

The Repentance Game



Ingredients

A playing area with a delimited outer ring of cones or other natural boundary
Yeladim, a bunch of various sized balls, a timer capable of counting down 5 minutes

YOU

A leader or youth assistant

Have the yeladim link hands and create a circle around and facing the leader.

LEADER: "listen carefully"

YOU: "Your goal is to collect as many balls as you can before the 5 minute time runs out."

LEADER: "The minute you hear 'GO' run in any direction you want. When you hear the word "REPENT" You must turn 180 degrees and go in that direction."

YOU "Are you ready? Remember when you hear the word REPENT you must turn around completely (show them 180 degrees) and go the other direction. If you do not you are out."

Let them play until all the balls are collected, or until time runs out.

ASK: What does the word 'Repentance' mean? (Call on one or more respectfully raised hands)

AGREE or REDIRECT "Yes, it means to turn 180 degrees and go the opposite direction."

SAY: Now in our game you were just randomly running in any direction toward the balls, but in real life, the balls are not really the goal. G-D and walking in HIS mitzvot (commandments) should be our real life goals. The balls (worldly desires) are just the distractions that take our focus away from our true purpose. In our game we turned around, but in real life, we should 'TURN BACK' to G-D and HIS ways.