

# Mashimim Peulat Shabbat

## Week 8

### Peulat Shabbat

Goal: To discuss the idea of shalom within the context of leaving camp. Because shalom has three meanings – peace, hello and goodbye – and because we are leaving camp, we want to give the idea that saying goodbye is a full circle event and doesn't only mean goodbye but rather cycles into something else. We want to lessen the bitterness of leaving camp. The counselors running each group will introduce this by presenting the very short skit that follows to demonstrate the three meanings:

Scenario: Two people are meeting up.

Counselor 1: shalom, how are you?

Counselor 2: I am good. Have you heard about the shalom that President Obama is trying to create in the middle east?

Counselor 1: Yes, I have heard about it. But I have to go, shalom.

### Discussion Questions:

- 1) What is the first word that you think of when you hear shalom? Why?
- 2) What are the meanings of the word shalom?
- 3) What is the root of the word shalom?
  - Shalem: full, how does this root relate to the meaning of shalom?
  - ~~L-shalem: to pray, how does this relate to the meaning of shalom?~~
- 4) In the world, there is a place that has the word shalem in its name
  - Answer: Jerusalem – why does Jerusalem encompass this word and how does it relate to shalom?
- 5) When do we say shalom in the service?
  - Answer: Kaddish – what are the meaning of these words and how do they correspond to goodbyes?

Have a camper read this passage from the Kaddish:

**Glorified and sanctified be God's great name throughout the world which He has created according to His will. May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days, and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, Amen.**

**May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.**

**Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, Amen.**

**May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us; and for all Israel; and say, Amen.**

**He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.**

Discuss how here, in using the word shalom and thanking god even though we are saying goodbye, why there is positivity in this prayer. Why does the goodbye in this passage

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have such dual meaning?

- 6) What is the connection between the meaning of shalom as peace and hello and goodbye?
- 7) When have you had to say goodbye but it resulted in something better? (Stories can be about figurative goodbyes)
- 8) How can leaving camp be considered a new journey? How does this relate to the idea of shalom having three meanings?