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Revolution and Renewal: Social Justice [Specialty Track 3]

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SUMMARY:	Exploration of how to do excellent social justice programming at camp - <i>Submitted by Sarra Alpert</i>
TOPIC(S):	Social Justice
LEARNING OBJECTIVE:	Fellows will learn a range of methods for approaching social justice content.
AUDIENCE:	Session is aimed at staff members. Content within session can be used with a range of ages and group sizes.
TIMING:	90 minutes
APPENDICES:	Handouts in process
MATERIALS NEEDED:	None
SET-UP DETAILS:	Any space is fine

SESSION TIMELINE & OUTLINE:

- 5 minutes: Handout Review
- 20 minutes: Activity Review
- 45 minutes: Program Brainstorm
- 10 minutes: Closing

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This session will be primarily for unpacking the idea from the arcs of the first two sessions and giving Fellows time to use them for programs for their own camps this summer.

5 min: Start by reviewing the principles on the handout (all explained in more depth there):

- It's essential that all justice work come from a place of respect.
- Think about who's in the "room" and what they bring.
- Work from and towards a justice learning path.
- Balance action and education.

20 min: Read through the more in-depth explanation of each principle together. For each one, identify how each of the activities from sessions one and two work with the ideas there:

- Pin the Mitzvah on the Mensch
- Understanding Aid
- Memory and History
- Chutes and Ladders
- Scavenging Blessings
- How do we share?

Discuss also how each activity could be built out further to reflect even more of these principles or to do so in even more ways.

10 min: Using the group's expertise, generate additional principles that should be on the list.

30-45 min: Ask for volunteers who each have an idea for social justice programming that they want to develop. Split into small groups. In groups, work through the various principles (both the ones on the original list and the ones on the group-generated list) to flesh the program out and make sure it aims towards those goals. If time, come back together to share out the activity ideas.

10 min: Closing:

Around the room, paste up various visionary quotes and images and ideas. Give everyone time to walk around and mark the ones that especially inspire them. Ask everyone to write down a word or phrase that describes the more just world they're trying to work towards. Go around and have everyone read their word out loud. Bless the list together with "Ken yehi ratzon" - "May it be so,"