

## **Torah Tok Unleashed: Crafting Connections between Tradition and Modernity**

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**SUMMARY:** Join us as we explore the power of sharing words of Torah to enrich your camp community. We'll delve into selected Jewish texts and guide you through the process of crafting and presenting your insights using three unique modalities: traditional "D'var Torah" (3-minute teaching/talk), TikTok videos, and spoken word poetry. Unleash your creativity, ignite meaningful discussions, and foster deeper connections within your camp community!

**GOALS:** Participants will have fun with Torah, they will learn a new skill (using their own language to share out ancient wisdom for a modern world), and they see that there are multiple modalities for engaging in Jewish wisdom.

**AUDIENCE:** 20-25

**TIMING:** 75 MINUTES

**MATERIALS:** PENS, MARKERS, FLIP CHART PAPER, PROJECTOR, ACCESS TO ELECTRIC OUTLET, PRINT OUTS OF EACH SUPPLEMENTARY TEXT (SO EVEN IF THE PARTICIPANT DOESN'T CHOOSE THEM, THEY CAN TAKE THEM WITH THEM).

**SET-UP:** AN indoor quiet space, preferably a space with a projector.

## SESSION TIMELINE

- 00:00 - 00:05 – *Introductions*
- 00:05 - 00:10 – *Framing*
- 00:10 - 00:25 – *How to use the blank “Talmud” page*
- 00:25- 00:45 – *Create a product: D’var Torah, 6-word memoir (poetic) & TikTok Torah Split*
- 00:45 - 1:05 – *Teach what you learned*
- 01:05 - 01:15 – *Reflection and Conclusion/Sikum*

## SESSION OUTLINE

### Game Intro:

- Share your favorite Jewish text....

### Framing generally as a group - learning and teaching ideas based on text:

- Why do we try and draw out learning from Jewish text?
- What creative methods have you seen used to share “torah”?
- Text can come from broader places and not just traditional Jewish text.
- What works at camp?
- How have you shared Torah in your camp community?

### How to use the blank “Talmud” page

- Read the text and follow the prompts in the boxes surrounding the core text.
- Each *Chevruta* pair will be given one of these pages with an assigned text.

### Create a product - frame the task:

- Read the text and follow the prompts on the “Talmud” page? Try and think about what lesson you want to draw out from it and share (extra points if it’s camp related).
- Our goal is to learn how to be playful with the text so feel free to be as playful or serious as you want.
- Choose a *Chevruta* who comes from a different camp/ movement
- Once you read the text and think about an idea/ lesson to share, you will develop it through one of the following 3 modalities:
  - 1- Tik Tok presentation of a Dvar Torah
  - 2- Traditional Dvar Torah presentation 2 Min
  - 3- Spoken word poetry or 6-word memoir

### Teach what you learned

- Each chevrotah now uses what they learned to create a dvar torah, TikTok, or poem
- They should find an interesting way to explain the text, make a connection with something relevant today, and “prove” why it’s important

**Conclusion:**

- Each group presents their Dvar Torah/TikTok/poem
- Discussion on process, give a chance for some discussion about where that Torah came from or the method of presentation
- How do you feel about moving through text and teaching them now vs when we started?
- How would this work in your camp?