**Kochavim Peulat Edah: Hakarat Hatov**

* **Program Type:**  Peulat edah
* **Duration:** 45 minutes
* **Group Size:** 6-7 hanichim
* **Location(s) & Set up:** Under the kochavim tree → porches → Locations: Mercaz, Maintenance (Jimmy/Ed Pletman), Finance
* **1 line Description:** Discussing and recognizing those around camp who do important things so that camp can run.
* **Goals:** Mix kochavim hanichim with the rest of camp and show them how great it can be to do nice things for other people.
* **Methods:** Discussion; Art; Interaction
* **Supplies/ Materials/ Resources**
  + Markers
  + 4 rolls of painter’s tape
  + 4 signs outlined with locations
* **Instructions for running Peulah:**

*Goal:* Have the campers learn about the “behind the scenes” people at camp. Learn about *hakarat hatov*. Explain about doing good deeds. Explain how there are some people at camp who we don’t see or thank that much.  Give examples (marp, mercaz, misrad)

Meet in front of the bunks and split the campers into groups. (5-8 minutes)

Group 1: Mercaz - Ofir and Ariela

Group 2: Maintenence - Shara

Group 3: Finance

Discussion & Preparation (10-15 minutes)

Sit down in a circle and ask:

1. What prayer do we say every morning to start the day? *Modeh ani*
2. What does “modeh ani” mean?

מוֹדֶה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ מֶלֶךְ חַי וְקַיָּם, שֶׁהֶחֱזַרְתָּ בִּי נִשְׁמָתִי בְּחֶמְלָה. רַבָּה אֱמוּנָתֶךָ.

I offer thanks to You, living and eternal King, for You have mercifully restored my soul within me; Your faithfulness is great.

1. Is it important to thank people? Why?
2. Who is someone you don’t think is noticed or thanked enough?
3. What would camp be like without cleaning supplies/working toilets/stuff?
4. What do you think “hakarat hatov means”?

Explain that hakarat hatov literally means “recognizing the good” and is an important value at machaneh Ramah. Tell the hanichim what the people at your assigned location do.

Each group should color in a poster for their location with the provided markers.

Once each group is done coloring their poster they will take it to the location. Feel free to continue discussion about hakarat hatov on the way. At the location, have the hanichim say “todah rabah” to the people, and if they aren’t busy, explain a little bit about what they do - we’re here to brighten people’s days! **(5-10 minutes)**

Close to the location, reflect on how it feels to thank people. Pick and choose what questions you think will engage your group, though definitely include the text under question 3! **(5 minutes)**

1. Did you like what we just did? Why?
2. How does it feel when you thank people?
3. Why should we do nice things for people?

Rabbi Hillel said the whole Torah could be explained by one line, which comes from Acharei Mot-Kedoshim in Vayikra:

וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֲךָ כָּמוֹך

“Love your neighbor as yourself”

4. What does this have to do with thanking people?

5. How can we apply this to camp?

***Thank the campers for participating and/or behaving or whatever you can! #adiv***