apples	
	- Air Force Race (Paper Aeroplanes)	
	- Design a new Israeli Flag	
	- Edible Israel	
12:30	Build Sukkot with Graham Crackas, etc	IlaMo
1:15	Lunch under the Sukkah	Suburbia Tent
1:45	Sha'at Menuchah	Tzrifim
2:45	Purim Costume Contest k'kvutzah	IlaMo
3:30	Crossing the Yam Suf (Slip 'n' Slide)	Lower Migrash
4:15	Z'man Chofshi!	Tzad Alef
5:30	Torah unwrapping/display (Simchat Torah)	IlaMo
7:00	Dinner	

Explanations:

- *Chanukkah Breakout*: Each of the nine groups is to meet after nikayon at a specific point (see the group list). The Madrich at that point will have a large piece of paperish stuff on which the group should draw/design a flame! At 11:20, they are to run back to the IlaMo and form a Chanukkiyah with the flames.
- *Yom Ha'atzmaut Stations*: The four groups will rotate. (See the group list)
 - *Caramel Apples*: Rachel is leading this station. We have squeeze-Caramel and Apples and Sticks. In Israel, making Caramel apples is a popular YH activity. Yum.
 - *Air Force Race*: Hayden is leading this station. In Israel, there is an Air Force display/show on YH. To emulate this, the kids will make paper airplanes and have a contest! (Whoever's airplane gets closest to a specific target.)
 - *Edible Israel*: Suzanne and Shoshana are leading this station. There is Ice Cream, Icing, M&Ms and who-knows-what-else. Make Israel!
 - *Design a new Israeli Flag*: Daniel is leading this station. Does your ideal Israeli flag contain a star of david? Stripes? Or something completely different?
- *Sukkot*: This is self-explanatory. Done in four groups. Hayden join group 1; Rachel and Suzanne, group 2; Shoshana, group 3; Daniel, group 4.
- *Purim Costume Contest*: Same groups as for Sukkot; the kids can use the provided costume supplies and/or their own clothing.
- *Torah Unwrapping/Display*: Everyone will gather in the IlaMo and stand in a circle. The torah will be unwrapped, starting B'reishit with a Madrich, (hold the bottom margin with two fingers on each hand) and ending V'zot Habracha with another Madrich.

Groups:

9 groups for Chanukkah Breakout:

Group 1: Suburbia Tent

Jillian Singer
Jack Goldberg
Julia Wolf
Claire Shoyer
Gabriella Tulchinsky
Yael Werber

Group 2: Porch of 32

Naomi Siegel
Adam Hirsch
Jacob Fiedler
Claire Mendelson
Stella Mendelson
Shoshana Wasser

Group 3: A-side Gazebo

Batsheva Stoll
Allegra Aronson
Kevin Tal
Evan Buckman
Oren Bazer
Daniel Picus
Shira Rosenbaum

Group 4: Outside the Marp

Tova Benson-Tilsen
Becky Geller
Roni Mendelkern
Elisheva Blas
Rebecca Panitch
Sarah Binney
Katie Kolben

Group 5: Chadar Gazebo

Talia Silverstone
Jonah Levy
Eva Gerber
Abie Elfenbaum
Julia Fine
Aaron Black
Jonathan Ravski

Group 6: Beit Am Alef Porch

Carmi Mandelkern
Elyse Eitches
Miriam Gerber
Ethan Aronson
Daniel Fuhrman
Suzanne Chipkin

Group 7: Snack Tent

Naomi Eitches
Ari Salzberg
Eric LeBassi
Sam Shoyer
Ruby Hartman
Hayden Cohen

Group 8: A-side B-ball

Hoops
Matthew Levine
Avi Young
Matt Finn
Aiden Laufer
Hadassah Riemer
Abby Goldberg

Group 9: Beit Midrash Quad

Elana Goldenkoff
Emma Nauser
Liran Bromberg
Rebecca Manzer
Abigail Skalka
Rachel Lissner

4 groups for everything else:

Group 1

Julia Wolf
Roni Mendelkern
Claire Shoyer
Rebecca Manzer
Sam Shoyer
Abie Elfenbaum
Talia Silverstone
Claire Mendelson
Batsheva Stoll
Tova Benson-Tilsen
Elyse Eitches
Becky Geller
Yael Werber

Group 2

Naomi Eitches
Hadassah Riemer
Eva Gerber
Ari Salzberg
Matthew Levine
Stella Mendelson
Evan Buckman
Matt Finn
Oren Bazer
Elisheva Blas
Sarah Binney
Daniel Fuhrman
Jonathan Ravski

Group 3

Julia Fine
Carmi Mandelkern
Jacob Fiedler
Eric LeBassi
Aiden Laufer
Gabriella Tulchinsky
Jack Goldberg
Avi Young
Miriam Gerber
Ethan Aronson
Aaron Black
Elana Goldenkoff
Abby Goldberg

Group 4

Emma Nauser
Naomi Siegel
Jillian Singer
Adam Hirsch
Liran Bromberg
Ruby Hartman
Jonah Levy
Abigail Skalka
Kevin Tal
Rebecca Panitch
Allegra Aronson
Katie Kolben
Shira Rosenbaum

Yom Chag – schedule and comments by Nathan Miller

Schedule

- 8:50 Breakfast, with Apples and Honey (Rosh Hashanah)** *The apples and honey were not added to the breakfast. I have found, from multiple attempts (Yom NYC, for example) that it is nearly impossible to add something to breakfast, especially if there is a late wake up.*
- 9:30 T'filot**
- 10:15 Nikayon**
- 11:00 Chanukkah Breakout** *Fantastic; the groups made great flames, and we arranged the benches into a Chanukkiah which then allowed each group to explain the uniqueness of their flame.*
- 11:30 Yom Ha'atzmaut stations k'kvutzot (15 mins each)** *Ran great overall.*
- **Make Caramel Apples** *Superb. We used squeeze caramel and honey and Popsicle sticks to stick into the apples.*
 - **Air Force Race (Paper Aeroplanes)** *Pretty good. The wind did not help, but everyone always has fun making paper airplanes. I feel as if the goal of this particular station was not explained to the kids. (That is, they did not equate the airplanes with the holiday.)*
 - **Design a new Israeli Flag** *Fantastic. The kids really enjoyed this and also spent time as a group coming up with a meaningful design for the flag.*
 - **Edible Israel** *Semi-good. The kids of course had fun, but the environment (heat, lack of ice-cream scoops) caused the Israelis to not look so Israel-like. Plastic spoons are not enough.*
- 12:30 Build Sukkot with Graham Crackas, etc** *Wonderful. Everyone's sukkot looked like sukkot, with all the halachic requirements. Joy!*
- 1:15 Lunch under the Sukkah** *The "sukkah" was the suburb tent, and this was successful. The connection was obvious and was drawn by the kids quickly.*
- 1:45 Sha'at Menuchah**
- 2:45 Purim Costume Contest k'kvutzah** *Due to time restraints and the extremely hot day causing the Agam to be open for edot, this activity did not occur.*
- 3:30 Crossing the Yam Suf (Slip 'n' Slide)** *Excellent. The kids loved the slip-n-slide, as did the madrichim (hehe) and the Pesach connection was easily made, interpreted, and made to equate chagim with fun!*
- 4:15 Z'man Chofshi!**
- 5:30 Torah unwrapping/display (Simchat Torah)** *Due to the "MEGA-STORM OF DOOM ON TZAD ALEF" in which a tree fell THROUGH THE ROOF of the building in which I was having a meeting, this activity did not occur.*
- 7:00 Dinner** *After this was Tisha B'av. What a great holiday to end with.*

Anyways, that leads us into Tisha B'av. To be honest, I do not think this helped. We had originally planned a giant kumzitz to celebrate Lag B'omer, but this idea was scrapped because the night before was the Yehuda P.E. and the night of was TbA, the least happy day ever. I would have preferred a kumzitz, but who wouldn't have?