

Different is beautiful, fun, and equal too!

Goals:

1. The chanichim will discover the things in themselves that make them different from each other and the things that make the similar
2. The chanichim will experience the difference between them as a fun and challenging thing.
3. Developing the tolerance to people who are different than me.

La'Madrich (for the madrich) : the next peula has a few different activities, it is possible to change the order, and to subtract and add things. Read the peula carefully and decide what is the best way to run this peula for your chanichim.

Methods:

1. Opening game.
2. **Say:** each one of you is going to get a sticker on their head, and not know which color the sticker is, don't try to find out!

Give each chanich a sticker in one of three colors: red, blue and yellow. **Think** which chanich should receive which sticker. **Don't give** a red sticker to an outcast or unpopular chanich, or a blue sticker to the most popular chanichim.

Say: now we will play the game molecules (A.K.A Huggybear, explain if needed), but, and listen carefully, no one wants to be with red sticker people, its better not to be with yellow sticker people, and everyone wants to be with blue sticker people.

Play 2 or 3 rounds of the game, of course it's very hard to succeed..

3. After a few tries, **stop** the game and **ask:**
 - Did you understand which color you got?
 - How did you feel during the game? (make sure to ask at least one chanich from each color)
 - Does this also happen in real life, that you stay away from someone just because of how they look or something everybody knows about them?
4. **Split** the chanichim into pairs and hand out a big piece of paper for each chanich. **Instruct** the chanichim to draw the outline of each other's body on the paper

(one lies down on the paper and the other draws their outline)

La'Madrach: make sure that the pairs are split in a good and even way, try to create pairs that on the one hand are not obvious but on the other doesn't put together chanichim that will insult each other or fight, read the rest of the peula carefully to understand what these pairs are expected to be doing in the rest of the peula. Also, make sure to bring newspapers, scissors, glue and markers to help the chanichim.

5. **Instruct** the chanichim to draw themselves or what characterizes them. For example – hobbies, things they like to do, family, friends. After 10 minutes ask a few chanichim to show what they made.

Give each chanich a few pieces of sticky tape and **hang** the drawing on the wall.

6. **Instruct** the chanichim to return to the pairs and **hold** a mirror mimicking contest – one of the chanichim moves and the other mimicks his movements (like a mirror) the pair that did best wins!
7. **Instruct** the chanichim to look at their partners and as a pair find all of the things that are different between them and all of the things that are similar. **Tell** the chanichim to write down what they found. (it's possible to hang different categories on the wall to help the chanichim: favourite food, hair colour, tv show, favourite thing to do and so on)
8. After they are done **instruct** the chanichim to try and dress up to look like the other person in their pair. It's possible and even recommended to bring a few props to help them (fabric, wigs, accessories).

La'Madrach: the chanichim don't need to look exactly like the other person, it's enough to use a prominent feature, tone of voice, body language. Make sure it's all done in good spirit and not as a way to make fun of each other, if the atmosphere become negative, stop this activity.

after they're done, **ask** each pair to show the things where they are similar and different. **Take** a group photo of all of the chanichim in disguise.

9. **Instruct** the chanichim to walk around the drawings they made earlier and find things in them that are similar and things where they are really different.

10. **Return** to the circle. **Ask** a few chanichim to say things they found to be similar to other people and things they found to be different.

Ask:

- Are there things you were surprised to find out about each other?
- What do you think would be easier, if we were all the same in everything, or like now when we're different? Why?
- Is the fact that there is a difference in our personalities mean that there is also a difference in how important we are? That someone is more important than someone else? Why?
- Do we usually want to be friends with someone who is like us or different from us? Why?
- Do you think that's a good thing?

Sikkum (Sum up, in your words):

Today in this peula, we saw that there are a ton of things that we are alike in and a bazillion thing we are different in. as we saw in the game in the beginning, a lot of the time we stay away from people who are different from us, and don't want to be friends. But actuall there are always things that are different and things that are similar. I think it's important to be friends with people even if it's obvious they are different from me, that way our life is more iverse and becomes more interesting, and we don't miss out on friends.

Aleh Ve'Hagshem!