**Parshat Balak: Biblical Characters Read Mean Tweets!**

* **Theme: hakarat hatov – finding the good in others**

*Sit by groups in circles on the migrash. Groups should be in close proximity to each other. A Madrich will come around every few minutes acting like their assigned biblical character and read the corresponding mean tweet. Afterwards, the group will discuss an alternative tweet that would highlight the good aspects of that biblical character.*

**The madrich in each group reads:**

* In this weeks parsha, Balaak wants Bilaam to curse Bnei Yisrael. Bilaam is sent on a donkey, but on his way to Bnei Yisrael an angel of G-d stops his donkey. In anger, Bilaam hits the donkey 3 times making the angel appear to Bilaam. G-d’s angel tells Bilaam to bless Bnei Yisrael instead of Balaak’s orders. When Bilaam arrives to Bnei Yisrael, he is incapable of cursing the people and can only bless them saying, “How great are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel!” (Mah Tovu in tefillah)
* For this weeks peulat Shabbat, the Biblical figures have come for a visit!! Just like the segment in Jimmy Kimmel’s show, “Celebrities read mean tweets,” people have written mean tweets about our guests here today! (Sad) Each character will read aloud a tweet written about themselves and as a tzrif you will come up with an alternative tweet that expresses the positive qualities and actions of that character just like Bilaam did for Bnei Yisrael.

*After your group is done changing the tweet, madrichim should raise their hand to show they are done and a new biblical character will come around to your group to read the next tweet.*

**TWEETS:**

**Noah (MADDIE)-** “Noah’s so selfish, he only saved the animals and his own family”

**Moshe (MADDIE)-** “Moshe you’re like a broken navigation system because we’ve been wandering in the same desert for 40 years”

**Avraham (NATAN)-** “Avraham’s so stupid he can’t tell the difference between his son and a goat”

**Isaac (NATAN)-** “Isaac, you’re so ugly, your dad confused you with a goat”

**Sarah (AVIGAYIL)-** “You thought it was funny when God told you, you were gonna have a baby… it wasn’t. #no-faith”

**Miriam (AVIGAYIL)-** “Like, who puts a sibling in a basket in the Nile?! #childabuse”

**Yaakov (NADAV)-** “How do you not know who you’re marrying?! Lift the veil dude…”

**Esav (NADAV)-** “you suck as a person”

**Leah (VERED)-** “Your Dad had no faith you would ever marry, so he swapped Rachel out for you. #ugly”

**Rivka (VERED)-** “You made your own kids hate each other. #bad-mom”

**Bat-Pharoah (RACHEL)-** “Bat Pharoah is such a creep…she stole a baby from the Nile!”

**Queen Esther (RACHEL)-** “you only got this title for the looks... and why’d it take you so long to help the Jews?”