

Social Justice: We Will Pursue *Specialty Track 1*

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TOPIC (S)	<i>Social Justice, Tikkun Olam</i>
SUMMARY	“Justice, Justice you shall pursue” is a constant clarion call from all corners of Jewish life. Social Justice and the imperative to “heal the world” is a primary Jewish value, but what is really at the heart of it and what does it look and feel like on the ground in our camps? In this specialty track, we will get back to basics about the foundations of social justice and deepen our perspectives on some of the modern social issues that drive our passions. Through group discussion, interactive activities, and analysis of famous text we will get a strong footing in the work of social change. Join us as we learn how we can pray with our feet by turning our passions into action.
GOALS:	<p>In this session:</p> <p>Fellows will analyze social justice with a “beginner’s mind” to gain new perspectives on its importance to Judaism and camp.</p> <p>Fellows will take stock of where our camps are in their social justice work and where they can grow.</p> <p>Fellows will ask themselves what social issues they feel most passionately about.</p>
AUDIENCE:	The audience of this session and its activities is entirely flexible and can be adapted to all age ranges and group sizes.
TIMING:	75 Minutes
APPENDICES:	<p>Land Acknowledgment: https://native-land.ca/</p> <p>Menti: https://www.menti.com/rjnor8v3e5</p> <p>Jewish Text Jamboard: https://jamboard.google.com/d/13E62Wap3_QMbzCx9K6JQjixqBDJceQ7_yZXhWJWQ/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>What’s Fakakte? Jamboard: https://jamboard.google.com/d/1J5PTTrkzT_Gu_jnvE748Vce8ElxF8_kxyoTzAA374sE/edit?usp=sharing</p>
MATERIALS NEEDED:	N/A
SET-UP DETAILS:	A room with privacy and internet

SESSION TIMELINE

- 00:00-00:10- Welcome and Intros
- 00:10-00:20- Brit creation
- 00:20-00:35- Social Justice Temperature Check
- 00:35-00:50- Jewish Text Hevruta
- 00:50- 1:00- Reflection
- 1:00-1:10- So nu? What's Fakakte to you?

SESSION OUTLINE:

00:00-00:10 - **Welcome and introductions** everyone shares their name, pronouns, and acknowledges the land they are on.

<https://native-land.ca/>

00:10-00:20-**Brit**- The group creates a group brit & sets group norms on jamboard [link to jamboard]. Discusses why this is important and how to keep it from just being something you do once and forget about.

00:20-00:30- **Social Justice at Camp Temperature Check**

3 Mentimeters with the following prompts (link)

- To me, Social Justice means
- Projects my camp already does related to social justice (**fellows will be prompted by session leader to think of everything from the most subtle to grand projects**)
- My camp still struggles with

00:30-00:35 **Debrief and review of Menti answers.**

00:35-00:50

Hevruta around Social Justice Quotes

We hear (and if we have not yet we will, as we continue through our personal and professional lives in the Jewish World) many famous statements, quotes, or pieces of text related to social justice. In this activity we will take a look at some of the most frequently cited and a few lesser known and ask ourselves what we really think they mean.

Hevrotas will move from quote to quote within their break out rooms and paste their responses using post-it notes or google images.

All quotes are housed here:

https://jamboard.google.com/d/13E62Wap3_QMbuzCx9K6JQjixqBDJceQ7_yZXhWJWQ/edit?usp=sharing

00:50- 1:00 **Group Reflection**

Did you learn anything new either about these pieces of text or yourselves?

Have any of these quotes or pieces of text ever been used at camp? Have you felt as if they mattered to the community? How can we bring them alive?

1:00-1:10- **So, nu? What's Fakakte to you?**

As we continue our work in the next two sessions it will be important to know what you feel passionate about. What is broken to you? What is messed up? What are your personal social justice causes?

Participants will be given a few minutes to list the things that are personal social justice causes for them. note: this Jamboard will be used again in Session 3.

https://jamboard.google.com/d/1J5PTTrkzT_Gu_jnvE748Vce8ElxF8_kxyoTzAA374sE/viewer

1:10-1:15 **Closing**- One thing you are taking away from today.

BRINGING IT BACK TO CAMP & SHIFTING TO IN PERSON:

In order to best adapt this program for in camp use I would suggest:

Large pieces of chart paper on the walls for the quotes and hevruta pairs

If you would still like to utilize Menti's to get anonymous answers and feedback, have a large screen in the room connected to the internet and allow participants to use their cellphones to answer prompts.

Large chart paper and post-it notes can take the place of all Jamboards in all sessions of this specialty track.