

Here are two *Mishpacha* experiences that I envision for MAR events, and they attempt to generalize what a *Mishpacha* program during an event would be like and what a virtual one would be like. Please see my letter of intent or my video speech for more details about the *Mishpacha* program itself. Also, note that each *Mishpacha* will have one or two seniors as *mishpacha* leaders.

At an event: Family Time

This program would take place either after all of the day's programming but before Siyum or as a break between more intense programs. Group leaders will be given a copy of this program, but will be told that they don't need to follow it if they feel the vibe of the room requires a different activity. The program will take half an hour. Each family would have their own space, either spread out across a large room or each in their own smaller space. Families would need some paper and some colored pencils or markers. A piece of paper is passed out to every participant. They will then each fold their paper into thirds. After that, they have 5 minutes to draw the head of a robot, only in the top third of the paper. When time is up, they will leave markings where the head intercepts the bottom of the folded paper where the torso will connect.

The papers are collected and redistributed randomly. Then, everyone draws the torso of the robot, without being able to see the head, so they aren't trying to match what is already there, however they have the markings to know where to start. This is repeated again for the lower body. Now, each robot has three different parts meeting at the same points drawn by three different people. The papers are unfolded and everyone can enjoy the artistic splendor of the robots and try to identify their own.

This activity is meant as a lower-energy yet still fun time for participants to hang out with their family members and either make beautiful drawings or laugh at their inability to draw. The focus is less on the activity itself and more on being with friends — it is OK if the group does not finish the activity or winds up doing something else.

Between events: Rose-Thorn-Bud

This program, sent out to all of the *mishpacha* leaders as an example of something they can organize for their Family, would be held over a 20ish minute Zoom call. A group leader might plan it for a Friday evening before Shabbat, as a way to relax after a long week. Basically, members of the Family would fill each other in on how their week/month is going using the format of Rose-Thorn-Bud: first, they say their rose, something exciting or cool that they've been up to and want to share. Then comes the thorn, a disappointing or sad moment from their lives. Finally is the bud, something exciting in the future that they are looking forward to. The whole family would go around as such, being there as a support network for each other, excited for each other's roses and buds and sad for each other's thorns.

This program would work well because it requires very little planning and keeps the members of the family engaged even while not at a NFTY event.