

## CORNERSTONE 2016 RESOURCE

### Israel - 'Birthright in a Bottle', *Spin It!*

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<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Experience a short but well balanced tour of Israel complete with a visit to the Kotel, an archaeological dig, a visit to the shuk in Tel Aviv and a hike in the Golan Heights! - <i>Submitted by Meir Balofsky</i>
<b>TOPICS:</b>	Identity, Israel Programming, Jewish Culture, Jewish History, Jewish Values, Nature, Outdoor Adventure
<b>LEARNING OBJECTIVE:</b>	Participants will get a taste of what a visit to Israel could look like and gain an appreciation for the country on a cultural, physical, spiritual and historical level.
<b>AUDIENCE:</b>	20 or less is ideal
<b>LENGTH:</b>	20-30 Minutes
<b>APPENDICES:</b>	Spin it - Israel - Appendix Meir
<b>MATERIALS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Hello My Name is" stickers for each participant over all three sessions</li> <li>• Some spices / fruit / vegetables</li> <li>• toys and trinkets</li> <li>• Appendix - 20 shekel bills - one per participant</li> <li>• 12 small plastic toy shovels</li> <li>• Bag of sand</li> <li>• 10 copies of the Appendix page with the artifacts.</li> <li>• markers / flip chart / pens</li> </ul>
<b>SETTING:</b>	Anywhere outdoors or with outdoor access

#### Session Description:

Participants will walk in and be greeted by an airport greeter (the facilitator).

The first experience will be at the shuk in Tel Aviv. Everyone will receive a faux 20 shekel bill and see a display of spices / fruits / knickknacks on a table.

The airport greeter will become the vendor and put on the theatrics of a stereotypical shuk salesperson. Everyone will have a chance to "buy" something from the shuk.

The second experience will be on a hike in the Golan Heights. The vendor will become the tour guide again and lead a short trail in the woods while discussing the history of the forefathers and mothers who walked in these footsteps. (with healthy humorous exaggeration about the history of a given tree or rock) - Example: Tell the story of Jacob who slept on a rock and had the vision of the angels on the ladders - Some say this was that rock!



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The third experience will be an archaeological dig. The tour guide will become the archaeologist. Everyone will get a toy shovel and will be directed to the sandbox / dirt pile where several real Israeli 10 agurot coins will have been planted along with pictures of ancient Jewish items. Everyone will have a chance to dig for artifacts to add to the Israel museum's collections.

The fourth experience will be at the Kotel. The archaeologist will become a Rabbi who will greet the group and explain that the kotel is one of the remaining retaining walls of the ancient Jewish temple and people come here from around the world to pray to the Almighty. Everyone will get a paper and a pen to write a note for the kotel and have a moment for a prayer of peace in Israel.

After the last stop everyone will sit down to journal their tour in Israel. Volunteers will be asked to share some highlights.

### **Additional Notes for Bringing it Back to Camp:**

This can be tweaked based on location and availability of supplies. Any part of this program can be done in a much more elaborate fashion and this also allows for other ideas to come in under the existing format.