

JSU CLUB ACTIVITY



PERSONALITY TYPES

Time needed	30 mins
Age range	Any age
Background of teen	Any background
Set up	Classroom (need board and projector)

Goals: To know that each person is able to harness their unique qualities and that we are all born imperfect.

Relevance: It is possible to change negative traits but self awareness comes first.

Supplies needed:

- ❖ Draw a pig powerpoint explanation
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/6ajxif3zf2todus/Personality%20Pig%20Test.ppt?dl=0>
- ❖ Paper
- ❖ Pens

Active Learning:

Start by giving out paper and pens and asking teens to draw a pig. Then use the powerpoint to decode it.

Give out Myers Brigg personality tests there are a bunch you could use:

Printable:

<https://d3jc3ahdjad7x7.cloudfront.net/spokaLTFBEADL9JnMd7njgJd96nyp7YNgICG2tJWifcl7GP.pdf>

Online:

<http://www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test>

Explain how they work using the attached document, print and label each document with its unique 4 letter combination and ask teens to find their document and read it to understand their personality. If more than one have the same combination they can read and discuss together.

Step by step planning:

Time	Facilitator Activity	Teen activity
5 mins	Introduce pig personality test and review on ppt	Draw a pig
10 mins	Allow teens to do myers briggs personality test	Do test
10 mins	Find your result	Read results
5 mins	Facilitation questions	discussion
5 mins	Torah ideas and wrap up	

Facilitation Questions:

1. Are any personality types intrinsically negative?
2. Do you ever feel that you have to fight your natural personality?
3. Do you think personalities can be changed?

Wrap up message and Torah thought:

Midrash Tanchuma (Tazria 5)

The Tanchuma cites a famous dispute between Rabbi Akiva and the wicked Roman procurator, Turnus Rufus. Turnus Rufus asked Rabbi Akiva, "Whose acts are greater, man's or God's?" R. Akiva answered him that man's acts are greater.

This was obviously not the answer the Roman commander expected, but although his ploy to discredit the teachings of the Torah was spoiled by Rabbi Akiva, he nevertheless proceeded to ask what really was on his mind. "Why do you circumcise yourself?" Said Rabbi Akiva, "I knew this was on your mind and that is why I answered you the way I did." To prove his point, Rabbi Akiva produced some ears of corn and said, "This is the work of G'd." Then he brought out some small round cakes and said, "This is the work of man. Are they not greater than the ears of corn?" However, Turnus Rufus was not finished yet and continued to ask, "If G'd wants people to be circumcised, why did He not make every male born circumcised?" To this Rabbi Akiva answered, "G'd did not give the commandments because He wants them for His own need, but in order to refine the Jewish people." Man was created imperfect and his purpose in life is to attempt to gain perfection.

Tifferes Yisrael End of Kiddushin

There was a king at the time of Moshe Rabeinu who heard of the greatness of Moshe. He sent his best artist to draw a portrait of Moshe in order to have his wise men read the painting and identify which qualities made Moshe great. After drawing his painting of Moshe, the artist brought the painting back to the king. The king submitted the portrait to his wise men, who, after long deliberation, came to the conclusion that Moshe was lazy, conceited, angry, impatient, cruel...etc. The king was in a quandry. He didn't know whether to believe his wise men or to trust his artist. He finally decided to personally go see Moshe Rabeinu. To his amazement, Moshe looked exactly like the painting. Consequently, the king began to suspect his wise men of trickery, but the wise men were insistent that those negative character traits were present in Moshe. Left without resource, the king decided to tell Moshe that his wise men had interpreted Moshe's portrait to say that Moshe was lazy, conceited, angry ...etc. Perplexed, the king asked Moshe why his wise men came to such a crazy conclusion that a great leader like Moshe had such negative qualities. Moshe responded that the aforementioned character traits accurately described him and that he had many more negative aspects that were not detected by the wise men. As you might imagine, the king was baffled. Moshe explained further: "If I would have been born flawless, I would be no better than a piece of wood or a stone." Moshe was teaching the king that man's job is to conquer his natural flaws. Moshe's ability to conquer these flaws shows just how great Moshe was. The same is true with Abraham when he was willing to sacrifice his son, and the same applies to Pinchas when he killed Zimri. May G-d help us to overcome our character flaws to become better people