

Separates

(Have all the guys walk in and form a circle. Tell them that this is a serious program and to be respectful. Explain Separates and BBYO. Nothing leaves this room.)

(Pass out and read then sing One Day)

Gentlemen!

We are a privileged group of young men and we live free lives to do whatever we want. You were allowed to come to Impact Boston because in America there is no religious persecution. The project site, Youth Force, was allowed to work with African American teens because we have learned to accept each other's cultures. You are allowed to visit your Jewish homeland, Israel, because of someone's hard work, dedication, perseverance, and passion and it all started with a simple dream.

A dream. What the heck is a dream? Can dreams be interpreted and actually mean something? Aren't they just someone's subconscious thoughts? I believe a dream is something much bigger. Just think, one dream can change the world.

A man named Theodor Herzl had a special dream. In his early years, Herzl worked for a newspaper company in Paris and witnessed a rally in which signs exclaimed "Death to the Jews". Seeing this sign, full of hate and ignorance, Herzl began to dream of a place where Jews could congregate to avoid anti-Semitism. This belief in a Jewish homeland is called Zionism and Herzl traveled the world to tell of his dream. Herzl became the father of modern political Zionism and he worked diligently to create the State of Israel, but Herzl died in 1904. Herzl's dream came true in 1948 when Israel became its own country, a place where Jews from around the world could come to feel comfortable, supported, and happy. Herzl didn't live to see this day, but his hard work and tireless commitment to his dream, payed off in the end.

After hearing Herzl's dream of creating a Jewish Homeland and Matisyahu's inspirational song One Day, I would like y'all to think

of your own personal dream. Something that you really want to pursue, to make the world a better place.

(Tell them they must think about it for atleast five minutes and then we'll share. Halfway through the silence tell your dream.)

(Go around in circle to share dreams, only if they want to) (My dream is to eliminate the title of third world countries by making sure everyone has food, shelter, water, and clothes. It's not fair that we were lucky enough to be born in wealthy families, whereas African kids are born into poverty. My dream is to fix that.)

So, I'm sure some of you have heard this song and maybe it's new for the rest of you, but I'm going to teach it. First we will get the Hebrew down. Im Tirzu, Ein zo agada, lihot ahm hofshi b'artzeinu, beretz, tziyon, vi'rushalim. This song translates to "If you will it, it is no dream. To be a free people In our land, in the land of Zion and Jerusalem.

(Teach them the song) when you wish upon a star, it makes no difference who you are

(Line them up with everyone in a row of four or more to sing song.)