**First Banot Harga’ah**

**Date**: June 26th, 2018

**Where:** Zoolah

**What**: Induction Ceremony to Secret Society of Nivonot

**MATERIALS:**

-christmas lights

-blindfolds

-paper

-marker

-box

**Time table:**

11:00 right after kfar curfew we assemble the women of nivonim soon to be nivonot and blindfold them and take them outside saying that we are going to take them to a spot special for nivonimers aka “trust walk” (one of us will set up the zoolah with candles and such)

11:10 bring them back and place them in one by one (IN SILENCE) and place them around the candles in a circle where there will be boxes waiting for them

11:20 begin ceremony and read the following script:

Welcome.

Thank you for joining us today.

Today you will be initiated into a long lineage of Ramah leaders throughout history; a lineage

that was established even before the trees in the chorshah began to grow.

Today is the day you become role models, dogmah eshiim, in Machane Ramah.

Today is the day you take your first steps into the role of a wise one, a nivonah, per se.

This is a secret society. You are only to speak of our rituals, our text, and our traditions among the other leaders who have lived here before us.

The Leaders of our Great Assembly stand on three pillars, derived from our code of ethics, The Ethics of the Mothers. Pirkei Imahot. We will read it aloud.

(read it aloud)

The first pillar is: unity. We will document our moments of sisterhood with this Matzlemat Binyan, Binyan camera. These photographs will capture your memories as you grow as a cohesive unit. The Nivonot.

The second: the motto.

 Cant stop wont stop get guac

 Twenty two nivonot always showin up

 Manicures whatever were always tip top

 Were few but proud

 And we’re gonna shake it up

 Cause we’re ICY WIFEY togetha for lifey

 Call us nivonot, you know its gon be spicy

The third: presence. This is your summer, we expect you to be present for it. Show up for the each and every single moment that transpires in nivonim. Stand by your fellow nivonot and stand up for what’s right. We expect you to all take part in the nivonot support network, whether that’s being a shoulder to cry on, a person to dance with, or a hug after yom sport. The box sitting in front of you is a physical place to store every laugh, conversation, shabbos walk, song, memory. Use it to remind yourself of how special this summer and these nivonot are. Be here. This is your chance to be present in the lives of all 22 of the women sitting around the circles. Use the box to capture the impact of others presence around you.

(use the paper in front to write down the first feeling/impression/fear/excitement of 2018)

We will end with a quote. This ancient plaque was found in the rafters of this binyan long ago when our wise ancestors inhabited this holy place. Today we honor the words, their words, that can enlighten us all. Please close your eyes as we bring our ceremony to a close:

אַל תִּסְתַּכֵּל בַּקַּנְקַן, אֶלָּא בַמֶּה שֶׁיֶּשׁ בּוֹ

Do not look at the container, rather at what is inside of it.

This camera will snapshot your memories, the motto will elevate your spirit, and these boxes will help you remember your incredible journey. You are the women and more importantly leaders, and what lies inside each and every one of you is what will make this summer holy.

Open your eyes. Welcome home.

(take first nivonot picture of the banot with their boxes)