**Shoafim Peulat Erev 7/28/14: Concentric Circles**

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Location: Upper Migrash (rain location Beit Am Aleph/Mirpeset)

Madrich Roles: Leader (Emily or assigned counselor) will read prompts, call one minute warnings. Other staff should split themselves between participating and preventing disruptive behavior.

Goal: Facilitate new friendships by introducing chanichim to those in the edah who they may not otherwise speak with.

Chanichim will be split into two groups according to a provided list. The groups will sit in concentric circles facing each other. They will be given a prompt to discuss with the person sitting across from them. Each prompt will be discussed for 2-5 minutes based on interest (leader and other madrichim can assess this for each prompt). Chanichim should be encouraged to use the prompt only as a guideline, and to continue conversations during free time in the coming days. The leader will give a one-minute warning when the time for each prompt is almost up.

At the end of each prompt, the outside circle will rotate clockwise one person, and the next prompt will be given.

Prompts (can be used in any order)

* If you could be an animal, which one would you be and why?
* Which Berkshires sport do you want to play next summer? Why? What would be your second choice?
* What’s your favorite meal that’s served in the chadar?
* What’s the most interesting thing that you’ve learned at camp in the past week?
* If you could have one superpower, which one would you choose and why?
* If you were to make up a word, what would it be, and what would it mean?
* What’s your favorite flavor of Oreo and why?
* If you could travel to another planet, which one would it be and why?
* What is your favorite letter of the alphabet? What draws you to this specific letter?

At 3-5 minutes per prompt, this should last 35-45 minutes, plus transition times. The leader or other madrichim can come up with more prompts on the spot if necessary.