

JUST FOR KIDS – SEPTEMBER 2023

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS

LABOR DAY – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4th.

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!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8YrXS-fb1Q>

ROSH HASHANA – SUNSET SEPTEMBER 15 to SUNSET SEPTEMBER 17

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

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

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 HASHANA ACTIVITIES

MAKE APPLE PRINT ROSH HASHONA 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: 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 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.

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/AVsEqvw3uxI>

YOM KIPPUR – SUNDOWN SEPTEMBER 24 – SUNDOWN SEPTEMBER 25

Learn about Yom Kippur at some of the sites below.

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

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

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

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

SUKKOT – SUNDOWN SEPTEMBER 29 – SUNDOWN OCTOBER 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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/cPyyhM_Fwh0

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>

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**)