**PEULAT EREV TISHA B’AV – 8/14**

Chanichim are split to 3 groups. In these groups they go to the Beit Knesset, Café Ramah or the Ivrit classroom, where quotes of Israeli members of the Knesset (Israeli parliament) are hanged.

Madrichim instruct Chanichim to find quotes according to questions below. After they choose ask what they chose, why, etc.

• A quote that makes you feel uncomfortable

• that you agree with

• that you disagree with

• that you find inspirational

• that promotes a better society

• that represents the Jewish people well

• that misrepresents the Jewish people

• that could not have been said in the US

• That is good leadership

After you’re done with looking up the quotes, have a short discussion. Try to bring up the complexity Israel is in and how there are a lot of different views concerning it.

1. Were you surprised by any of the quotes? If so, why?

2. What did some of these quotes make you feel towards Israel today and its future?

3. Did any specific quote stand out for you? Why?

4. After reading some of these qoutes, do you think that american and israeli issues are similar or very differant?

5. Do you think that american and israeli leaders are similar or very differant?

6. In light of Tishaa BeAv - what are some things about israel you feel are connected to “sinat chinam (sensless hate)? What about ahavat chinam (free love)?