

A few quick program ideas for...

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

- Hold a tashlich service for your chapter.
- Go apple-picking. Or sample as many different varieties of apple as you can.
- Learn about bees, beeswax, and honey. Make beeswax candles and eat Honeycomb cereal!
- Bake Rosh Hashanah hallot in your synagogue kitchen. Watch *Star Wars* and act out your favorite Princess Leia scenes in the “Rosh Hashanah Hallah *Star Wars* Theater.”
- Learn to blow shofar.
- Do a *heshbon hanefesh*—a spiritual inventory. Think about who you are, how you’ve grown in the past year, and what you want to change in the new year, on an individual and a communal level.
- Hold a food drive (or join in the already-existing one at your synagogue)—and donate an amount of food equivalent to what you would be eating on Yom Kippur.

יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה!

May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, to renew for us the coming year in sweetness and happiness.

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SUKKOT PROGRAM IDEAS

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- Who are your own *ushpizin*? Make a list. Invite your *ushpizin* in to your programs.
- Hold a shoebox-*sukkah* building contest.
- Assemble the *lulavim* for your synagogue.
- Go *sukkah*-hopping for a progressive dinner.
- Pretend you're on TLC and host *Sukkot Trading Spaces!*
- Have your programs in the *sukkah* and always have food so you can include *leisheiv basukkah* throughout the week.
- Make decorations for your synagogue's *sukkah*.
- Take a hayrack ride.

הרחמן הוא יקים לנו את סכת דוד הנופלת.

May the Merciful rebuild for us the fallen sukkah of David.

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Simhat Torah

- Run in circles (well, not literally—go to the hakafot!)
- Learn and then lead dances and songs for the congregation during the hakafot.
- Celebrate great endings and beginnings: screen the first and/or the last episode of your favorite TV shows, read great first and last lines from books and poems, play Name That Tune
- Have a discussion: are Moshe's blessings to the Children of Israel really blessings?
- Celebrate things in the round: oranges, lazy susans, bubbles, mobius strips...the possibilities are endless, just like the Torah.
- Have a *Sedra Scenes* marathon.
- Sing until you're hoarse, dance until your feet hurt, and send the *hagim* out in style!

תורה צוה לנו משה מורשה קהלת יעקב

Moshe charged us with Torah, a legacy for the community of Jacob.

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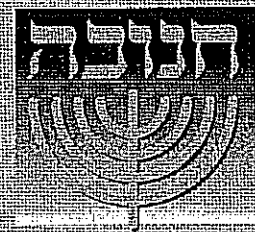


EIGHT GREAT HANUKKAH PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS (one for each night)

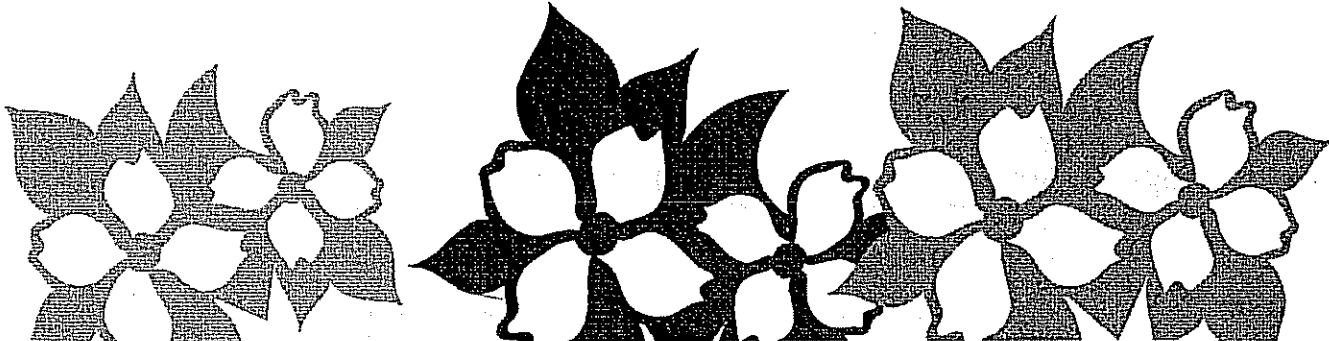
- Be like Emeril Lagasse on the Food Network – have a cooking party (make potato latkes and then eat them).
- Dress up like the Macabbees and have a toga party.
- Go to a Jewish old-age home and have a Hanukkah party with the residents.
- Have a dreidel-a-thon and play dreidel for Tikun Olam.
- Game show night – play Jeopardy with Hanukkah themed questions and answers.
- Go back to Roman times and have chapter Olympics or a Macabbiath.
- Arts and crafts night – make your own dreidels, Hanukiot and candles.
- Prepare a skit about the Hanukkah story and present it to the congregation on Shabbat Hanukkah.

Some other things that you can do at programs:

- Light the menorah at the beginning of a program held on Hanukkah.
- Have a gift exchange within the chapter.
- Learn a new Hanukkah song at your Executive Board meeting.
- Make the cost of a program during Hanukkah \$\$ plus a small gift for someone less fortunate.



FOR MORE SUGGESTIONS, CONTACT THE REGIONAL OFFICE AT 612-920-7068



A few quick program ideas for...

Tu B'shevat

- Hold a Tu B'shevat seder.
- Plant a tree (or pot a seedling, which you can plant once it warms up enough outside).
- Learn about the other new years, the new year for kings and the new year for cows.
- Have a party where you sample foods containing one or several of the seven species: barley, dates, figs, grapes, olives, pomegranates, wheat.
- Plant a *karpas* garden, and then use what it grows for Passover.

מ"ו בשבט הגיע חג לאילנות

Tu B'shevat is coming, a holiday for the trees!



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FEW PROGRAM IDEAS FOR...

Purim

- Assemble mishloach manot: take orders from the congregation and fill them at a lounge night; deliver mishloach manot in costume!
- Bake hamantaschen in the synagogue kitchen.
- Have a progressive seudat Purim.
- Have a ten-sons-of-Haman and tongue-twister recitation contest.
- Have a Purim parade!
- Bring in all your old costumes and costume ideas for a costume swap meet!
- Make graggers.
- Come up with ideas for group costumes: the Three Stooges, the Marx Brothers, the Beatles, the double helix... then find a group to dress up with!
- Make papier-mache masks at a lounge night.
- Attend the megillah reading as a chapter.

ליהודים היתה אורה ושמחה וששון ויקר.

The Jews were filled with light, gladness, joy, and honor.

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A FEW QUICK PROGRAM IDEAS FOR...

Passover

- Hold a chocolate seder before Passover begins.
- Assemble *bedikat hametz* kits for the congregation.
- Head from house to house and go *bedikat hametz* hopping.
- Collect money for *maot hittim*.
- Have a matzah-tasting party, trying different brands, shapes, flavors, and varieties.
- Make and sample different types of *haroset*. Then use the haroset along with sugar cubes to make pyramids.
- Learn new melodies for some of the *seder* songs.
- Harvest the *karpas* garden from Tu B'shevat.
- Host *Haroset Iron Chef*.
- Write a chapter *haggadah*.
- Learn new melodies for *Hallel*.
- Decorate plates and cups to be used for Passover.
- Host a Passover recipe exchange; compile the best ones into a cookbook.
- Write your own acrostic seder song.

ויוצאנו ה' ממצרים ביד חזקה ובזרע נטויה ובמרא גדול ובאתות במפתים.

*God freed us from Egypt by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm,
and by signs and wonders.*

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Lag Ba'Omer

- Get a group of people together and head to SuperCuts for haircuts.
- Have a bonfire.
- Hold a picnic.
- Participate in a blood drive.
- Have an archery contest. Or watch movies featuring archery contests.
- Get the magic stalactite/stalagmite rocks, or just turn off the lights and pretend you're in a cave.
- Raise money for the American Cancer Society or for AIDS research, in commemoration of the plague that ended on Lag Baomer.

שבעה שבועות תספר לך...

You shall count off seven weeks...

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Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut

- Raise money for *Magen David Adom*.
- Clean up your synagogue's cemetery.
- Talk to someone in your congregation (or anyone you know) who has served in the Israeli Army, and ask them to tell their stories.
- Observe a moment of silence
- Join together as a chapter for *mincha* and *maariv* on Yom Hazikaron, so that you can spend the first moments of Yom Haatzmaut together.
- Construct (and then, of course, eat) an Edible Israel.
- Show your pictures from Israel trips.
- Have a *Shalom Sesame* viewing marathon.
- Hold an Israeli dance party, eat Israeli foods, and celebrate independence and miracles.

למען ציון לא אחשה ולמען ירושלים לא אשקוט

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not stay quiet!

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