

## **Machitzim Peulat Shabbat – Week 4**

Theme: Love

Meet at the softball field bleachers at 5:00. Split into 5 groups.

Choose Your Own Adventure (15 minutes)

In groups, present the following scenarios and have chanichim decide what course of action to take in each one. Once they choose, have them act out the scenario, including how they decided to respond. After they act it out, have them pause and rewind. Come up with another course of action they could have taken, and act that out. Make sure the chanichim understand how the change in action affected the outcome. Explain the difference between being a bystander (which relates to **sin'at chinam** -- baseless hatred) and giving people the benefit of the doubt (which relates to **ahavat chinam** -- baseless love). Start with Scenario 1, and only proceed to Scenario 2 once you've finished exploring two different options in Scenario 1.

Scenario 1: You walk into a crowded lunchroom, and see someone sitting at a table by themselves. What do you do next?

Scenario 2: You go to the mall with your friends after school, and see someone drop a shopping bag full of purchases. What do you do next?

Transition from mixed Machitzim groups to groups split by edah.

Machon Reflection (10-15 minutes)

1. Do you feel like your initial course of action was the right thing to do?
2. Do you think you would actually choose to act on ahavat chinam if you were faced with this situation in real life?
3. What do you think might stop you from acting out of ahavat chinam?
4. Imagine you are the person who dropped your purchases in the mall. Describe the ideal interaction you could have with someone who comes over to help you.