

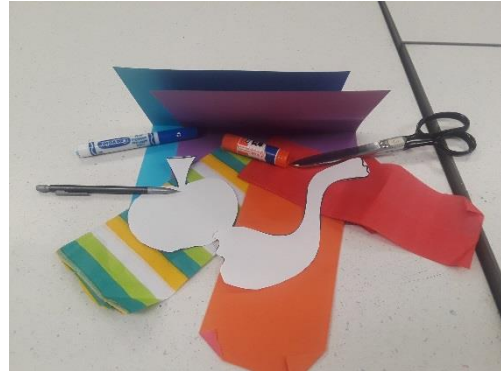
TWO Rosh Hashanah Mosaic Projects for Little Ones with their Grown-Up

Paper Mosaic Rosh Hashanah Card

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish new year. It is a time of sweet foods and happy greetings. On Rosh Hashanah we eat apples and honey and we blow the shofar. It is also a time for reconnecting with friends and family. Use this simple mosaic card as an opportunity to review some holiday symbols and to encourage your child to reach out and share a holiday greeting with someone they love.

Supplies:

- Two 9x12 sheets of colored construction paper folded in half the wide way
- Scissors
- Glue
- Various Sheets of scrapbook paper or tissue paper
- Markers or crayons
- Printed outline of apple or shofar for tracing (optional)



Directions:

1. Lay one sheet of construction paper over the other and fold them in half the wide way (some of us call this the “hamburger” way). Set these aside.

2. Hand your little one a few sheets of colored scrapbook paper or tissue paper. Ask them to rip the papers into small pieces. These ripped pieces of paper will be your mosaic pieces.



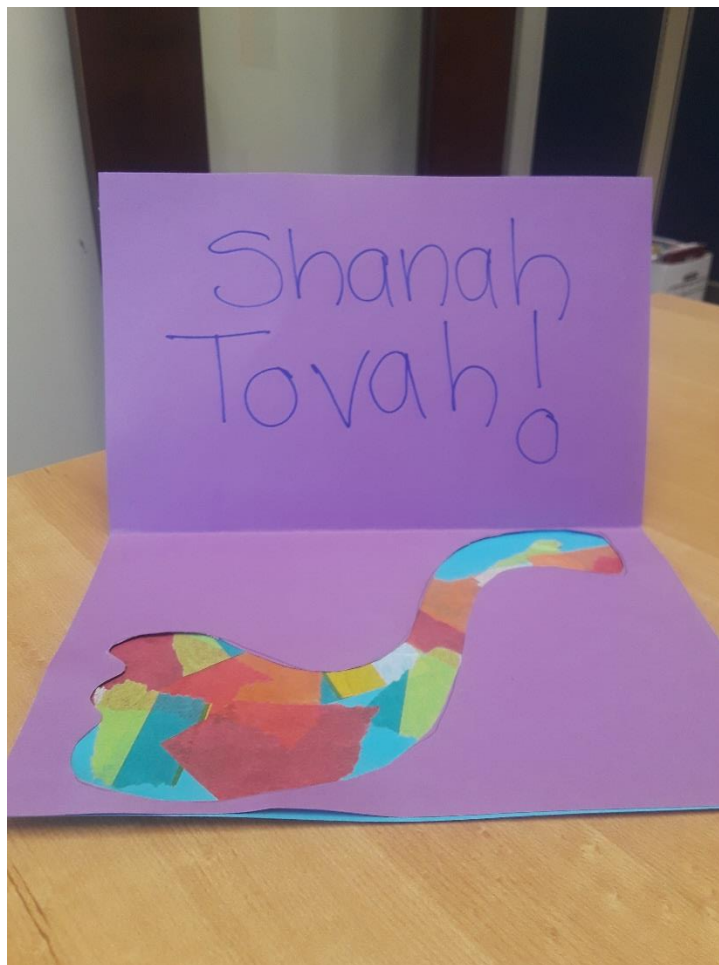
3. Take one of the folded sheets of construction paper. On the bottom half, draw and cut out an apple or a shofar. If you need assistance, you can print one of the drawings provided and trace it. Set this aside.



4. Take the other sheet of folded construction paper. Have your little one glue down their pieces of ripped paper all over the bottom half of the paper.



5. Lay the paper with the cut out shape over the top of the sheet with the mosaic. Line them up so that the cut out shape reveals the mosaic paper underneath. Glue the top sheet to the bottom sheet.



6. When your card is finished, you or your child can write Shanah Tovah! Or Happy New Year! Or Happy Rosh Hashanah! Onto the card. Have your little one sign it and give your card to someone they love.

Cardboard Pomegranate Mosaic

On Rosh Hashanah it is customary to eat foods that are symbolic. We eat apples and honey for a sweet new year. We eat round challah to symbolize completeness and unity. Some people even eat fish heads (!). Pomegranates are MUCH yummier (we think) than fish heads, and they are beautiful and symbolic too. We are taught that we should do as many mitzvot as there are seeds in a pomegranate. AND since the pomegranate has SO MANY SEEDS, AND since on Rosh Hashanah we want to think even MORE about all the good deeds we can do, we eat pomegranates. For this project, make a pomegranate (or a few!) with your child—and use them to decorate your house, make them as centerpieces for your Rosh Hashanah table, or write on them and use them as cards to send wishes for a Shanah Tovah to someone you love.

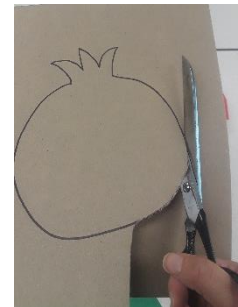
Supplies:

- Cardboard or firm cardstock
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Colored tissue paper, scrap paper or construction paper, freshly ripped by your little one
- Printed out pattern of a pomegranate to trace (optional)
- Hole punch and yarn for hanging (optional)



Directions:

1. Trace the pomegranate pattern onto a piece of cardboard and cut out the pomegranate shape.



2. Hand your child a variety of pieces of scrap papers or tissue paper (reds, oranges, pinks and purples work nicely for a realistic pomegranate, or you can use any patterns and colors for a more original take!



3. Have your child rip up the papers and glue them down onto the cardboard pomegranate.
4. Optional: write a Rosh Hashanah Message on the back of your mosaic and give it to someone you love. OR make this into a name plate as a festive way to decorate your Rosh Hashanah Table. Or punch a hole in it and add yarn to make a wall or ceiling hanging –if you keep it around for a few days you can also use it as a sukkah decoration.



Sukkot Wind Chimes

Sukkot is an outdoor festival that we celebrate with all of our senses. Make these beautiful wind chimes to help you experience the beauty of nature while you are in your sukkah. At the end of Sukkot, we find ourselves in the rainy season in Israel, and we add a prayer for rain to our daily Amidah. These windchimes can remind us of our need for rain and wind, and that everything happens in its own time, in its own season.

Supplies:

- Small tree branches or sticks that have already fallen off the tree (don't yank branches or "hurt" the tree to get the branch)
- Different colored yarns
- scissors
- small bells



Directions:

1. Find a small tree branch or stick. Make sure it is clean.
2. Attach your yarn by tying it in a knot around the top of your branch.
3. Begin wrapping your yarn around the branch. At various lengths down the branch, use your yarn to tie a bell to the branch. Tie at least two or three bells to the branch.



4. Continue wrapping with various yarns until the whole branch is covered. To change yarns tie a new strand to the end of your old strand, and continue wrapping. When you are done, tie off the excess string at the bottom of your branch.



5. Tie a piece of string to each end of your branch and hang your wind chime from your sukkah.

