



# PLAY HOUSE

# Shabbaton 2020

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Dear parents,

We all enjoyed a memorable weekend retreat at the Lakehouse hotel which provided the Playhouse Center children and staff an experience that they will never forget. Counselors selflessly devoted their time, strengths and talent to make a difference in the life of a child. Managers, Directors and other support staff gave there undivided attention to ensure the success of Shabbaton 2020.

The joyous faces that stepped of the coach buses on erev Shabbos were greeted by the excited staff cheering and waving. Loud music and children bouncing on the moonwalk of the hotel lobby added to the spirit after arrival. After depositing our suitcases and navigating the hotel, playhouse center congregated together and played a number of fun activities. Erev Shabbos every child had a turn to be photographed at our photo shoot booth while Shabbos songs played in the background.

Friday night the Shabbos spirit was palpable as every playhouse center member joined the Shabbos chain as we sang together. During the meal Rebbi Hill regaled us with stories, every child had a turn to dress up and be a Shabbos mommy or totty and make kiddish or bentch lecht.

The Shabbos program was chock full of activities, surprises and most of all spirit. Everything including davening, sack races, parachute, food craft etc. was a fun affair. The children and staff didn't stop cheering, singing and smiling throughout the duration of Shabbos. During the day meal every child received their own mike and had an opportunity to sing a song of their choice while their friends watched and cheered for them. It was fascinating to watch how well each counselor connected with their child.

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In the afternoon wherever you walked there were happy faces entertained and engaged in play. Whether it was story time, bnos or free plays every child was a part.

In the afternoon The Achseinu academy performed a Shabbos paly. It was followed by a beautiful Shalosh Seudos and of course another amazing story by rebbi Hill. Throughout the duration of Shabbos every activity was accompanied by cheering and singing.

On Motzi Shabbos the dancing was an event in its own right. Between disco lights, glow sticks, light up tambourines and balls every child had an opportunity to shine. It was heartwarming to watch how none of the staff were getting tired of lifting children up on their shoulders and dancing round and round in circles. When the music was shut everyone only wanted more.

After dancing everyone enjoyed the beautifully catered melavah malkah. When it is was time for the children to retire for the night we sat in a cozy circle and sang Shema together. Everyone was exhausted yet fulfilled after spending such a long exciting day together.

On Sunday morning after enjoying a hearty breakfast and more dancing, everyone was reluctant to deposit their luggage and head to the buses. Shabbaton 2020 was truly an unforgettable experience!

-The PlayHouse Center Staff







 **I LIKE TO BE WITH MY FRIENDS...**



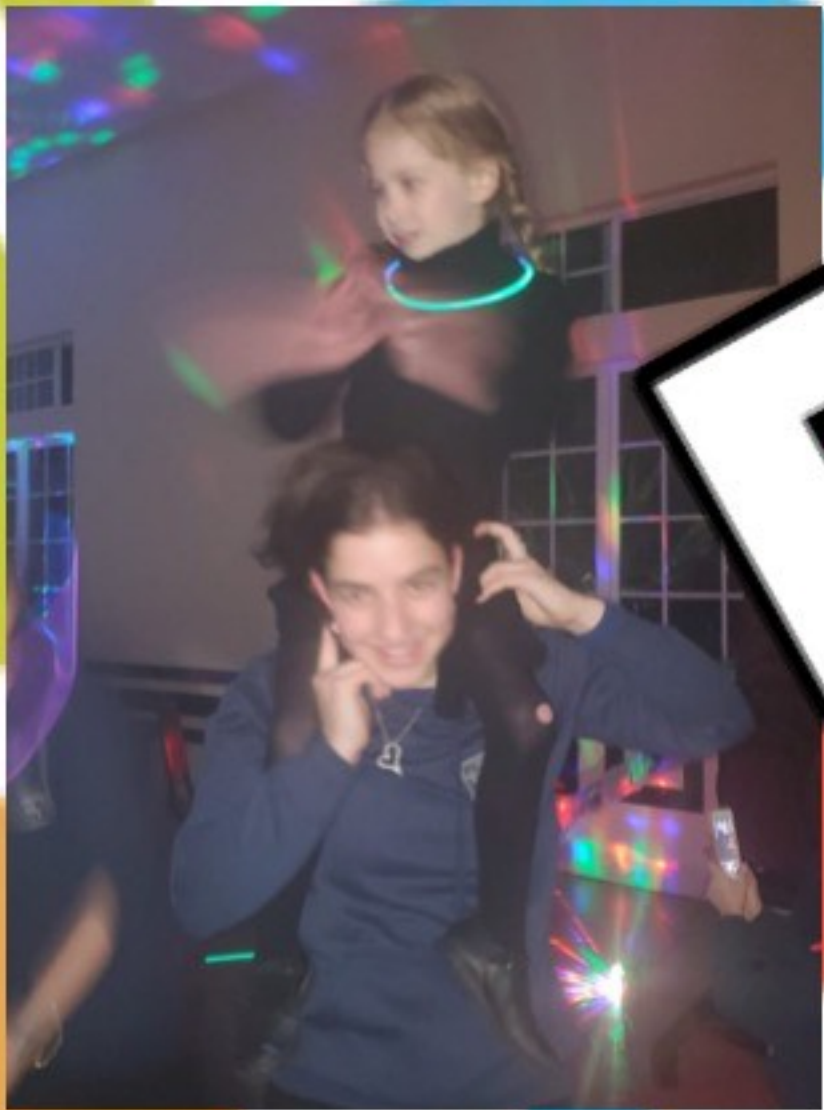
**...AND SPENT TIME WITH THEM**





# Mealtime





DANCING





*Bedtime*

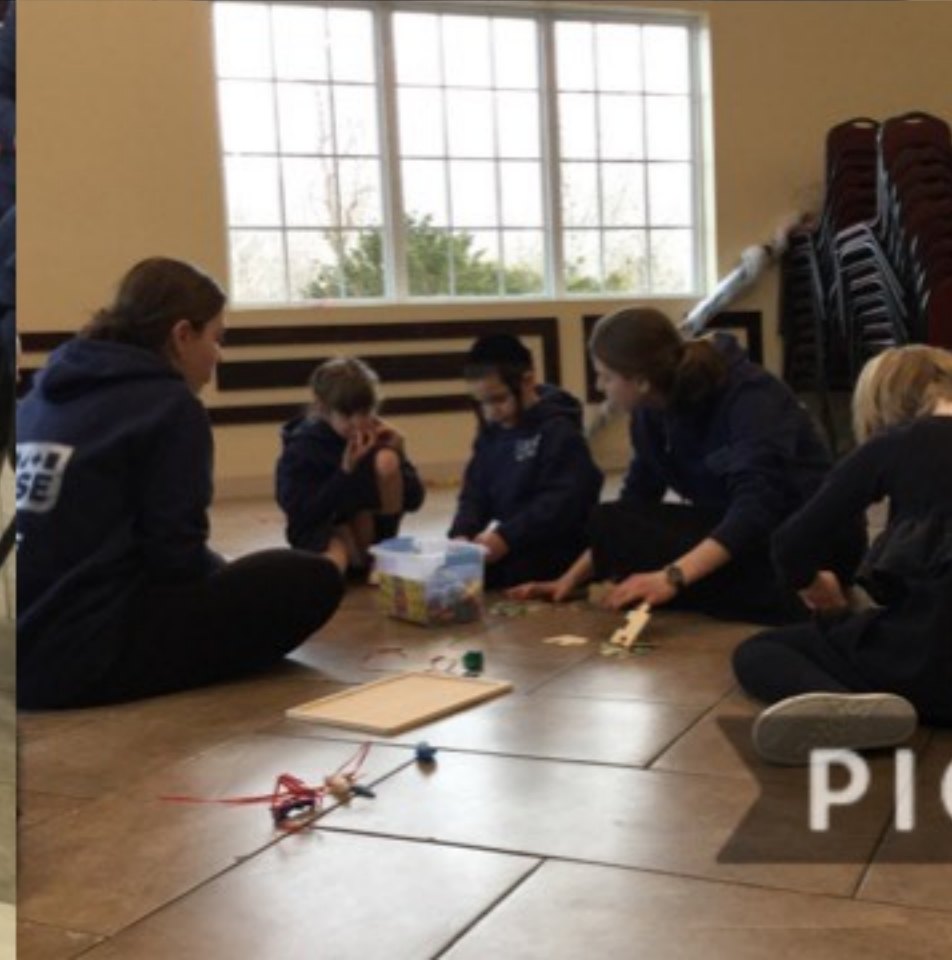
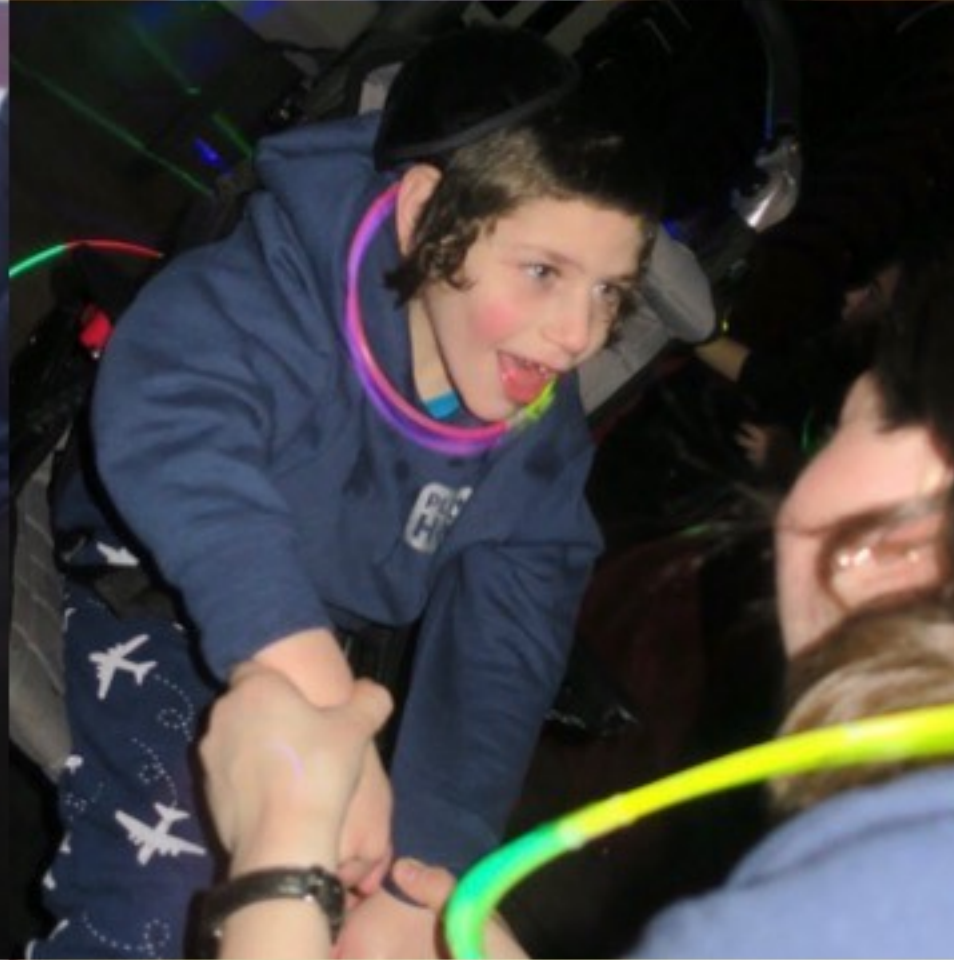
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**Erev Shabbos  
Photo Shoot**





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**I HAVE THE BEST COUNSELOR**





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