

JUST FOR KIDS – SEPTEMBER 2022

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS

LABOR DAY – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5th.

The first Monday in September is **Labor Day**, a **day** to celebrate the American worker. We think of Labor Day as a day off from school and work. But what is it really about? You can find out at some of the sites below.

LEARN ABOUT LABOR DAY (ages 8 and up) **Video**

Why do we celebrate Labor Day? Do you know that once people could get fired for working on weekends or for taking a vacation? See how working conditions have changed over the years and what made them change.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KY_L8--kNB0

LABOR DAY FACTS FOR KIDS (ages 7 and up) **Video**

Learn some exciting new things in this Labor Day facts video for kids! Learn facts like when Labor Day is, common misunderstandings about Labor Day, who made Labor Day a federal holiday and why we celebrate it in the first place!

(note the date for this year is September 5th)

https://youtu.be/Y0oW_YVEqOU

ROSH HASHANAH – SUNSET SEPTEMBER 25 to SUNSET SEPTEMBER 27

LEARN ABOUT ROSH HASHANAH

TAP INTO ROSH HASHANAH!: "REBBETZIN TAP & FRIENDS" (ages 6 and up) **video**

Learn about Rosh Hashanah with Rebbetzin Tap. Why do we dip apples in honey? Why do we blow the shofar? Listen to the shofar sounds!

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/2385613/jewish/Tap-into-Rosh-Hashana.htm

ROSH HASHANAH TO DO LIST (ages 8 and up) **Text**

Here's a handy guide for how to celebrate Rosh Hashana. It includes the candle lighting and prayers we say, the way to greet people, the sweets we eat, tashlich and more to help you celebrate this special holiday.

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/4755/jewish/Rosh-Hashanah-To-Do-List.htm

THE SHOFAR (ages 8 and up) **Text**

Why do we blow the shofar? Why do we use a ram's horn? What do the different shofar sounds represent? This article will answer all your questions.

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/4754/jewish/The-Shofar.htm

TASHLICH (ages 8 and up) **Text**

Do you toss bread in the water for tashlich? Other people shake the corners of their clothes over the water. Learn some interesting facts about the custom of tashlich.

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/4753/jewish/Tashlich.htm

ROSH HASHANAH ACTIVITIES

MAKE APPLE PRINT ROSH HASHANAH CARDS (ages 5-8)

Did you know you can also use apples for art projects? Everyone loves receiving handmade holiday cards, and these apple prints are so easy and fun to make, you may even end up with enough for next year too!

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/september-2019/make-apple-cards-for-rosh-hashanah>

MAKE APPLE HONEY POPS (ages 10 and up)

Looking for a really sweet treat to start your new year? Grab a few friends and make these apple pops together. The best part about these pops? There are so many ways to make them! Have fun customizing your pops and trying out different dip and topping combinations

<https://pjourway.org/Blog/Kid/2017-08/rosh-hashanah-apple-pops>

ROSH HASHANAH COLORING PAGES (ages 5-7)

Print these pages and color in: Apple Dipped in Honey, The Machzor, The Shofar

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/354757/jewish/Coloring-Pages.htm

STORIES

ROSH HASHANAH STORIES

JACKIE AND JESSIE AND JONI AND JAE by Chris Barash (ages 5-7) **Read Aloud**

Join these four friends as they go on a walk to the river with their families with their bags of bread for tashlich. When they get there, they think about things they may need to apologize for and ways that they can be better in the future. The story is told in rhyme and illustrations. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J20BnzzLeW8>

CHELM FOR THE HOLIDAYS: A ROSH HASHANA STORY (ages 8 and up) **Text**
Rosh Hashanah was coming, but for some reason, this year there was no honey in the marketplace in the village of Chelm. What would the people of Chelm do? How could they bake their honey cakes? How could they dip their apples in honey? How will we celebrate Rosh Hashanah without honey? thought Schlemiel.

If you know the Wise Men of Chelm stories, then you know this is going to be funny!

<https://pjourway.org/PJOW/media/Book/previews/ChapterChelmfortheHolidays.pdf?ext=.pdf#:~:text=A%20Rosh%20Hashanah%20Story%20Rosh%20Hashanah%20was%20coming%2C,we%20celebrate%20Rosh%20Hashanah%20without%20honey%3F%20thought%20Schlemiel>

EVEN HIGHER: A ROSH HASHANAH STORY by I.L. Peretz (ages 8-12) **Read Aloud**
Every year, just before Rosh Hashanah, the rabbi of Nemirov disappears. The villagers are certain their rabbi flies up to heaven to speak with G-d before the fate of every soul is decided for the coming year. But a skeptical Litvak scoffs at the villagers, claiming miracles cannot happen, and he secretly follows the rabbi early one morning. What he witnesses changes his heart!

<https://youtu.be/AVsEgww3uxI>

BACK TO SCHOOL

THE KISSING HAND by Audrey Penn (ages 4-7) **Read Aloud**

Chester Raccoon is nervous about going to school for the first time, he would rather stay home where things are familiar. But his mother has a secret to share that will help him overcome his fears. What do you think it could be? Listen to the story and find out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02g8HCPnoE4>

TOO MUCH GLUE by Jason Lifebvre (ages 5 and up) **Read Aloud**

Here's an artistic story about a little boy that just loves his glue! Now what could go wrong with that? Listen to find out how his friends help out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Je39PxnjveY>

MISS NELSON IS MISSING by Harry Allard (ages 7 and up) **Animated**

Miss Nelson is the nicest teacher in the whole school. She never yells, and she gives the easiest assignments. Then one day Miss Nelson is not at school. There is a substitute, Miss Viola Swamp, who immediately lays down the law - no talking, no goofing off in class - and gives lots of homework. Where is the wonderful, unappreciated Miss Nelson? Is she ever coming back?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX3g3qiqzWU>

FIRST DAY JITTERS by Julie Danneberg (ages 7 and up) **Read Aloud**

Have you ever been nervous about going to school on the first day? You're not alone. It happens to many of us, just like Sarah in this story. Be sure to watch for the surprise twist at the end!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUT6lgo2Sus>

JEWISH FOLKLORE STORIES:

IT COULD ALWAYS BE WORSE Retold by Margot Zemach (ages 7 and up) **Read Aloud**

When a poor Jewish farmer complains to his Rabbi about how hard it is to live in his one room hut with his wife, his mother, and his six children, the Rabbi comes up with an unusual solution.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRk_Vaa56P8

JOSEPH HAD A LITTLE OVERCOAT by SimmsTaback (ages 7 and up) **Animated movie**

When Joseph's coat got too old and shabby, he made it into a jacket. But what did he make it into after that? And after that

https://youtu.be/ZmZJ_C8kUt0

MUSIC

DIP THE APPLE IN THE HONEY SONG (ages 4-6) **Video**

Sing a fun song about apples and honey and try dipping apples in honey.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByYzmsmQ3wl>