

# JUST FOR KIDS – OCTOBER 2024

## **OCTOBER HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS**

### **ROSH HASHANA – SUNSET OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>- SUNSET OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **LEARN ABOUT ROSH HASHANA**

##### **TAP INTO ROSH HASHANA!: "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](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/2385613/jewish/Tap-into-Rosh-Hashana.htm)

##### **ROSH HASHANA 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.

*(Note: this year's dates differ from those in the article)*

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/4755/jewish/Rosh-Hashanah-To-Do-List.htm](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](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](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/4753/jewish/Tashlich.htm)

## **ROSH HASHANA ACTIVITIES**

##### **MAKE APPLE PRINT ROSH HASHANA 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 HASHONA 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](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/354757/jewish/Coloring-Pages.htm)

## **ROSH HASHONA 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=ByYzmsmQ3wI>

## **YOM KIPPUR – SUNSET OCTOBER 11th – SUNSET OCTOBER 12th**

Learn about Yom Kippur at some of the sites below.

### **A CHILDREN'S GUIDE TO YOM KIPPUR** (ages 7 and up) **Text**

Here's a handy guide for how to celebrate Yom Kippur. It includes the candle lighting and prayers we say, the shoes we wear, the role of the shofar, and more to help you celebrate this special holiday.

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/4589/jewish/Guide.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/4589/jewish/Guide.htm)

### **TAP INTO YOM KIPPUR!: "REBBETZIN TAP & FRIENDS"** (ages 6 and up) **Video**

What's Yom Kippur all about? Why do we not eat and drink? Learn about Yom Kippur with Rebbetzin Tap!

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/2450340/jewish/Tap-into-Yom-Kippur.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/2450340/jewish/Tap-into-Yom-Kippur.htm)

## **YOM KIPPUR ACTIVITIES**

### **MAKE A DUCT TAPE MACHZOR COVER** (ages 10 and up) **Video**

Make a beautiful cover out of duct tape for your machzor (High Holidays prayer book).

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/3050207/jewish/Make-a-Duct-Tape-Machzor-Cover.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/3050207/jewish/Make-a-Duct-Tape-Machzor-Cover.htm)

### **YOM KIPPUR COLORING PAGES** (ages 5-7)

Color in: The Blowing of the Shofar, The Scale, and The Machzor

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/361493/jewish/Coloring-Pages.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/361493/jewish/Coloring-Pages.htm)

## **SUKKOT – SUNSET OCTOBER 16th – SUNSET OCTOBER 23rd**

Learn about Sukkot at some of the sites below.

### **ALL ABOUT SUKKOT WITH DINA** (ages 5-8) **Video**

You will learn facts and history about Sukkot in this quick video

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/989953/jewish/All-About-Sukkot.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/989953/jewish/All-About-Sukkot.htm)

### **TAP INTO SUKKOT!: "REBBETZIN TAP & FRIENDS"** (ages 6 and up) **Video**

What's Sukkot all about? Why do we build a Sukkah and shake the Lulav? Learn about Sukkot with Rebbetzin Tap!

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/2385615/jewish/Tap-into-Sukkot.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/2385615/jewish/Tap-into-Sukkot.htm)

## **SUKKOT ACTIVITIES**

### **MAKE AN ETROG BOX OUT OF LEGOS** (ages 7 and up)

Follow the easy directions and pictures and make an etrog box with a Star of David on top, all out of Legos.

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/3080941/jewish/Make-an-Etrog-Box-out-of-Lego.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/3080941/jewish/Make-an-Etrog-Box-out-of-Lego.htm)

### **MAKE A MODEL SUKKA** (ages 7 and up)

Have you ever made a model sukkah? There are lots of ways to make one. You can use Lego or cardboard boxes, for example. Here you'll see how to make one using paper towel rolls.

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/3080917/jewish/Make-a-Model-Sukkah.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/3080917/jewish/Make-a-Model-Sukkah.htm)

### **WHAT IF WE BUILT THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUKKA?** (ages 6 and up) **Video**

What do you think the world's greatest sukkah would be like? See what ideas Ezy, Eli, Dina and Rina, come up with. Then take a look at the interesting questions to think about or discuss with your friends or family (There are no right or wrong answers)

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/989576/jewish/What-If-We-Built-the-Worlds-Greatest-Sukkah.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/989576/jewish/What-If-We-Built-the-Worlds-Greatest-Sukkah.htm)

### **DO AN EXPERIMENT** (ages 8 and up **with an adult's help**)

One of the interesting laws is that a sukkah has to be less than 20 cubits tall – that's about 30 feet. To get an idea of exactly how tall 30 feet is and how temporary or permanent it feels, **TRY THIS EXPERIMENT WITH AN ADULT**. *Then share your thoughts about the questions at the end.*

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/989950/jewish/Experiment-Measuring-20-Cubits-High.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/989950/jewish/Experiment-Measuring-20-Cubits-High.htm)

## **SUKKOT MUSIC**

### **SHAKIN' THE LULAV** (ages 6-10) **Video**

Watch this fun upbeat video, based on the song "Twist & Shout," to learn about the lulav and esrog and how to use them in the sukkah.

*(click on "more" to see the lyrics and sing along!)*

<https://youtu.be/gODQ0pgR64Y>

**SIMCHAS TORAH: SUNSET OCTOBER 24TH TO SUNSET OCTOBER 25**

**LEARN ABOUT SIMCHAS TORAH** (ages 8 and up) **Text**

Following the seven joyous days of Sukkot, comes the happy holiday known as Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah. Learn about how we celebrate this holiday.

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/4802/jewish/Simchat-Torah.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/4802/jewish/Simchat-Torah.htm)

**THE TORAH SCROLL** (ages 8 and up) **Text**

Simchat Torah means rejoicing with our Torah. What do you know about the Torah scroll? Learn about how it is made, its decorations, and how it is treated with respect.

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/4804/jewish/The-Torah-Scroll.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/4804/jewish/The-Torah-Scroll.htm)

**WRITING A TORAH SCROLL** (ages 8 to adult) **Video**

**“A Community Writes Their Own Torah Scroll: Creating A Home for the First Sefer Torah in the State of Florida”**

This is a fascinating movie about a community in Florida that wrote their own Torah Scroll. It is the first sefer Torah ever written, in its entirety, in the state of Florida. The Torah contains 304,805 letters – all written by hand.

[https://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/2712207/jewish/Writing-a-Torah-Scroll.htm](https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/2712207/jewish/Writing-a-Torah-Scroll.htm)

**SHGAGA: THE TORAH'S RESPONSE TO MAKING MISTAKES** (ages 11 to adult) **Animated**

Shgaga is the Torah concept for when someone does something accidentally, or by mistake. Doing something accidentally is different from doing something on purpose. Watch this animated video to learn three different Torah stories about shgaga. *There are different opinions about these laws. After watching the video discuss your opinion with someone*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0srVYU4PoQ>

## **SIMCHAT TORAH ACTIVITIES**

**MINI TORAH SCROLLS CRAFT FOR SIMCHAT TORAH!** (ages 9 and up)

Make mini torah scrolls that you can use to make napkin rings, cupcake or cake decorations or anything else you can think of!

<https://www.creativejewishmom.com/2015/10/mini-torah-scrolls-craft-for-simchat-torah.html>

**WHAT'S IN THE TORAH MINI BOOK** (ages 6 with help and up)

The word Torah means “teaching,” and in Judaism, it is our most precious book. It contains stories of our ancestors, which help us understand our own lives today. It is filled with Jewish law, mitzvot, blessings, and so much more. The words you paste inside your Torah mini book will help you learn how special it is.

<https://www.makeitjewish.com/blog/whats-in-the-torah-mini-book>

## **SHABBAT**

### **SHABBAT BLESSINGS** (ages 8 and up) **Animated video**

Come learn the Shabbat dinner blessings with Isaac Zones! Isaac comes to dinner at Moishe House and gets a surprising challenge - can he lead the Shabbat dinner guests in four ritual blessings?! With a little help from this karaoke style video, you can too!

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

## **STORIES**

### **ROSH HASHANA 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.

You can read this story yourself or have someone read it to you. 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 HASHANA 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/AVsEgvw3uxl>

## **SIMCHAT TORAH STORY**

**SAMMY SPIDER'S FIRST SIMCHAT TORAH** by Sylvia A. Rouss (ages 6-8) **Read Aloud**

Sammy is curious about the candy apple attached to Josh's Simchat Torah flag. When he goes to get a closer look, he soon finds himself stuck to the apple and on his way to Josh's synagogue, where he learns important lessons about Simchat Torah.

<https://youtu.be/bh0SzgHPvUE>

## **STORIES FOR FALL**

September 22 (the autumnal equinox) marked the official first day of fall. But, as you can see from some of the stories below, it is October and November that mostly show the signs of fall.

**HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S FALL?** by Allan Fowler (ages 4-5) **Nonfiction Read Aloud**

Summer is over and now it's fall. The leaves are falling from the trees and the air is getting chilly. Think of other signs of fall you might know. Then listen to this book and find out about some more.

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

**WHY DO LEAVES CHANGE COLOR?** by Betsy Maestro (ages 7-10) **Nonfiction Read Aloud**

Aren't autumn leaves beautiful? But, why do they change colors from green to red, orange and yellow? Why are the colors different every year? Why do leaves from different trees turn different colors? Listen to this book explain why this happens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5jTTJ9CjNQ>

**TOO MANY PUMPKINS** by Linda White (ages 7 and up) **Read Aloud**

Rebecca Estelle doesn't like pumpkins at all, and she certainly doesn't want to grow any. But something happens and she ends up with too many pumpkins! What should she do with them? What would you do with too many pumpkins?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGtSLfTJ7xU>

## **JEWISH FOLKLORE STORIES:**

**THE GOLEM OF RABBI ELIJAH-THE LEGEND OF THE GOLEM OF CHELM** (ages 10 and up) **Animated**

Jewish folklore has many stories about the golem. In this one, a rabbi creates a character (the golem) out of clay, to be helpful to the people of his village, there are some unexpected results. Rabbi uses clever thinking to take care of the problem. Does this story remind you a little of the story of Frankenstein with a touch of Amelia Bedelia?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8gClvFg11I>

### **VILLAGE OF IDIOTS** (ages 8 and up) **animated**

Do you sometimes think that what you don't have is better than what you have? In this story Shmendrik is getting tired of living in his small village of Chelm. He sets out on a journey to a new place which brings him to a new village of Chelm, which is weirdly like his old Chelm.

There are many stories about "the wise men of Chelm, but many people think they are not wise at all, but instead foolish. After watching this story, what do you think?

<https://youtu.be/cTVdbrniiNA>

**Check this out:**

### **CHILDREN'S BOOKS THAT CORRELATE WITH THIS MONTH'S TOPICS AVAILABLE TO BORROW FROM OUR SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY**

#### **ROSH HASHONA and YOM KIPPUR**

1. The World's Birthday - A Rosh Hashona Story, Barbara Diamond Goldin (**FICTION**)
2. Sam and Charlie (And Sam Too!), Leslie Kimmelman
3. Talia and the Very Yum Kippur, Linda Elovitz Marshall (**FICTION**)
4. Tikkun Olam Ted And the Importance of Small Steps, Vivian Newman
5. Sammy Spider's First Rosh Hashanah, Sylvia Rouss (**FICTION**)
6. Rosh Hashona and the Ten Days of Teshuva – coloring book, Shepsil Scheinberg (**NONFICTION**)
7. Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur, Miriam Schlein (**NONFICTION**)
8. Yom Kippur Mahzor, Torah Aura Productions (**4 copies**) (**NONFICTION**)
9. Sound the Shofar (the Story and Meaning of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Erika Weihs (**young adult**) (**NONFICTION**))
10. Happy New Year, Beni, Jane Breskin Zalben (**FICTION**)

#### **SUKKOT, SIMCHAS TORAH and SHEMINI ATZERET**

1. Engineer Ari and the Sukkah Express, Deborah Bodin Cohen (**FICTION**)
2. Sukkot & Simhat Torah, Joel Luri Grishaver (**NONFICTION**)
3. Sukkot and Simhat Torah, Miriam Schlein (**NONFICTION**)
4. Maya Prays For Rain, Susan Tarcov (**FICTION**)
5. A Child's Introduction to Torah, Shirley Newman (**NONFICTION**)

## **SHABBAT**

1. Havdalah Sky, A Poem for the End of Shabbat, Chris Barash (*board book*)
2. Fridays Are Special, Chris Barash (**FICTION**)
3. The Cricket and the Ant, Naomi Ben-Gur (**FICTION**)
4. In the Market of Zakrobat, Ori Elon (**FICTION**)
5. No Baths At Camp, Tamar Fox (**FICTION**)
6. Shai's Shabbat Walk, Elilie Gellman (*board book*)
7. This is the Challah, Sue Hepker (**FICTION**)
8. The Friday Nights of Nana, Amy Hest (**FICTION**)
9. Joseph and the Sabbath Fish, Eric Kimmel (**FICTION**)
10. Clarence's Topsy-Turvey Shabbat, Jennifer Tzivia MacLeod (**FICTION**)
11. Many Days, One Shabbat, Fran Manushkin (**FICTION**)
12. Shabbat Shalom, (20 festive songs ) Cindy Paley (**NONFICTION**)
13. The Schmutzy Family, Madelyn Rosenberg (**FICTION**)
14. The Kiddish Cup Who Hated Wine, Byrd Salop (**FICTION**)
15. Mrs. Moskowitz and the Sabbath Candlesticks, Amy Schwartz (**FICTION**)
16. The Sabbath Lion, A Jewish Folktale from Algeria, Retold by Howard Schwartz and Barbara Rush (**FICTION**)
17. Yitzi The Trusty Tractor, Naomi Shulman (**FICTION**)
18. Let's Celebrate Shabbat, Adam Siegel editor (**NONFICTION**)
19. The Shabbat Box, Leslie Simpson (**FICTION**)