

Candy Service

Boker tov!

As you came in this morning you were given a bag with different candy in it. Do not take anything out of the bag just yet. You will have a chance, but just wait.

When you are permitted to take out a candy, you may eat it, but you must put the trash back into your bag so that you don't get trash all over the synagogue. This is very important.

P. 2 Modeh Ani

While we slept, God "saved" our lives and returned them to us in the morning. The name of the candy you will take out is Lifesavers, just as our lives were spared, or saved, last night, so we woke up this morning.

Birkot HaShachar

Take out the Jelly Beans. These candies all have the same idea: chewy candy, but each of them has its own flavor. This is the same with the Birkot HaShachar: all of the prayers have the same basic idea---they are all about thanking God for everyday miracles and things that we take for granted, but each one has its own flavor.

Halleluyah:

In Halleluyah we are supposed to praise God with our whole being, and dancing and singing loudly (even shouting!), and playing musical instruments. Hershey's is possibly the most popular chocolate in the nation, and fills us with joy. Haven't you seen those commercials where people talk about how happy they are when they eat a bar of Hershey's chocolate? Well, that's how happy we are to praise God with our whole mind, body and soul.

Hatzi Kaddish:

"Give me a break, give me a break, break me off a piece of that Kit Kat Bar!" The Kit Kat Bar has lots of layers of milk chocolate, wafer cookie and chocolate filling...the Hatzi Kaddish separates different parts of the service, and wafers have many different layers. Here we are brought from the p'sukei d'zimra to the shacharit service, and the wafer represents the different parts, or layers, of the service.

Ahava Rabba:

Ahava Rabba is all about love, our love for God. The Shema is surrounded by prayers proclaiming our love to God. And what better way to show you love somebody than by a kiss—a Hershey Kiss!

Shema and V'ahavta

M & Ms are possibly the most popular candy in the world. They are sold practically everywhere, and people throughout the world love them. This is the same idea with the Shema—Every Jew across the world knows the Shema, even if every single other prayer and custom is different from ours. Both the Shema and M & Ms are universal.

Stop Here

The rest is done at the end of the service:

Aleinu

Twizzlers are made in sweet strings of different flavored licorice. They are really bendable, just like us during the Aleinu. We bend at the knee in this prayer, and licorice can also bend.

Adon Olam

Laffy Taffy

These are very chewy candy bars. The adon olam is the end of our service, but we should still not forget God and His miracles, and our prayers throughout the day. While we shouldn't forget, it is time to go on with other parts of the day. Chew the candy now, but it lasts long, so you won't forget it so soon. The same with our morning prayers. They are done for now, but we should keep them in mind.