

A Day Trip To Israel Have your kids go on a trip to Israel without leaving your town. Give each kid a passport and as they visit each station they get a stamp. Each station is a different place in Israel and offers an activity that goes along with that city, such as: sand painting in the Negev, a Gadna obstacle course, make a piece of art in Tzfat.

Academy Awards Night Lounge Have the kids come together to watch the Academy Awards on T.V. A pizza dinner can be served and then have the kids vote for the categories which come late in the program and that they cannot stay for (best actress, best actor, best movie).

Adopt A Highway Have your chapter adopt a highway and have members clean it of litter on an ongoing basis. You can also adopt a park!

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast An all you can eat breakfast was advertised to the congregation and community through flyers and newspapers. The congregation's Men's Club cooked and the USYers served as the wait staff.

Anniversary Cards Each month, a list of the couples in the synagogue who will be celebrating wedding anniversaries over the next two months, is sent out with the newsletter. Temple members can check off as many couples as they'd like to send greeting to. The cost is \$2.00 per couple. The youth group then sends a card to the anniversary couple with the names of the congregants who send their anniversary wishes.

Anti Semitism Program The Anti-Defamation League came to do an interactive program with the USYers. The event can also be opened to all parents.

Apple Picking The chapter went to a farm where they picked apples and pumpkins. The event ended with a hay ride around the farm. As a twist- one synagogue gave a lesson on tithing and as the members paid for their apples, the "tithed" what they bought and donated those apples to a food bank.

Army Base Goody Packages Have your members from a bring tapes or CDS with them to an event that they would like to donate. Have them decorate small boxes and fill them with candy and nuts and a CD or tape. Send the goody boxes to an army base in Israel.

Around the World Cafe Have a program with foods from around the world as a theme. You can do research as to Jews around the world and present something unique about the Jews living in that location along with a food for the USYers to try.

"As Time Goes By" This event was done in conjunction with L'dor V'dor (Grandparents) weekend. To follow through with the concept of L'dor V'dor, there was a luncheon for all generations and the "Hester St. Troupe" a Klezmer band who performed Jewish Vaudeville and played music which stemmed from Yiddish theater to present day songs to a Jewish trivia facts contest was hired.

Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction Prizes were obtained from local restaurants and movies theaters and then the USYers got to bid on the bachelor/bachelorettes.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Certificates Certificates were issued as children reached the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah. These certificates are good for their first year of USY with free dues.

Battle of the Sexes Water Challenge This program was held at a local "Y". There were relay races, golf ball balancing on a spoon races, penny dives, water polo, water basketball, water

dodge ball and a Jewish trivia race where the racers would advance if they answered the question correctly.

Beautiful Baby Contest *Have the members of your chapter bring in a baby picture and set up a table to display the pictures. Then have a contest to see who can identify the most babies.*

Beach Party *Works well in late spring and into the early fall, but the real challenge is to have a "beach party" in the winter. Invite your USYers to a gym, have them come dressed for summer, play volleyball while sitting on the floor using a beach ball, have limbo contests and make fruit kabobs to serve as a snack.*

Billiards Night *The chapter met at the local billiards hall, racked 'em up and played some pool. There were also video games and refreshments for all.*

Bingo For SA/TO *This chapter played a large game of BINGO and gave all the proceeds to T.O. They raised lots of money and prizes were given to the winners.*

Birthday Card Program *Everyone loves to receive mail, especially for their birthday! Each member received a personalized birthday card on their special day.*

Bowling for Bucks *The participants from this chapter gathered at a bowling alley on a Saturday evening to "Rock N'Bowl" for TO. Each participant was asked to raised \$18.00 in order to bowl. Participants had a great time eating, winning prizes and hanging out.*

Breakfast Bowl and College Bowl: College Counseling Breakfast *There was a breakfast held in a Sukkah, where dynamic counselors were invited to discuss and role play getting into college and the preparation needed.*

Bring A Friend Night *In an effort to bring up the total membership the chapter held a "Bring a Friend Night", where members were encouraged to bring non-USY Jewish friends with them. A phone chain was sent out along with a letter. In the letter two coupons were sent, which contained spaces for names, addresses and phone numbers in order to contact the potential members. Each new person attending received a follow up phone call.*

Broadway Through the Year *Broadway through the years was an eighteen number show performed for Hadassah. Members of the chapter, prepared months in advance for this special performance. This demonstrated the dedication, togetherness and excitement of the chapter to Hadassah members.*

Camp Raffle *This is a new twist to an old theme. Have the local camps donate various amounts of time at the camp, then incorporate all the prizes into a raffle for the congregation.*

Canned Food Drive *Take the USYers to a food store and have them ask the patrons to buy a can of food to be donated to the local food bank. Have boxes ready so when the patrons leave the store, they can hand you the food to be donated. If you really want to get organized, hand the shoppers an index card with a certain food item on it, so that you don't wind up with too much of one item.*

Car Wash A Thon *Aside from having a regular car wash, try this. Tell your USYers to get people to sponsor them for how many cars they can wash in an hour. Then publicize a free car wash and let the kids go to it. Keep a jar at the end for donations from your free car wash. Your chapter will collect twice, because you'll get money for the "free" car wash and*

money from the sponsors.

Carnival Thrills and Games *There were many games such as balloon shaving, shooting hoops and putting out a candle with a water gun in a carnival like atmosphere. Some other booths consisted of a pie eating contest, a marriage booth, jail and be a star. The marriage booth was a mock version of a Jewish wedding. The ceremony took place under the chupah, where the glass (plastic) was broken. A marriage certificate was then issued. Be a star consisted of stars with dares written on the back. A USYer would pick a number on a star and had to perform the corresponding dare. Board members acted as the USY police. People whom were "arrested" must complete a dare in order to be released.*

Casino Night *As one of the first events of the season, this chapter sponsored a Casino Night. The USYers participated in a night of cards, music, friends and fun. At the beginning of the evening, each participant was given an amount of fake money. The USYers played cards, listened to music and socialized, making new friends.*

Chanukah Balloon-O-Grams *For three nights during Chanukah, this chapter delivered mylar Chanukah balloons. For \$5.00, you received a balloon, dreidel, Chanukah card and a live rendition of popular Chanukah songs.*

Chanukah Candle Making *Members made candles for Chanukah from scratch. Various colors of wax were melted on stone and the patiently dipped a few times. The candles were given to the families of the USYers. The proper blessings were recited and a game of dreidel was also played.*

Chanukah Late Nighter *Following Ma'ariv services, the chapter gathered to light the chanukiah. They then sang songs, broke up into groups for a discussion, watched a movie, had pizza, exchanged gifts and had a message train.*

Chanukah Party *A Chanukah party was held for their paid up members which included dreidel spinning contests, pin the candle on the chanukiah, make latkes and have a grab bag. They turned up the spirit with Israeli music and Shari Lewis and Lambchops' Hanukkah Special.*

Chanukah Play *About 10 USYers performed a play that retold the story of Chanukah. This play gave everyone in attendance a better sense of the holiday while also enjoying themselves.*

Charity Auction for Tikun Olam *One chapter raised almost \$1,000 from a Goods and Services auction which they held. Members of the congregation, chapter and local businesses donated prizes and services which were then auctioned off.*

Chametz For the Homeless *This chapter collected the chametz from the congregation before Pesach and brought it to a local food shelter for the homeless.*

Combating Anti-Semitism *This chapter watched T.V. clips which cited examples of anti-Semitism. Afterwards they assessed each situation and decided how they would have reacted under those circumstances. They then watched a video of an anti-Semite, which instigated another discussion. This program was run as an effort to combat anti-Semitism in the area.*

Cookbook *Have your kids put together a cookbook of their favorite recipes and sell the book to members and congregants. You can also sell ad space in the back to bring in even more money!*

Count Your Blessings Tax *Create your own 1040 Form and send it to your congregation, asking*

them to declare their assets and deductions.

CPR Class *Sponsor a CPR demonstration for your chapter. If there is enough interest, continue the class through certification. You can tie this into a lesson on saving a life and add Jewish texts.*

Crafts Night *Have your USYers/Kadimaniks make different Jewish crafts. (I.e.. Kipah painting, tie dyed challah covers and mezuzot , etc.)*

Discount Cards *This USY Chapter has been selling discount cards to family members, friends and congregants, for five dollars. The card entitles them to discounts or free items from popular businesses in or around town.*

Dr. Seuss and Kirstalnacht *Although an usual pair, this chapter took the Dr. Seuss story, Yertle the Turtle and discussed its theme of heroism and bravery. It was then related to the Holocaust and Kristalnacht.*

Dreidel Tournament *Conducted as part of the chapter's Chanukah party, there was a \$2.00 entry fee. The tournament was a round robin elimination timed tournament. The winner got half the pot, TO the other half.*

Dutch Auction *Have your kids bring items from their house. Split the kids into teams and call out items. If the teams have them, they get points.*

Edible Olympics *Food is always popular in USY, that's why Edible Olympics was such a hit. The Edible Olympics was an all out war! Our first event was a licorice race. Other events included coffee cake shots, a pudding contest, soda chugging and bobbing for olives.*

Ethnic Desserts *We had fun both making and eating various desserts. Members baked/brought desserts representing various countries from around the world. We all gathered around the table and described what the desserts were and where they originated.*

Freshman Welcome Brunch *The board "hosted" a reception and put together a series of ice breakers and fun games to play before and during the brunch. The officers also acted as the wait staff "serving" their newest members. But, they required them to sing for the utensils and food!*

Get Naked! *The members of this chapter were told to wear as many layers of clothes as possible. The attendees are broken up into two teams. Then, someone yells out an article of clothing and if you were wearing it, you receive points. Points can also be given for creativity. The most exciting part of this event is sending out the flyers because the catchy name draws a lot of curious people!*

Gingerbread Sukkot *The chapter created gingerbread sukkot by using graham cracker, licorice and icing. A fun event to do in the Sukkah!*

HAHA Box *Have each USYer/Kadimanik bring \$1 for a raffle. Put all the kids names in a can (whether or not they are present). Pull out a name- if the child is there, they get ½ the pot. If they are not there- it all goes to T.O. and you call the kid and have everyone scream-HAHA!*

Heschel Honor Society Program *This chapter held their own in-house special Oneg Shabbat program, three times during the year. Following the regular congregational services, the*

members had a study session during the Oneg Shabbat program.

Hospital Visits for the Holidays For Sukkot, Chanukah and Purim, the members of this chapter visited with patients at the local hospital.

Human Dynamics On one evening in January, this chapter decided to try communicating differently, build some trust and connect with each other. Through trust games and group dynamics, the USYers learned to listen to each other and trust one another.

Human Monopoly Members of one chapter were treated to a night of "human monopoly" where they were able to play monopoly in teams on a life size game board.

Human Poker Used as an ice-breaker, each USYer was given a playing card and instructed to find other cards and to come up with the best poker hand.

Ice Cream Sculpting This program was originally scheduled for the Sukkah, but got rained out! So we brought it inside. Ice cream sculpting brought out the creative and artistic aspects of the USYers/ Fifteen gallons of ice cream were placed on the table and each team was given a dish. Categories for sculptures were animals, something Jewish, and "What USY means to you!". The program was complete with awards for the best sculpture.

In Celebration of Jerusalem 3000 As an outcome of the Shabbat program on Jerusalem 3000, a series of articles appeared as an ongoing program. These articles about the USYers trips to Israel and their impressions on Jerusalem appeared in the synagogue newspaper.

Israel Cafe A USY senior taught the other USYers various Israeli dances and names of some Israeli foods such as baba ganush, tehina, and humus (of course there were samples to taste). The political parties in Israel were also discussed. There was a debate held by the USYers "representing" the different political parties in Israel, on whether or not Israel should fight to retain the land in the West Bank or if they should return it to the Arabs.

Israel Cafe The chapter got together for a fun night of Israeli dancing, geography and culture. The USYers in attendance got a taste of Israeli dancing, music and food. Posters, balloons and the Israeli flag were hung up to make the room look more festive and fun. This program allowed everybody to learn more about Israel and its culture while having a great time. Hatikvah was sung during a candlelight conclusion.

Israel Extravaganza Using a stations approach, the chapter was introduced to the sights, sounds and tastes of Israel. Three stations were Israeli dancing, felafel and a Pilgrimage video. A short discussion on the peace process then took place to clear up any previous confusion with the USYers. USYers who had attended Israeli Pilgrimage this past summer, showed their photo albums to everybody in attendance.

Israel in Ice Cream Place a large map of Israel on a table or on a piece of plywood and cover with plastic wrap. Have members build Israel with different flavors of ice cream, toppings and candy.... then eat it! (Hint: rocky road makes good mountains and mint chocolate chip does great for grassy areas!)

Israel Schnitzelborscht The entire evening was dedicated to Israel. The USYers arrived to the sound of Israeli music and the smells of Israeli food. The USYers looked through their friends' Israel photo albums, looked at Israeli posters and maps on the walls and picked up Pilgrimage applications and paraphernalia. Pilgrimage and wheels videos were then showed followed by USYers speaking about the programs they had previously attended. The last half of the

evening was spent playing an educational game of Israel jeopardy.

Israeli Awareness Program *The program began with Israeli Jeopardy, then the USYers broke off in discussions groups on anti-semitism, the bible and intermarriage. The program culminated with a survey on Jewish Thought.*

Jammie Jam Slumber Party *Have your kids come dressed in their p.j.'s and have a pajama party. (Popcorn, movies, all sorts of good stuff)*

Java Joint *This chapter meeting was turned into a coffee house. Local Jewish musicians and poets performed and local artist displayed their work throughout the room. Coffee and other desserts were sold for T.O.*

Jerusalem -O-Poly *Make your own life size rendition of Monopoly, using Jerusalem as the parcels of land. Can be a great educational lesson as well as lots of fun.*

Jewish Scattegories *A fun religious event in which Jewish questions ranging from Bible stories to Israeli politics to Halacha were asked.*

Kadima Picnic *In an effort to become familiar with the incoming freshman for their chapter, the chapter officers held a Kadima picnic for the incoming freshman class.*

Karate Self-Defense *This USY chapter brought in three professional black belts to teach members how to protect themselves. The evening began with shared safety tips and then they demonstrated several moves. The real fun was when the USYers got to practice on one another.*

Kidnap Program *Want a way to involve kids in your program? Kidnap a group of kids and have a special program. Arrange in advance with the parents of the kids who you want to kidnap and bring them to a location (either a program or to the synagogue).*

Kindergarten Night *A popular program for many chapters, this night lets the USYers revert to their childhood. Show and Tell, finger painting, childhood games (duck, duck, goose, etc.) building blocks, snacks, clay and Sesame Street Videos round out an evening of fun.*

Kohelet Study Group *The chapter took an in-depth look at the megillah Kohelet, in two all night sessions. Dinner started the event with the reading of half the megillah following. A discussion with the Rabbi on what had been learned ended the event.*

Laser Floyd and Overnight *After venturing into NY city to see the laser light show at the Hayden Planetarium, and a snack at Jerusalem Pizza, the members of this chapter returned for an all night party. From karaoke, to movies, board games and a morning dance party, followed by Shacharit and breakfast- the USYers had a nightful!*

L'dor V'dor: From Generation to Generation *A Friday night service was held in conjunction with a Grandparent's Weekend in which grandparents were honored throughout the congregation. There were two speakers, one a grandmother who spoke about what it was like to be a grandparent and the other, a grandson speaking on what it was like to be a grandson. At the Oneg Shabbat, the USY'ers broke into groups and sat with grandparents while asking them then and now questions.*

Late Night with USY *This chapter held an overnight. The night was a busy one, Flavian a mind reader, performed some of his tricks. When he was finished, the USYers held a murder*

mystery mansion. Five USYers acted in it while the remaining USYers were split into groups and had to solve the murder mystery. A scavenger hunt list was then passed out. People talked, watched movies, ate and some even slept. The event ended with shacharit (morning services) and breakfast.

Learn A Thon *Prepare a night of learning in both religious/educational and social actions/tikun olam themes. Have the USYers get sponsors to studying for the night. They can move from one activity to another, learning lots and raising money for T.O.*

Latkes and Lemons *Have your members bring things from home that they have received as presents but haven't used. Bring them wrapped and then auction them off. What is your lemon could be someone's latke!*

Lox Boxes *Five fresh bagels, Nova Scotia lox, cream cheese, orange juice, rugalach, tomato, onion and the Sunday newspaper all for Super Bowl Sunday. The cost \$18.00 and order were taken in advance.*

Maccabiah Sleepover *This program featured a Maccabiah color war with two teams- blue & white. There were crazy relays, a "sing down", a timed contest to write the words to Hatikvah and the first verse of Maoz Tzur. Movies, TV and pizza along with a morning minyan and breakfast rounded out this program.*

Mall Scavenger Hunt *Let loose in a mall, the members of this chapter had to find the answers to various questions or clues. The clues were outlined in an original story written by two members of the chapter. Names of stores in which the participants had to look for the answers were hinted to by placing part of the name in quotation marks.*

Membership Contest *Points were given to current members of this chapter for bringing their friends to chapter programs. Point values were assigned to age groups, and types of events. The initial point values were: Freshman 10 points, Sophomores 8 points, Juniors 6 points and Seniors 4 points. Event values depended on whether they were regional or chapter and what type of event it was. The person with the most points at the end of the school year wins a prize.*

Mishloach Manot Baskets *Several chapters have made and sold Mishloach Manot baskets to members of their congregation. You can take advance orders and involve the USYers in the baking.*

Mitzvah Monopoly Jeopardizing Your Judaism *With a Jewish version of Jeopardy, USYers discovered many things about Judaism that they may or may not have known. This provided the USYers with insight on their religion as well as its history and other interesting topics such as geography and Jewish celebrities. Mitzvah Monopoly, was a life-sized monopoly game. USYers were used as the pieces to move around the board.*

Mothers Against Drunk Driving *A retired policeman who works for M.A.D.D. spoke with the chapter. He informed them of all the dangers of drinking and driving.*

Murder Mystery *A Murder Mystery, an original creation by the members this chapter took place. The entire production was written and directed by the Executive Board. A semi formal evening was planned, with the Executive Board dressing as the characters for that evening. All attendees were given the chance to guess who committed the murder based on interaction with the characters.*

Mystery Prize Auction *Members of the board went out and bought things ranging from \$.39 to*

\$10.00. Each item was then wrapped and auctioned off to the highest bidder.

New Years Party *In celebration of the Jewish New Year, the USYers in this chapter threw a new year's bash.*

Newlyfriend Game *Have two friends or a parent/child as teams. Ask one 1 member of each team a series of questions (the color of the other person's toothbrush) Bring the teams back together and have them answer the questions in front of everyone.*

Newlywed Game *Everybody in attendance was divided into groups of two and given five minutes to get to know each other. One person was sent out of the room, while the other was asked three simple questions about the other person. If the answers correspond with their partner's answer they are awarded a point. The two people then switch positions. The couple with the most amount of points wins. Although some couples may not end up with any points, they have now met somebody new.*

Opening Overnight *After the Regional Opening Dance, this chapter hosted an overnight. The evening started with a Havdalah service and ended with Shacharit. In between, the chapter used the time to make their divided chapter a cohesive one. Games such as Human Bingo were played to introduce the members to each other. They also played Twister, watched movies, ate ice cream and stayed up til the wee hours of the morning.*

Opening Program *Each member was asked to bring pictures and stories from their summer vacation to this opening program. While enjoying sundaes, the members each shared their summer experience. They then discussed ideas for the coming year and conducted a survey with different program ideas.*

Painting House Numbers *In an effort to identify houses in case of an emergency, USYers went door to door offering their services to paint house numbers on the front curbs.*

Passover Food Baskets *In conjunction with Jewish Family Services, these USYers collected Passover food for eight families in their communities.*

Passover Flower Sale *This USY Chapter found a great way to spread the spirit and meaning of Passover through a great fund raiser. USYers sold flowers to family members and congregants.*

Pennies For Purim *In a large water bottle, these USYers collected coins of any type at their Purim Carnival and Megillah Reading. The congregants were asked to collect spare change in their homes and bring it with them to help fill the bottle.*

Polaroid Day *The group divided into three teams and set out on a Polaroid scavenger hunt. Each group had a driver, a camera, film and a task list. The first team to take pictures of all the items and be back at the designated location was the winner. Items included: a kosher salami, somewhere you could see both Keanu Reeves and Mel Gibson, a local restaurant, etc. As a twist, hire limousines to shuttle the kids around!*

Pool and Barbecue *Find a pool and a kosher grill and invite the kids to go swimming. This works well as a beginning of the year program, or a great end of the year program.*

Purim Seudah *Have your kids come together and have their own Purim Seudah. Take them to visit a nursing home or hospital first and then celebrate at the synagogue or someone's house.*

Rap With The Rabbi *Rap with the Rabbi was an ongoing discussion group led by the Rabbi of*

the congregation. While munching on pizza, this group discussed a plethora of topics that ranged from upcoming holidays to associated customs to inter-faith dating, and kashrut.

Recreational Therapy *Twice a month for eight months, members of this chapter went to work on recreational therapy with the children at a local facility. The program culminated with a talent show as their final visit.*

Rededication and Installation *This program gets the board and the rest of the chapter back on track. When the year begins the ruach level is almost untouchable, but as the year goes on, it decreases tremendously. Everybody in attendance (the board and other potential leaders), listed their favorite memories of USY. Everybody then split up into groups of three and created a symbol of what USY means to them. There was then a presentation of the symbols that were created. A list of all the positive and negative aspects of the chapter was then compiled. Each person was then given a list of people to call in the chapter and ask for their feedback on the chapter. The program ended with a candle lit ceremony, renewing the year.*

Regressive Dinner *Have a regressive meal beginning at one house with dessert and working your way backwards to appetizers. If you can do this in one development, the USYers can walk from one house to another.*

Retro Chanukah Party "A Very Brady Time" *This weekend night social program was on the second night of Chanukah with a 70's twist. This program included a lot of fun; food and the lighting of the Chanukah. We also had everyone dress in 70's dress and played some old 8-tracks. There was also a Brady Bunch trivia contest and round robin crafts as well as head to head competition on the dreidel.*

Rocky Horror Overnight *The chapter played games, listened to music and hung out until midnight, when Rocky Horror was shown on the big screen T.V. in the youth lounge. Money was collected at the door and there were also raffles. After Rocky Horror, Alladin was shown. There was an abundance of food all night long. In the morning, shacharit services were held.*

Scavenger Hunt At the Zoo *For a change, this chapter brought their members to the Zoo, with a list of things they needed to find and bring back from the zoo (sorry, no elephants on the bus please!)*

Schindler's List *The evening started with dinner and an introduction to "Schindlers List" by the temple's Mens Club President. After viewing the movie, a question and answer period was held, to discuss the feelings and reactions to the vivid portrayal of Oscar Schindler's struggle to save thousands of Jews from Nazi persecution.*

Shabbat Cantata *Every year the chapter holds a USY Friday night service where the USYers lead the prayers. In addition to the prayers, the USYers perform a cantata (usually about 10 minutes). A cantata teaches about a topic or lesson while also including songs. The cantata from this past year taught about the sanctity of marriage. About 40-50 USYers participated, some had English parts others Hebrew. Not only did the congregation learn about the topic, but the USYers did too, while enjoying themselves.*

Shopping Center Scavenger Hunt *With a little advance preparation, this can be a great evening. Go to the mall (get permission first to bring the kids) and scout out clues, ie.. how many dressing rooms at The Gap? Then bring the kids, divide them into teams and let them loose!*

Sibling War *The event worked especially well for this chapter because of the high number of siblings. If that is not the case in your chapter, then pair up best friends, couples, neighbors,*

etc. At the event a question and answer game was set up to see how well they knew each other (like the Newleywed Game)

Skirmish USA *It's not paint-ball, it's not laser tag, it's 40 USYers trying to survive in the winter woods and organize themselves into a working unit in order to capture the other team's flag. It combines the exhilaration of the chase, the spirit of camaraderie, and the coolness of splattering your best friends with a paint-ball.*

Slave Auction *Each year, before the annual overnight, we hold a "slave auction" on the Thursday before the event. People sign up in advance to be "auctioned" for such things as: reading a good night story, a good night kiss, a back rub, or a dance.*

Snack Sales *Each week, these USYers sell food to the students in the Hebrew School.*

Snapple Apple and Pie *After an afternoon of apple picking, each person made their own apple pie to take home with them.*

Surprise Purim Event *This surprise event, attracted many members. The members made posters for the upcoming carnival, ate pizza and then were treated to a murder mystery.*

Sukkah Hop *Here the members of this chapter began a one sukkah, and before the program was over, they visited and helped decorate two other sukkahs.*

Sukkah Kits *One chapter, took blue prints for a Sukkah and put together the wood and fabric. They then sold these Sukkah kits to congregants. There are other chapters who also offer a service to help build your Sukkah.*

Subs For Super Bowl Sunday *Have a hoagie sale for Super Bowl Sunday. Take orders in advance and arrange delivery.*

Super Bowl Party Bags *Another great fundraiser. Take advance orders for Super Bowl Party bags. Include chips, pretzels, dips, soda and M & Ms. Deliver them early afternoon on the day of Super Bowl.*

Telethons *Always a good way to raise money for Tikun Olam!*

Teen Oneq Program *Several times throughout the year, chapters have a separate teen oneq program following Friday night services.*

The Mystery Game *Set two long tables up at one end of the room, draped with an opaque tablecloth. Place five different sized cardboard boxes on the table and under four of them, put religious articles- siddur, havdalah candle, etc. Under the fifth box, have a USYer sit between the two tables, so that just their head shows. Decorate their face with clown make up and a wig. Have the kids come into the room one at a time and tell them, they will be timed to see who can identify the objects under the boxes. (number the boxes and give them a set order to go in) There really is no "timing", it's all a set up. Video tape them- have them give their name and grade and then with a "ready, set, go!" they're off. Imagine their faces when they get to the live head!*

T.G.I.F. *This program was developed to have USYers meet several times during the year, on a Friday night at one member's house for a Shabbat dinner, discussion, tefillah and songs.*

The Ultimate Israel Experience *At this program, the members of this chapter USY took an intensive tour of Israel all within the walls of the synagogue. From the airport to the plane, their briefings, the tour guides and a visit to the cafe, the tour culminated at the Western Wall. After the tour concluded, a review of all that was done was conducted by building Israel in ice cream.*

Tikun Olam Tea *The entire congregation was send an "invitation" to a Tea Party along with a tea bag. The invitation explained that since everyone has such busy schedules, the Tea Party won't be held, instead sit back and enjoy the cup of tea at home, think of T.O. and send in a contribution.*

T.O. Movie Madness *To raise money for T.O., get a bunch of USYers together and show a scary movie. Stop the movie at suspenseful places throughout and collect for T.O. to continue the movie.*

T.O. Treats *At each chapter event, a special "treat" was sold for Tikun Olam. From candy, to beaded rings and hair wraps, all money made from these sales went to T.O.*

Tolerance Discussion *The advisor presented the chapter with a false dilemma for them to discuss. The chapter was led to believe that the situation was true and only a few members of the board new otherwise and were able to challenge the rest of the group. A the end of the meeting, the group was told about the false situation.*

Tribute to Jerry Garcia *BBO, ice- breakers, tie dying and beads made this a fun night.*

Trust Program *Rent a confidence course at a local university, which should also supply the necessary leaders. It is a good program for team building and interaction.*

Tu B'Shvat Flower Pots *Have your chapter paint flower pots and then plant them. Donate these creations to the residents at a local nursing home.*

Tu B'Shvat Program *An introductory passage was read about the meanings and origins of the holiday. Quotes were then handed out from the bible that either dealt with trees or growth. Each USYer was to interpret a quote and create a picture that represented their feelings on this quote. After this, two stories were read, one dealt with a man who discovered an oasis of fig trees in the desert and The Giving Tree, written by Shel Silverstein. A snack of figs, dates, olives and dried apricots were served in conjunction with Tu B'Shvat. Materials needed: construction paper, tissue paper, markers, glitter, glue and yarn.*

Tu B'Shvat Seder *Hold a seder for Tu B'Shvat. Have the kids participate in a seder for Tu B'Shvat. Use an already written seder or write your own!*

Under The Stars Overnight *The program began with havdalah and then the kids went on a hay ride with campfire and scores. When they returned to the synagogue, the youth lounge was transformed into a Bedouin tent. Israeli music was playing, incense was burning and the ceiling and walls were draped in sheets. Coffee, tea, humus and pita were served; we did some Israeli dancing and settled in for the night amongst the cushions and pillows. We finished off the "night" with an early Shacharit and breakfast. *A twist on this program is to wake the kids at 5:00 a.m. and take them by bus to a local scenic overlook or mountain to daven Shacharit and eat breakfast.*

Video Awards *Divide the group into smaller groups and have them select a tape from a box. They then have time to listen to their tape and pick a song to perform. Each group should also be given props to go with their tape. Each group then performs their song. Have fun and video tape it and show it later in the year or next year!*

Welcome to the USY Family *This program acquainted new members in the chapter with USY. During the event, board members introduced themselves to the new members explaining their jobs as well as different parts of the USY structure. There were games played such as shlaflaff and the lap game to get the members acquainted. Each member was handed a copy of the membership book "The Insiders Guide to USY."*

Woodstock Night *The members of this chapter met for a night of peace, love and music. With the tunes of musicians such as Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul & Mary, the group tie dyed, made jewelry and danced the night away.*

USY's Funniest Home Videos *Have the members of your chapter bring in their funniest home videos to share as an exciting evening program.*

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