

Israel Crowdbreakers

Count off game- Hebrew Style:

Everyone sits in a circle and the group has to see what number they can count up to in Hebrew. Here is the catch: Only one person can say each number. If two people say the same number, or say a number at the same time, the group has to start over again. Aim for shloshim (30) or one number for each person in the group. It is challenging to do but fun at the same time. Teamwork!!!!

The LOST IN TRANSLATION game- Israel Style:

Each USYer will find a partner and introduce himself or herself to that person. They should say both their English and Hebrew names. They will spend one minute getting to know two of their favorite things about Israel. They must remember the favorite things and also both names, because after the one-minute, they will find a new partner, and introduce themselves to their new partner AS THE PERSON THEY JUST MET. For example, If I (Josh) just met Jacob and learned his Hebrew name is Yaakov Mordechai and his two favorite things about Israel are speaking Hebrew and the food, I would then introduce myself to Michelle as Jacob Stoehr, Yaakov Mordechai, whose favorite things about Israel are speaking Hebrew and the food. After meeting the new person for one minute, find a new person and introduce yourself to that person as your most recent partner. After about four of these, we will get back together in a circle, and each person will introduce himself or herself as the last person they just were. That person will then clarify if the name and their favorites are true or if they have been “lost in translation.” Then they will introduce themselves as the person they became, and everything should work out. If someone made a mistake and two people are the same person and the introductions stop, just start again with another person who hasn’t yet introduced him/herself. After everyone has gone, we will go around again and say our own names to ease our confusion.

Shem/Shemot Game

Everyone goes around in a circle and says their Hebrew name and one Hebrew word they know that begins with that letter (group members can help each other) When someone hears a name that is also their own, they say “shem/shemot” and run and switch places.

Pairs game- Israel style:

Give each USYer a slip of paper with one of two of a pair. They are not to show anyone their slip of paper. They should walk around asking each other questions, trying to find each other's "pair".. Once every pair is found, read off the questions so they can talk about them. If time allows, bring the group back together and they can introduce the person they have just met to the rest of the group.

BONUS: try and make a sentence with some of the words chosen

Israel Human Bingo:

Have USYers walk around and get people to sign in the boxes of their bingo card if they have done or have one of the things that apply. First person to fill the whole card wins! (See attached sheet for Bingo sheet)

Pairs game- Israel style Pairs:

1. Jew/Arab
2. Jerusalem/Tel Aviv
3. Betar Yerushalayim/Macabi Tel Aviv
4. Eldad Regev/Ehud Goldwasser
5. Eema/Abba
6. Ach/Achot
7. Shwarma/falafel
8. Hebrew/Arabic
9. blue/white
10. Desert/Negev
11. Western Wall/Kotel
12. Secular/Religious
13. Old City/4 Quarters
14. Dead Sea/Mediterranean Sea
15. Massada/Mt Hermon
16. Pita/ Humous

Questions to ask in pairs:

1. What's your favorite class in school?
2. What's your favorite thing to do in your free time?
3. What was your favorite family vacation?
4. Where are you going for high school/college?

5. What do you want to be when you get older?
6. Tell me about your family?
7. How do you describe your best friend?
8. What's one thing you want to get out of International Convention?

Cut into strips of paper

JEW	Arab
Jerusalem	Tel Aviv
Betar Yerushalayim	Macabi Tel Aviv
Eldad Regev (P.O.W.)	Ehud Goldwasser (P.O.W.)
Eema	Abba
Ach	Achot
Schwarma	Falafel
Hebrew	Arabic
Blue	White
Desert	Negev
Western Wall	Kotel
Secular	Religious
Old City	4 quarters
Dead Sea	Mediterranean Sea
Massada	Mt. Hermon
Pita	Humous

Israel Human Bingo!

Find someone who... and get their initials!

Is fluent in Hebrew	Has Israeli parent(s)	Has floated in the Dead Sea	Been on a USY Summer Program to Israel	Never been to Israel but wants to go
Likes <i>falafel</i> better than <i>schawarma</i>	Knows <i>Hatikvah</i> by heart	Has waved an Israeli flag	Has done Israeli dancing	Follows Israeli politics
Has an Israeli website as their homepage	Knows 10 Hebrew words	 FREE SPACE (Panu'i)	Wants to go on Nativ	Can count to 20 in Hebrew
Can name the 4 bodies of water in Israel	Has been to both the North and South of Israel	Knows someone who made <i>Aliyah</i>	Listens to Israeli music regularly	LOVES ISRAEL!!
Has been to Israel more than 2 times	Knows how to say "pizza" in Hebrew	Can find Jerusalem on the map	Can name 1 Israeli Prime Minister	Knows a song about Israel and can SING IT!