

Wonderland Event with Neshikot and Atz' Chaim

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Location: Berlinberg Household

Time: 6:00 PM-10:30 PM

Schedule:

6:00-6:20 Girls arrive

6:35-6:45 Mixer- Name, Grade, Chapter, Favorite holiday season

6:45-7:20-Dinner/light candles

7:20- 7:35- Havdallah

7:35- 8:00- Snowflake Program

8:05-8:30-Compliments Program

8:35-9:35- Sisterhood Discussion

9:35-9:50- BBYO Jello

9:55-10:20- Interfaith Program

10:20-10:30- Chill time

Supplies:

- Paper
- LOTS of Markers/pens/colored pencils
- 2 Already drawn poster-sized Christmas trees
- Scissors

6:00-6:20- People arrive

6:20- 6:45- Mixer

Count off into three groups. In each group, go around and say name, chapter, grade, school and your personal tradition for Chanukkah, as well as your favorite holiday tradition.

6:45-7:20- Dinner (Pizza) and Lighting Menorah (Simone will bring menorah)(Maya will be bringing candles and matches)

7:20- 7:35- Havdallah (Liana is bringing the Havdallah Box)

7:35-8:00- Snowflake Program

Now each person is going to get a piece of paper to make paper snowflakes. Snowflakes represent YOUR individuality as a person and as a BBG.

Now look at your snowflakes. Notice how each and every single one of yours is different. None of these are alike. Just like how none of you are like and each of you are unique and special in your own way.

8:05- 8:30-Compliment Program

Each girl is going to get a piece of paper taped to their back. I'm going to play some relaxing music. You are going to write absolutely anything that would would like, but make sure it is a compliment and positive. Make sure that the girl you are writing on, doesn't know who you are.

8:35-9:35 Sisterhood Program:

Simone: I would like each of you to take a moment and think about what sisterhood means to you. What is good sisterhood? What is bad sisterhood? What are some memories you have of sisterhood?

Maya: Please take a few minutes and think of your personal definition of sisterhood and an example of good and bad sisterhood. What does sisterhood mean to you?

Simone: Sisterhood is the driving force of BBG. It is what makes BBYO a safe place, a haven where no one else can invade or break in. Sisterhood is each and every single one of you.

We would like each of you to take a few minutes and think about what you love about BBG. For us, we know it comes down to sisterhood. The connections we make with the amazing people.

Maya: On one column, we will write down what we love about BBG. On the other column, we will write things that you personally would like to see improved.

However, there comes a point where sometimes, we just get too carried away in the smaller unimportant things. Things like elections, or boys, or even jealousy. We get carried away and forget what's really important. We forget about those bigger, life impacting things. We forget how much our sisters in BBG mean to us.

Simone: Sisterhood is timeless. But, elections, boys, and anything else that might be getting in the way of your relationships with your sisters, those are only temporary. And they too will pass.

We will now be shifting into an open ended discussion about sisterhood. We encourage you to share openly. This is a safe place, and so no names will be used. If it is completely necessary, please make up a name, like "Susie Billy Jean, or "Toilet Bowl Cleaner".

1. How have BBG's opened your mind and taught you how to live?

2. What have you shared with your fellow sisters?

3. What would you like to share in the future?
4. What sort of special connections have you made as a BBG?
5. How has a BBG touched your heart or made you feel special?
6. Do you feel like your sisters are your best friends here? Why or why not?
7. In the midst of elections, and transitional periods, have you ever succumbed to gossiping? Have you ever been gossiped about? How did that make you feel? What are some ways to fix gossiping?

Please take hands with the girl next to you. We will now pass a pulse around. This pulse is your connection to BBG and your personal commitment to sisterhood. This is all of our love combined. Together, we are unstoppable, an unbreakable force of love. We are sisterhood. As you receive the pulse, please join us in saying: "We are sisterhood."

Simone/Maya: Girls, we are sisterhood. We are BBG's and we are unbreakable and we are united.

9:35-9:50- BBYO Jello

We will now be playing Jello. Please get into a circle. The way that Jello works is that there is one person in the middle. That person points at a person and that person and the two people on either side of them do a certain action. To make this more relevant to BBYO, we will do Jello BBYO style.

Things we will be doing will be:

BBG's: Girl in the middle sings a BBG cheer, and two girls on other side are AZA's fawning on her.

Cows: All three girls are cows, and moo.

Bears: All three girls are bears, and growl.

B'nai Brith Girl: You have to say Girl before I get to the end of the sentence, otherwise you are out.

Sisterhood: Girls go James Bond style, and go: "Good sisterhood, ba da da, good sisterhood." Like we do at business meetings.

Aleph Zadik Aleph- You have to jump before I say Aleph (the last one). Otherwise, you are out.

I will count to three for each of these movements. If you haven't successfully done the movement, all three of you are out. Ready, go!

9:55- 10:20 Interfaith Program:

Now we are going to be splitting into two big groups. Each group is going to be handed a Christmas tree. Come up to the tree, if this is relevant to you. These questions will be personal, and this will be considered "good and welfare" status. We will be saying statements, so please

take this seriously.

Draw a red heart if you love your BBG sisters

Draw a orange star if you ever felt like you never had anyone to talk to.

Draw a black square if you have ever felt awkward around the holiday season.

Draw a purple circle if you have ever felt jealous of one another.

Draw a Jewish star if you feel connected to your Judaism.

Draw a black star if you feel like you do have someone to talk to.

Draw a pink square if you feel safe in BBYO.

Draw a green star if you feel like you can say whatever you like, at any time.

Draw a purple square if you feel like all the holidays are a fantastic way of connecting with people.

Draw a orange triangle if you feel that this time of year is a time of universal love and acceptance no matter what holiday you celebrate.

Draw a red triangle if you really do like all the holiday songs and the spirit of December.

Draw a green pentagon if you enjoy giving gifts.

Draw a blue square if you have ever been curious about other religions.

Draw a red rectangle if you have ever been intolerant of other religions when you were younger.

Draw a yellow square if you now are way more tolerant of other religions and the holidays in general.

Draw a red square if you enjoy spending the holidays with your sister BBG's.

10:20-10:30- Chill Time

three pizzas- three dollars.