

Guess

WHO'S COMING TO ARUCHAT EREV?

"Guess Who's Coming to Aruchat Erev?" provides a fun opportunity for campers to learn about specific Israeli personalities by having them "visit" camp one day each week. Encourage counselors to have fun with this, using the Israel Resource Cards to glean key facts about political and historical leaders, artists, sports stars, and other important people.

The range of characters who "visit" is virtually limitless, as any staff member — Israeli and North American — can choose a person they think campers would enjoy getting to know. As the summer goes on, your campers may be visited by everyone from basketball legend Tal Brody or the Poetess Rachel to the first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion — in addition to international film star Gal Gadot, Olympic athletes, hip-hop stars, and more.

PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

"Guess Who's Coming to Aruchat Erev?" does not need to be a stand-alone program; rather, it can be a way to incorporate Israeli personalities throughout campers' experiences all summer long. There are many great visitors you can invite to your dining room. Among them:

Historical Figures:

- > Theodor Herzl
- > Ze'ev Jabotinsky
- > Josef Trumpeldor

Artists:

- > Yaakov Agam
- > Hanoch Piven
- > Naomi Shemer
- > Achinoam Nini (Noa)

Sports Stars:

- > Omri Casspi
- > Tal Brody

Political/Military Figures:

- > David Ben Gurion
- > Moshe Dayan
- > Golda Meir
- > Yoni Netanyahu
- > Yitzhak Rabin
- > Gilad Shalit



Tip

*This program can have even more impact if you connect it to Jewish values that your campers may be exploring in other areas of camp. Here are some that may work well: **Perseverance, Understanding, Wisdom, Confidence, Leadership, Social Responsibility.***



Tip

Who are some Israeli figures that your campers might get excited about? Not sure where to start...ask Israeli staff at camp for suggestions.



Further exploration

Your Israel Resource Cards are a great starting point to gather information about these Israeli personalities. You can also ask Israelis at camp to help out, or do some quick research on your own to fill in details.



READY? SET. HOST!

Choose one day a week for your Aruchat Erev visitors from Israel. On that day, be prepared with the following elements:

- > A one page sheet, including a picture of the person and fun facts, that can be posted around camp, in the bunks, etc.
- > Counselors ready to “take on” the personalities at various opportunities throughout the day — including meals, for announcements, at specialty activities, and during evening programs (costumes encouraged, i.e., an eye-patch for Moshe Dayan or a large beard for Herzl).
- > A list of trivia questions that the “visitors” can ask campers throughout the day.

Encourage campers to approach the “visitors from Israel,” listen to their stories, and answer trivia questions. If the campers successfully answer the trivia questions, they get special “shekel” tokens. At the end of the day, the camper who has the most shekel tokens wins an Israeli prize!

Counselors can role-play the guest each week and circulate among campers as they share information about the personality.

WAYS TO USE AND ENHANCE

Encourage staff to propose characters to come to Aruchat Erev. While the Israel Resource Cards have lots of great ideas, your counselors may have altogether different ideas about Israelis — living and dead — who carry meaning for them. By assembling a broad array of Israeli visitors to Aruchat Erev, you can introduce your camp community to Israelis from many walks of life.

Short on time? Turn this into a classic “Whose Line is it Anyway” improv game, Party Quirks.

DETAILS

- > **Materials:**
 - Israel Resource Cards
 - Pictures and fun facts about selected personalities (visit theicenter.org/initiative/israel-camp)
- > **Age:** These guests will appeal to the entire camp community
- > **Duration:** Intermittently throughout the day, and 10–15 minutes at Aruchat Erev



Tip

How to play Party Quirks:

Ask for a really brave volunteer — who will be called the ‘host of the party’ — and send them with another staff member into the ‘soundproof booth’ (far enough away or in another room so that the volunteer can’t hear what’s going on in the space where the game is being played).

Ask for six volunteers to come stand up front. Each of these volunteers will be ‘guests’ at the party that the ‘host’ is throwing. The catch? Each volunteer has to be a famous person or inanimate object from Israel’s history. Get ideas from the audience, and use your Israel Resource Cards for inspiration.

Once everyone has their identities picked out, the host can come back in and mock ‘set-up’ his/her party. As each new guest enters, the ‘host’ needs to try to figure out who the ‘guest’ is; don’t let the party get too crowded — space out the arrivals so the ‘host’ has some time to guess the identity of each guest based on their behavior. The rest of the audience can offer hints!

