Shabbat Balak Peulat Shabbat

5:00 PM before Mincha

**Objective:** talk about the idea of hating people just because you are afraid of them.

**Goal:** Make chanichim feel comfortable talking and opening up to others in the edah.

Connection to Parsha: Balak and Ballam have a hatred towards the Israelites without knowing them and wishes to curse them. The angel and donkey cause Ballam to have a change of heart (and Ma Tovu is in this parsha).

**Activity:** We are playing a game where there is an agree and disagree side of the space that each group goes to. With each question/phrase, the chanichim move to the side of the room that corresponds to their answer. Take an answer from a chanich in each category (agree, disagree, middle/different) and have them share their reasoning for their placement with the group. We are starting with small/insignificant question to warm them up so we can begin to talk about more serious questions related to the parsha.

**Groups are same as last week Kavanah groups. Hannah will come around at lunch to remind each tzrif of their groups.**

**Read to each group:** In this week’s parsha Balak sends Ballam to curse the Israelites despite not knowing anything about them. Until the donkey and the angel change Ballams mind, both Balak and Ballam have a lot of hate towards the Israelites. The less we know about each other, the more likely we are to have preconceived notions or negative perceptions of others. We will now do an agree/disagree activity to help open ourselves up to one another. Answer each questions honestly. After each questions those who wish to share will.

**Questions**

1. Friday night dinner is the best meal at camp.
2. Yom Sport is the most fun day at camp.
3. I love the chugs that I do at camp.
4. I like swimming in the agam.
5. I feel most connected to Judaism when I’m at camp.
6. I feel most connected to God when I’m at camp.
7. I am the most comfortable in my own skin when I’m at camp.
8. Does talking in front of a group of people make you nervous?
9. Do you feel comfortable in the edah?
10. Do you feel like you have a madrich that you can talk to?
11. Camp makes me care about others.
12. I am excited to start high school.
13. I am nervous to start high school.
14. I worry about what people think of me.
15. I feel like people at camp know who I really am.
16. I feel my values represented at camp.
17. I see myself grow and mature while at camp.
18. I see role models at camp.
19. This peulot helped me open up to those around me.