

CORNERSTONE 2016 RESOURCE

Opening Program - CURIOSITY

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SUMMARY:	This is a large group program that weaves the theme of "curiosity" through a series of experiential Jewish educational activities. - <i>Submitted by Cornerstone Faculty</i>
TOPICS:	Camp-wide/Large Group Programs, Community Building, Dance and Movement, Jewish Culture, Jewish Values, Music and Rhythm, Sports & Games, Team Building, Teen Programs
LEARNING OBJECTIVE:	To create a sense of community in a short amount of time, pique the interest of the fellows for what's to come, and demonstrate right off the bat that Jewish education at camp can take many different forms, all of them fun!
AUDIENCE:	large groups, any age
LENGTH:	30-60 Minutes
MATERIALS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp room cards: 65 (1 per camp room), 4x6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FRONT: time & location of program, rainbow question mark ○ BACK: Bereshit Bara "in the beginning; Creation" (Hebrew English Translit) • Individual cards: 400 (1 per person), playing card size <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blue, red & green w/ question phrases and question mark • Envelopes: 65 (1 per camp room) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Name of a fellow from each camp, sticker on back: "read silently, look worried" ○ Slip of paper with note • Foam board (24) • Question phrases and question mark by color (blue, red, green) • Anything that might be necessary for the individual demonstrations
SETTING:	Theater - NO BENCHES

Session Description:

Everyone will begin in their camprooms. At a certain point, an FJC staff member will enter the camproom with an envelope addressed to one Fellow in the room. That envelope will contain a letter that says "READ THIS FIRST" on the outside, and the following message within:

As you read this, silently to yourself in your camp room, please make sure that your face looks confused, full of curiosity and wonder. Inside this envelope you will find one large card and several smaller cards. The large card, which you will share with your group, will reveal a time and place for the commencement of this cornerstone of curiosity. On the back of that card is a Hebrew phrase, which you and your fellows must learn. Once you have completed this, take the small cards out of the envelope. Give a card to each individual (Fellows and liaison) in a sly and sneaky way (I.e. Slip it into someone's pocket, hand it to them while walking to the aforementioned location, etc.).

Let the curiosity begin.

The large card in the envelope will indeed have, on one side, the following information:

Time of event: 4:30pm Theater

On the other side it will say:

Breishit Barah Elohim... In the beginning, God created...

The smaller cards will be one of the following: (note that we have 24 groups, all 8 of the following categories in 3 different colors, so one camproom will get a diverse group of cards of different colors and different prompts. No camproom will have fellows with the same card). The card prompts are:

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| • -who might... | • -what if... | • -why does... |
| • -who is... | • -could be... | • -when will... |
| • -how can... | • -would you... | |

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Once everyone has their cards, all will walk to the theater where the faculty will be spread out holding up giant versions of their group's card. Once everyone is in groups there will be a group text that goes out to faculty letting them know to begin their presentation. There will be 8 rounds of presentations. Each round will consist of a faculty member performing a task of curiosity (from the following list):

90 second activity to pique curiosity of the Fellows (does not have to be "Jewish" but that'd be cool). We need 24, so do not be shy about coming up with your own. Each demonstration will be for 8 different groups of about 12-15 people each.		
ACTIVITY	FACULTY	SUPPLIES (if nec.)
1. Stick turning into the snake	Jake	150 straws with wrappers (enough per participant; 5 pitchers of water; 60 cups
2. Multiplying oil story (Elijah/Elisha)	Yoni	"Magic Jar" of oil (I will provide)
3. Water from the rock	Seth	4 water guns/ water bucket/ 2 bags of water ballons/ 10 pieces of Brown paper/ I'll find the rock
4. Creation	JAR	None
5. One of the 10 plagues - BLOOD	Ariella	Buddha board (I'll bring but might need a reminder) and water in 1 clear plastic bottle (regular water bottle size that you'd carry around for drinking)
6. Creating a moment in ritual	Shalom	none
7. Invisible force field- Shomer negia	Rachel G	none - http://www.wikihow.com/Trick-Your-Body#Create_a_Force_Field_sub
8. Creation of sacred space- eruv	Becca	Challah and string
9. Get people to stand up- open the ark	SBB	Sunlight would be nice
10. One of the 10 plagues - FROGS	Erica	Frogs.
11. Sanctifying the Shabbat	Meir	2 Pillows - (any could even be from the hotel) Beads - 2 packs of 5 each (give or take) . Candies - forget it, I'll bring it myself
12. Making peace when there is (inner) strife - calming the mind	Daniel A	Mason jar, water, glitter.
13. Turning Everything Negative into Something Positive/Changing Perspective (story of Balaam)	Tomer	None
14. Observation from Afar/Foresight of Possibility (scouts)	Caroline	None
15. Mind reading - תחילה במחשבת מעסה סוף	Daniel	Box with a coloured die
16. Card Trick	Josh S	deck of cards
17. Helium Hoop	Brett	2 hula hoop
18. Riddles/Card Trick/relay race tic tac toe	Jonah	nothing or decks of cards or 9 hula hoops and 3 each of two colors of bandanas
19. Magic 7s - Math Tricks	Briana	
20. Sh'ma - getting large groups of people to listen	Rose	nothing :D
21. Oulipo / Cadavre exquis	Sarra	paper and pens
22. Fit into a card trick - expanding space	Asya	a deck of cards, scissors
23. Exploration of a Hand - Energy and Power	Natalie	None

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There will be a group text that will notify faculty as their phones buzz that it is time to move to the next group - a silent sign meant to intrigue and pique curiosity in the fellows/liaisons. There will be a pattern for the faculty so they know which groups to move to.

*After the 4th round, Alina and Jill will speak to welcome everyone to Cornerstone. They will NOT do faculty introductions (everyone will meet the 8 faculty members they meet). They WILL infuse/translate the word BARAH into her speech.**

After the 8th round, the faculty will recollect the small cards from their groups. Then someone from the opening/closing committee will get up to introduce the concept of Abracadabra - the magic that curiosity brings to camp programming is a wholly Jewish concept.

Then Dan/Erica will teach the song/dance.

*This may be adjusted to have ALL Faculty introduced, and also to include the Program Guide "scavenger hunt" rule review and sharing.