



This past Tuesday chanichimot (campers) from our two oldest shchavot (age groups) and plenty of tzevet (staff) geared up with our chultzot (movement shirts) and passion for hagshama (actualization) as we headed for Detroit.

As the nation gears up for the coming presidential election, many are pushing for a focus on climate change. As some folks in this camp, [Sunrise](#), a Detroit area organizing effort, put together a rally in favor of a Green New Deal, a particularly timely effort as it took place on the eve of the Democratic presidential candidates' debate, walking distance from the debate's site.

In preparation for attending the rally, chanichimot and tzevet participated in a workshop lead by an organizer and a rabbi with [Detroit Jews for Justice](#), with whom we partner with for our year-long programming [Bonimot Tzedek](#).



A discussion of youth participation and political engagement ensued leaving everyone riled up for the coming rally. Signs were made, chips were crunched, and spirits soared as the group headed across the park to attend the rally. Speakers discussed the climate's impact on low-wage workers, young folks living with contaminated water, and individuals with disabilities (among others) leaving our chanichimot and tzevet better-informed and more impassioned to take action.

We concluded our day with falafel and a debrief before taking to the vans and heading back to our clearing in the woods in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Wow, what an impactful tikkun olam (healing the world)!