

Keshet Quick Dates

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Short Summary of Event:

Quick Dates is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer speed dating event. It is a series of 8 minute dates where people pair up and spend 8 minutes talking, at the end of which they mark down on their date card whether they are interested in seeing that person for another date. This event is set up so that it can be inclusive of many different types of LGBTQ people and ways they might want to date. The “Quick Date Key” specifies how individuals can indicate the types of people they are interested in dating, which allows people to self select those with whom they go on “Quick Dates.”

Materials Needed:

- ❖ Instructions sheet
- ❖ Signs
 - I Am Seeking sign
 - “Ask Me” sign
 - “Cisgender” sign
- ❖ Name Tags
- ❖ Pre-made numbered name tags
- ❖ Pre-made numbered envelopes
- ❖ “Interest Notes” cards for the end of the night
- ❖ Snacks
- ❖ 2-3 Volunteers to help run event, including an MC/Yenta for the evening
- ❖ Stickers (6 colored stars, or 6 other variations).

Number of Participants: 75 – 150 participants

Time needed: 4 hours total including set up/clean up – the event runs for around 2.5 hours.

Goals for the Event:

Quick Dates is a unique chance for LGBTQ Jews to get together and take part in a fun event which gives them the opportunity to meet people to date!

Outline of Event:

1. Volunteer greeters welcome attendees and register.
2. Attendees register by picking up an instruction sheet, a numbered name tag, and write their name on a second name tag. **all participants will have 2 name tags*
3. Registration includes writing their name and contact information on a sign-in sheet and writing down their number.
4. MC/Yenta gives an introduction to the evening with a framing of the night's schedule
[5 minutes]
5. Quick Dates are timed in 8 minute increments (with guiding questions given by Yenta) – **[35 minutes]**
6. Open Schmooze Time **[20 minutes]**
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8. Reminder on how to complete the cards and where to submit interest. [5 minutes]
9. Open Schmooze **[20 minutes]** *Last chance for Interest Envelopes
10. Yenta gives a closing note. **[5 minutes]**

***SEE Instruction Sheet below**

KESHET QUICK DATES

Instructions

Welcome to Keshet Quick Dates! We'll begin our dating activities shortly. Until then, relax, mingle, and help yourself to some refreshments. Please take a minute to read the following instructions, too.

- Please listen up for instructions!
- This is free-form speed dating -- you can sit down with anyone you'd like. When we announce that it's time for the next date, you will have approximately **one minute** to find your next date.
- Take a look at the stickers on a person's name tag to find out if they are interested in dating people like you. (Flip this page over for a reminder of the sticker code.)
- On the back of this sheet, there is a place to write down the person's name, their number, and any reminder notes (i.e. "red polo shirt," "great smile," etc.) at the end of each date.
- After you have been on all of your dates, you'll have the opportunity to write short notes to people you would like to see again, whether or not you had a date with them. Make sure to include the person's name and/or number and your contact information in the note, since **Keshet will not be supplying daters with any contact information.**
- When you have finished writing your "Interest Notes," give them to a Keshet volunteer. We will sort them and at the end of the evening everyone will get an envelope of notes.



Thanks for reading all of the instructions, now go relax and have fun!

My Dates:

1. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Notes: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Notes: _____

3. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Notes: _____

4. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Notes: _____

5. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Notes: _____

6. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Notes: _____

7. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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8. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Notes: _____

Quick Date Key:

I am seeking...

-  **men (transgender)**
-  **men (non-transgender)**
-  **women (transgender)**
-  **women (non-transgender)**
-  **genderqueer/gender variant**
-  **ask me!**

Pick as many stickers as apply

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Did You Know?

Non-trans men and women are also referred to as *cisgender*. *Cisgender* is used in contrast to *transgender*.

Cisgender people are those whose gender identity is aligned with what society perceives to be normal or expected for their biological sex; someone who is comfortable in the gender they were assigned at birth.