

## Parents and Leaders' Guide to the Camp Newman Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to elicit conversation about the damage by fire of many of the buildings and spaces at URJ Camp Newman, among family members, students and others affected by the damage to the physical space. The focus, as will be apparent, is on the participants' feelings, hopes and memories associated with their experiences at camp.

The following is the simple process we recommend that leaders/parents utilize:

- 1) Provide one copy of the questionnaire for each participant and parent/leader(s), one pen or pencil for each person, and a blank piece of paper for each person. Crayons or colored pencils may also be helpful;
- 2) Instruct each person to complete the sentences that are on the questionnaire. Please note that 2 of the items ask for stories to illustrate experiences. These could also be pictures or poems on separate pieces of paper;
- 3) Please discuss one question at a time and draw out participants' responses; for example you can say, "Tell us more about that", "That sounds important to you; why?"
- 4) To conclude, instruct each person in turn to complete this unfinished sentence: "My favorite part of this conversation was...."

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