

JSU CLUB ACTIVITY

Who is What?

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GOAL



The goal of this program is to show the influence of the news media and social media culture on our society as well as encourage students to look to Jewish heritage for influence in personal decision making.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:



This session uses the text of Pirkei Avos 4:2 allows teens to consider what success looks like and how they perceive it versus how the Torah approaches success.

MATERIALS NEEDED:



- Source sheet with Pirkei Avos 4:2
- Poster with question "What does it mean to be smart?"
- Poster with question "What does it mean to be strong?"
- Poster with question "What does it mean to be rich?"
- Post with question "What does it mean to honorable?"
- Colored pens

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS:



First, split the teens into groups and hand out poster sheets and pens. Teens should respond to the poster and rotate. Once all the teens have answered all four questions, have them read from pirkei avos with facilitation questions.

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE AND TORAH THOUGHT:



Use the following questions to facilitate the takeaway message.

- Are you smart? Are you strong? Are you rich? Are you honorable?
- How can we learn from every person? Does every person have something to teach us? Can you think of anyone who you have nothing to learn from?
- How can we control our impulses?
- How can we become happy? Happier?
- How can we honor all of God's creations? Is everyone worthy of honor?