

Ilmit 2007

Peulat Erev for July 31st: Leil Tzedakah DISCUSSION QUESTION SUGGESTIONS

- Amy and Rachel to give shpiel on tzedakah
- Presentations on tzedakah organizations:
 - Miriam Berk: Israel Guide Dog Center
 - Rachel S.: Ramah scholarships fund
 - Rachel L.: Magen David Adom

Break into groups of 7-10 roughly by bunk, with a facilitator for each.

- o What is tzedakah?
- o Why do we give tzedakah?
- o The Official Scrabble® Dictionary definition of charity is “something given to the needy.” The word tzedakah comes from the word justice- how does that reflect on our definition? Who are the needy? Do our definitions overlap?
- o Jewish law states that we should give 10% of our earnings to tzedakah. How does this tell us this is an important value in Judaism? How do you give tzedakah?
- o Why give to Jewish groups?
- o Should we give locally [schools, town orgs, **Ramah**] or internationally [**Magen David, Guide Dogs**]?
- o The value of a dollar: what can a dollar buy? Think of the examples and compare importance
- o Is it better to give more money to one group or to split up that money, giving less to more groups? \$24 to one group or \$3 to 8 groups?
- o (If there is time after voting, discuss this) What else can you give besides money that can be considered tzedakah?

Tonight we are going to divide our money into the 3 groups by your vote. Each group must come to consensus about which organization they will allocate their money to. A rep from each group will present their reasons. Money will be split by proportion.
