American Music Peulot Erev 7/2 and 7/3

**\*Peulot Erev should not end later then 8:20, so start conclusion at 8:15. If time permits do all songs, if time does not permit make sure to do Empire State of Mind, Party in the USA, and Yankee Doodle.\***

**Goals**: To celebrate American songs/music

 -to have each group/bunk work together cohesivley

 -work on communication and team building

 -increase knowledge about the different genres of music in America

 -learn how music makes America a Makom Kadosh

**Introduction**: America has 50 states, as many states there are, there are even more songs

 -each region and location of America creates its own genre that shapes America and who we are as a people

 -those genres make America a Makom Kadosh because it makes us special because our music is like no other country’s

 -a Makom Kadosh is a special place, and our distinctive music makes America a Makom Kadosh

**Activity**: 1. Tell the campers we will play a song/ sing a song from a certain genre of music. Then after we sing the song/play the song, they will use the same tune of the song but create their own lyrics to a given topic. The song that the campers make does not have to the entire song, they can make their own lyrics to just one verse or the chorus or as much as they have time for).

2. Introduce the genre motown. Play “ABC” by Jackson 5 on speakers. The topic of the song must be the statue of liberty

. -stop the music/stop singing (after about 30 seconds to 1 minute)

 -each group is given 7 minutes to make up their own words to ABC

 -have each bunk share their song with the other groups

3. Genre: Hip hop

-song: “Empire state of mind” by Jay Z (Play from ipod)

-topic of song: Grand Canyon

-7 minutes to plan new lyrics

-have everyone share their songs

4. Genre: Ballad

 -Song: Star Spangled Banner (counselors sing or if campers all know there is no need to sing)

 - Topic of song: Camp Ramah

 -7 minutes to plan new lyrics

 -each group shares song

5. Genre: Pop

 -Song: “Party in the USA” by Miley Cyrus (play from ipod)

 -Topic of song: 4th of July activities (fireworks, barbeques, bonfires)

 -7 minutes to plan new lyrics

 -each group shares

6. Genre: American Folk

 -Song: Yankee Doodle (play from ipod)

 -Topic of song: American sports

 -7 minutes to plan

 -each group shares

**Conclusion**: Music is very important in American culture, and music is important at camp.

 -Music brings the American people together because we all have our love for music (American music) and at camp we are bonded through songs also (Friday night singing, campfire songs, etc)

 -After wars and holidays (in America) we sing songs, also after Jewish holidays (Pesach, Purim) we also sing songs

 -Songs/music make each country special, so music helps to make America a Makom Kadosh

 -American music makes us different from other countries, and since a Makom Kadosh is a special place, America is a Makom Kadosh