

## CORNERSTONE 2016 RESOURCE

### Carnival Of Life

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<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Bringing Jewish culture and taste to the Carnival themed programs at camp.
<b>TOPICS:</b>	Camp-wide/Large Group Programs, Dance and Movement, Global Jewish Community, Holidays and Celebrations, Jewish Culture, Jewish Values, Life Cycle Events, Sports & Games, Team Building, Teen Programs
<b>LEARNING OBJECTIVE:</b>	To inspire ideas of infusing Judaism and Israeli culture into fun carnival activities
<b>AUDIENCE:</b>	Any age group
<b>LENGTH:</b>	75-90 Minutes
<b>APPENDIXES:</b>	Carnival of life
<b>MATERIALS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 large signs</li> <li>• 100 Colorful MARKERS</li> <li>• 100 color Sharpies</li> <li>• Carnival costumes for facilitators</li> <li>• For Booths: See end of this program outline</li> </ul>
<b>SETTING:</b>	Large space with booths set up in a large circle.

#### Session Description:

#### Main Activity: (60 min)

Participants will receive a passport and instructions upon arrival and entering the fair (Handout 1)

There will be 13 Carnival booths around the room/ field that will have a banner, a facilitator that operates it, and the participants will have to walk around and participate with as many booths that they would like.

At random points some booths will cease to operate for a certain amount of time (as instructed on the booth instruction. That symbolises how things in life don't always go according to plan.)

The booths are themed as possible moments/highlights of Jewish life.

1. Baby Naming - back dark room- fortune teller- lists of names – palm reading- based on their performance- giving you a new name based on your present life- Becca Sykes
2. First day of school - finger painting- make a handprint of themselves- decorate that hand, put their name on it- become larger collage
3. Puberty - shaving a balloon
4. Bar/Bat Mitzva - do a mini-drash- grab a text, read it and teach it – after that they get signed off on- then, common game from party- mummy head and do the chicken dance
5. Trip to Israel - write note- blindfold- have a kotel with holes, stick in it- collect actual notes and bring them to actual kotel with Meir
6. First summer at Jewish camp- write a letter home- from first summer at camp- and then get candy.
7. Graduation- have to stand on a chair, then each person has to write a graduation limerick and deliver it- then everyone throws hat in air and gets diploma- mortarboard is Frisbee with tassel- throw it into a hole
8. High School - guess how many m and m's in the jar (math), solving puzzle (English), science stuff.

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9. Marriage booth- is the marriage booth- it's the wedding- but teach something- about the ketubah, 7 brachot- little bit more Jewish content.
10. Life Friendships - three legged race
11. Raising children- pick a card for number of kids; then again for how many times a week they have Bar Bat Mitzvah lessons - Art project- with number of kids
12. Dream Job - get a logo face painted/body
13. Retirement- shuffleboard and writing your memoirs

### **Activity 2 - Carnival Jewish dance of life.**

Facilitator will lead israeli dancing with all participants to celebrate their life achievements.

### **Activity 3 - Discussions**

Facilitators will split participants into groups by name tag colors. 13 groups.

Facilitator will lead a discussion with each group:

- What were the choices that were the easiest to make?
- Deconstruction of the activity itself: If you were to take this back to your camp, what would it be?
- Debrief the middot
- Do your values influence your choices OR vice versa?
- How did you react/feel when you couldn't do a station
- Did you feel the need to go back?

### ***Bringing it back to camp***

- How can you bring this back to camp?
- What are other creative carnival ideas?
- How many activities did you complete?
- Once you got to the carnival- how did that impact your choices?
- Were there booths you were determined to get to- and why?
- Was there a booth you thought would be important to have, which wasn't part of the carnival?

BOOTH TITLE	SUPPLIES
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Bar Bat Mizvah	15 Pens
Bar Bat Mizvah	2 Average sized empty and clean pickle style jars
Bar Bat Mizvah	2 tables.
Bar Bat Mizvah	Approx 50 marshmallows
Bar Bat Mizvah	Approx 50 straws
Bar Bat Mizvah	Large bristol boards / Markers to make the banner
Bar Bat Mizvah	Raffle tickets
Bar Bat Mizvah	Stack of 15 copies of each of the attached teachings on cue cards.
Career	A roll of Paper Towels
Career	Brushes
Career	Face Paint
Career	Logo Design Reference Sheet – for face painter (included on program sheet)
Career	Pens
Career	Questionnaire – for participant to fill out (included on program sheet)
Career	Water
College	“Race track”, which can be a bit of the floor marked off with masking tape, with a finish line marked.
College	Answer key for proverbs (included on program sheet) for facilitator.
College	Balloons – one per participant
College	Empty soda cans - one per participant
College	Index cards – one per participant, to be used as report cards
College	Index cards: one with < printed on it, one with > printed on it, and one with ≈ printed on it
College	Instructions – one per participant (File: College)
College	Jar full of M&M's – (pre-counted!)
College	Raffle tickets
College	Red marker to mark A's on report card
College	The proverbs (included on program sheet) printed on individual slips of paper.
First day at school	1 table
First day at school	10 rolls of paper towels
First day at school	8.5 x 14 white paper (500 pieces)
First day at school	Fingerpaint - assorted colors (large amount)
First day at school	Large poster board
First day at school	Markers for booth sign
First day at school	Plastic covering the ground
First day at school	Raffle tickets
First day at school	Water
Graduation	8 chairs
Graduation	8 mortarboard hats- we can make using Frisbees and a tassel (ribbon, etc.)
Graduation	8 pens
Graduation	90 printed graduation certificates
Graduation	paper
Israel trip	1 Table
Israel trip	10 Pens
Israel trip	2 packages of Blue Tac
Israel trip	50 slips of paper
Israel trip	A large wooden board (or similar)
Israel trip	Blindfolds
Israel trip	Butcher paper or similar to cover the board
Israel trip	Large bristol boards / Markers to make the banner
Israel trip	Markers to draw a Kotel on the board

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Israel trip	Raffle Tickets
Kids	1 table
Kids	Deck of cards
Kids	Jenga Game
Kids	Large poster board
Kids	List of situations to be told to participants
Kids	Markers for booth sign
Kids	Raffle tickets
Life Partner	4 Scarves or ropes or other method of tying two legs together that can withstand some pressure – can't be too easily breakable, but must be untie-able at the end
Life Partner	4 toy cars or 4 small toy houses
Life Partner	Raffle tickets
Naming	A costume for the FT (Rebecca Sykes to play the part?)
Naming	Crystal Ball(?)
Naming	Folding Table
Naming	Other Fortune Teller type of stuff
Naming	Two Chairs
Puberty	1 table
Puberty	10 rolls of paper towels
Puberty	100 blow up balloons
Puberty	6 shaving razors (disposable)
Puberty	8-10 cans of shaving cream
Puberty	Large poster board
Puberty	Markers for booth sign
Puberty	Plastic covering the ground
Puberty	Raffle tickets
Puberty	Water
Retirement	20 Pens
Retirement	Speaker and calm music playlist
Retirement	Stack of paper
Summer Camp	1 ream of paper
Summer Camp	1 Table
Summer Camp	15 pens
Summer Camp	4 packs of stickers
Summer Camp	Large bristol boards / Markers to make the banner
Summer Camp	Popcorn / other treat
Summer Camp	Raffle Tickets
Wedding	1 Table
Wedding	3 tennis balls
Wedding	A Box / Milk crate – or other item to serve as a platform
Wedding	Large bristol boards / Markers to make the banner
Wedding	Print out 5 Copies of Psalms 137:5 - If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand be forgotten.
Wedding	Raffle Tickets
Wedding	Stack of cheap plastic goblets