**\*Mezuzot Activity**

**Yachdav 2014 – Express Innovation**

15-20 mins.

\*WIth thanks to Becca Sykes

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Mezuzah Text - “Doorposts of Your House”

2-4

Tell story about how a Mezuzah helps remind people of how to be in the world or at home (Mike Mellen talked about “my grandmother and the Mezuzah”)

4-14

Each person receives a 12 foot piece of adding machine tape and markers.

Writing on the adding machine tape (one-side is preferable, but not necessary), answer the question that resonates with you:

1. What surprised you this year in relationship to Express Innovation that you want to hold onto?
2. What did you learn, experience, or come to understand this year that was unexpected?
3. What proverb(s) and saying(s) would you create based on your experience with Express Innovation that would provide guidance for others doing similar work in Jewish educational innovation?

In other settings consider the following options:

1. Learner values that they want to remind themselves of as they go into the world.
2. What campers have learned/what are the gifts they are bringing from camp into the rest of their lives.
3. Values for your children
4. Family Values or Family Mezuzot.
5. Learners’ blessings for the other people in the group… it can be wonderful to walk through friends/colleagues/team members blessings for you.

14-16

With four people holding the strips of adding machine tape over two broomsticks or taut pieces of clothesline, everyone has a chance to walk slowly through the mezuzot to see what others have written.

Switch places with the people holding up the sticks/clothesline so they have the opportunity to walk through as well.

16-19

Quick Debrief:  
What did you notice?

What are you taking with you of yours?

What are you taking with you from others?

19-22

Participants can roll their strips (or add to their strips and then…) into tight scroll and either tie a string or ribbon to take with them OR to make a simple mezuzah to contain the scroll.