Introduction to TJJ Education Roadmaps



HOW DOES EDUCATION WORK ON TJJ?

Every day on TJJ should include education. There should be time for learning structured into the daily schedule. Each week's Roadmap will provide you with a variety of educational materials and resources. The Roadmap is a tool to help you balance the need for consistent education within a very spontaneous program.

THE EDUCATION VALUES FOR TJJ

TJJ is a four-week program, and each week focuses on a different theme, with each theme building on the previous week's theme.



WEEK 1 – BELIEF

Starting with belief, teens will be introduced to the basic tenets of Jewish faith and connecting God to their personal identity.



WEEK 2 – ETERNAL NATION

We introduce the topic of the Jewish Nation and discuss the core values of Judaism and the Jewish community.



WEEK 3 - MITZVOS

The third week looks at the concept of Mitzvos and actualizing the material learned during the previous two weeks.



WEEK 4 – ISRAEL AS OUR HOMELAND

Finally, the last week focuses on the Land of Israel, building and maintaining a connection between the teens and their homeland.

THE ROADMAP

Each week has four types of educational approaches containing a range of resources. Each teen learns differently, each bus dynamic is different and each educator is different. In consultation with your bus director, you will be able to pick and choose from the multitude of resources to create the perfect blend for your teens. On the roadmap you will find suggested "mix and match" of resources that work well together.



TEXT-BASED SESSIONS

These sessions provide discussion material with classic textual sources to create vibrant discussion. The sessions can be used as chavrusa or chaburah learning and can be introduced and /or summarized with the group as a whole. They can be learned on shabbos or as an education opportunity any time during the week. Often you will find a video or an article that will match well with a text session.



ARTICLES

The articles provided are excellent triggers to spark a discussion based on the theme of the week. Each article will have discussion questions attached to it. The articles can be used for group discussions or handed to individual teens who may be interested in the topic.



ACTIVITIES

Active learning is one of the best ways to educate teens and pass on a message. The activities for each week will lend themselves to active and practical learning. Each activity has instructions and guidance for how to run the activity, as well as suggested materials from the other educational approaches to partner with it.



VIDEOS

Teens today are visual; they are media driven and aware. The videos provided are triggers to spark discussions and debate. Each video is uploaded and ready for you to show. Background information and framing as well as discussion questions are included for all the videos.

YOUR BUS EDUCATION PLAN

In consultation with your bus director and the national NCSY education staff, you will be able to use the roadmap and resources to prepare an education strategy for your TJJ bus.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The national NCSY education staff is available to help during the weeks leading up to TJJ. They can explain any of the resources, offer presentation advice, general guidance or suggestions for your educational programming.

Should you find any mistakes we would greatly appreciate you letting us know. Please feel free to contact us during your preparation time.

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