

Pride and Prejudice Night

Planned By Rachel and Mica

June 9th 6pm-10:30pm

Location

Budget/Cost:

Supplies:

-three pieces of white paper

-sharpies

-sticky note

-pens

-nice notecard

-waltzing music

-beads

-my name is...

Schedule:

6:00-6:30 People Arrive

6:30-6:45 Pride Mixer

6:45-7:35 Manners Lesson

7:35-8:30 Dinner

8:30-9:00 Waltz Ballroom Dance Class

9:00-9:25 Havdallah

9:25-9:55 BBG Bracelets

9:55-10:20 Last Program

10:20-10:30 Cleanup

Programming:

Opening

Pride & Prejudice

6:30-6:45 Pride Mixer

(15 min) In Pride and Prejudice many of the characters thought they were better than others because they were off a higher class rank than others of English society.

Think about a time in your love when you thought you were better than someone else. It could be a time when you thought you were better than someone because of your clothes, amount of money, education, age, level of attractiveness etc.

Now go around the room and converse with girls and act out the reason why you think you are better than others. This will be explained to be taken as a joke.

After we go around the room we will go back together and go around the circle and explain the moment when we thought we were better than someone else and whether it came out to be true or not.

6:45-7:35 Manners Lesson

(50 min) In Pride & Prejudice the families take great pride in their manners. They are admired for their ability to be prim & proper, ability to think before they speak and their posture.

1. Have every girl change their name to something really classy

2. Posture Exercises

<http://www.bhg.com/health-family/fitness/workouts-programs/exercises-to-improve-your-posture/>

3. Manners

Put girls into groups of 3.

Group 1: Prospectives

Group 2: Parents

Group 3: Fellow BBG Sisters

In each group, girls will have a piece of big white paper with 3 equal sections. The first section will be "Proper Manners", the second section will be "Reality" and the third section will be, "Ways to Fix".

Girls will fill out the sheets based on their subject. Groups will go up and share. Then we will have a small discussion on it.

4. Talk about how important writing thank you letters are or any type of hand-written note over an email or a text for important things.

Have girls write hand-written letters to Emma & Michaela about how they have impacted them over the years or anything they want to say.

If Emma & Michaela are there they will write letters to the chapter about what they want to see Atz' Chaim do in the future.

(I will get cute notepaper for this!)

Fancy Dinner

(50 min) We will eat a bit fancier food and have two plates for the salad and main dish. We will have two forks. Girls will sit up straight in their chair, learn basic table manners, and converse in a sophisticated British accent.

8:30-9:00 Waltz Ballroom Dance Class

(30 min) In *Pride & Prejudice*, Jane and her family went to many balls. During 18th century England balls were a place to meet eligible bachelors, converse with others and listen to live music. BBYO dances sound oddly similar :P

Get girls into partners, with one being the male and the other the female. We will teach them how to waltz to classy music. Mica will have a pre-choreographed routine to teach.

Havdallah

Making BBG Bracelets

9:55-10:20 Last Program

Sit in a circle and tell the girls this is a serious program. Pass out papers and pens.

Rachel: "In *Pride & Prejudice* many of the characters do things that upset each other. For example the main character Elizabeth Bennet has a sister named Jane. Jane is in love with Mr. Bingley a wealthy young man who is new in town. She is the type of girl who doesn't show her feelings very much so the whole time Mr. Bingley's bestfriend, Mr. Darcy thinks that she doesn't truly love him. He tells Mr. Bingley that he is wasting his time and to move on. Elizabeth is outraged and believes Darcy ruined all happiness for her sister. In reality Mr. Darcy did not see that Jane was in love and he only wanted the best for his friend. Elizabeth made quick judgments about the character of Darcy on this situation."

Tell each girl to write down something that an Atz' Chaim girl has done to them that made them feel uncomfortable or sad. Tell them not to write any names. Now tell each girl to write down something that an Atz' Chaim girl has done to them that made them feel happy and wanted. Tell them not to write any names.

After girls are done writing collect the papers in a pile in the middle of the circle.

Have each girl stand in a line behind another girl with a bit of space between each person. Have them close their eyes while I put one bad sticky note on each girls back and Mica puts one good sticky note on each girls heart.

Have each girl open her eyes. Have the girl in the front of the line read the sticky note (off the wall), have her take it, crumple it and hand it to the girl behind her. Have this continue until we reach the end of the line. By the end there should be a pile of crumpled up sticky notes behind everyone.

Have everyone sit in a circle. There are still sticky notes on each person's heart.

Mica: "While reading those papers was hard, it's anger that we have all been harboring for awhile. Often times girls in our chapter are upset with other girls and they ignore them at events. They think that people can't tell they are ignoring someone but often times the **whole** chapter notices. This makes events awkward and defeats the purpose

of BBG. And yes, some of those things on the papers have no justification at all while many of them are due to miscommunication.

Rachel: Regardless of that we all need to learn to let these things go especially as a new term comes on. We can't continue to let this old drama wear us down because eventually it will wear our chapter down. By passing those papers behind us we are leaving those hard feelings behind us. That doesn't mean we need to forget them completely but we do have to come to terms with them.

Now take the sticky note off your heart and read it to yourself.

-Each girl shares the sticky note off their heart-

Mica: Now this isn't going to be a regular BBG program where we talk about how the good actions of our sisters outweigh the bad actions. Because often times they don't. For many of us it was much harder to think of a good thing our sister did rather than a bad thing. This program is about realizing that sisterhood has its ups and downs. It is never going to be perfect because we are not perfect. What is important is that we continue to respect each other and mature from these experiences.

Rachel: These experiences should leave us craving a change in our chapter dynamics and should leave us striving to uphold sisterhood rather than giving up or becoming inactive. The new term is a time for change: with new leaders, more recruitment and quality programming, essentially it can be a fresh start. But you have to make it one. What will you do to contribute positively to the next term?