

The Same Hour

Eight activities

Activity 1: The maybe plan

Chapter 3's dash plan is "made entirely of maybes." Find at least four maybes in it. For each one, write what it hides - what has to go perfectly for the plan to survive.

Activity 2: Early is the only kind

Morah says, "Early is the only kind of no that doesn't cost double." From the story, what does a late no cost that an early no does not? What does an early no still cost?

Activity 3: The scale

List what Shoshi puts on each side of her scale in Chapter 5. Her choice is not "first come, first served." What two questions actually decide it? Where does she say the loss is real, and why does saying it matter to the choice?

Activity 4: Maybe arithmetic (all numbers made up for practice)

A late no to the production (Thursday morning) makes 20 performers replan their night at 10 minutes each. An early no (Tuesday) lets one advisor and one assistant replan one rehearsal, 15 minutes in total. How many total minutes does each version cost other people? What does this arithmetic miss? Show your steps.

Activity 5: Say it with the cost inside

Shoshi's no to Morah has three parts: what she wants, what she chooses, and the cost said out loud. Rewrite her speech in your own words, keeping her name and Morah in it, keeping all three parts. No new facts.

Activity 6: Draw the head table

Draw the sheva brachos at eight-fifteen: the dancers, the head table with Faige laughing, Shoshi on the dance floor. Only what can be seen - no labels for feelings. Caption it with one line from the story.

Activity 7: Necha's evening - a made-up case

A teen named Necha promised weeks ago to run the children's corner at the shul's Chanukah party, and then her best friend's family invites her to a special birthday dinner the same evening. Write her scale (two lines, one per side), her out-loud cost sentence, and the early no she gives, with names. Do not decide for her which one she should pick - write the tool, not the answer.



Activity 8: Word grid

Find eight words left to right. Row/column numbering begins at 1.

P L A N K V W B F Y
B O T H L M N O R S
H O U R A I Q Z X J
C O S T F Y G H U P
P I C K R S T C D E
T E L L X J K V W B
L O S S U P L M N O
Y E S C D E A I Q Z
X J K V W B F Y G H
U P L M N O R S T C

The eight words: PLAN, BOTH, HOUR, COST, PICK, TELL, LOSS, YES. Which two words name the answer she gives Morah at first, and the thing she says out loud to the paper?