



High Holiday Resources for Young Children and Their Families

Congregational/communal gatherings of many kinds for Families with Young Children is the crossroads of congregational life. It is a moment in time when infants to grandparents share a fun, social, meaningful, engaging, thought-provoking experience that makes memories - no easy feat considering the wide range of developmental needs! This collection of resources is intended to provide ideas and examples of ways for leaders of high holiday virtual experiences to prepare, conduct, share, and follow-up with the youngest, most precious commodities of our communities and their families!

Each category of activity is listed in the simple natural progression of the high holiday season. This is intended to reinforce leaders' creative processes for teaching and providing experiences according to the Jewish calendar system:

1. Prepare for the new year (Elul)
2. Celebrate the world's birthday (Rosh Hashanah)
3. Leave behind the mistakes and gather the learnings and growth to keep with you moving forward (*Tashlich*)
4. Allow the Shofar to wake us up to ask for forgiveness and provide forgiveness to others (Yom Kippur)
5. Begin the new year with a clean slate!

Preparation For New Year:

Literacy:

Infants and Toddlers

Preparation For The New Year: [Rosh Hashanah is Coming](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [I Sleep in a Big Bed](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [Animal Tashlich](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [Are We Still Friends?](#)

Starting New: [The Day You Begin](#)

3-5 Year Olds

Preparation For The New Year: [What A Way To Start A New Year](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [When God Made You](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [Tashlich at Turtle Rock](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [The Book Of Mistakes](#), [New Year at the Pier](#), [All about Yom Kippur](#)

Starting New: [Get Along, Gang: The Shalom Bayit \(Peace in the Home\) episode](#) | [Shaboom!](#)

Cooking/Science:

Infants and Toddlers

Preparation For The New Year: [Make Applesauce](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [Happy Birthday World Cupcakes](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [Sink & Float](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [Apple Print Craft](#)

Starting New: [Bake a Birthday Cake for the World](#)

3-5 Year Olds

Preparation For The New Year: [Bite Size Apple Pies](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [Apple Science Experiment](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [New Year's Bowl for Honey](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [Apple Dipper Bars](#)

Starting New: [Apple Honey & Cookie Pops](#)

Songs:

Infants and Toddlers

Preparation For The New Year: [Dipping the Apples](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [Bim Bam](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [Dip the Apple](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [Five Apples](#)

Starting New: [High Holiday Music \(including a family playlist\)](#) [PJ Library Radio](#)

3-5 Year Olds

Preparation For The New Year: [Bim Bam](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [It's The Birthday Of The World](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [Shofar Blast](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [We Blow The Shofar, Shofar Blast](#)

Starting New: [Rosh Hashanah is our New Year](#)

Visual Arts:

Infants and Toddlers

Preparation For The New Year: [Making New Year's Cards](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [Make A Tzedakah Box](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [Break Fast Placemats](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [Make Your Own Shofar](#)

Starting New: [Make Your Own Honey Dish](#)

3-5 Year Olds

Preparation For The New Year: [Make Your Own Honey Pot](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [Make A Rosh Hashanah Card](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [Make A Tzedakah Box](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [Make Your Own Shofar](#)

Starting New: [Mitzvah Wheel](#)

Games & Activities:

Infants and Toddlers

Preparation For The New Year: [Apple Sorting \(#1\)](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [Make Your Own Holiday Lacing Cards](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [Representing Honey](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [Apple Sorting \(#2\)](#)

Starting New: [Magic Scratch Apples](#)

3-5 Year Olds

Preparation For The New Year: Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [New Beginnings: Rosh Hashanah and the Moon](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [Taslich in a Tub](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [Rosh Hashanah Bingo](#) [Tashlich for Kids: Make a "Letting Go" Collage](#)

Starting New: [Yom Kippur Puzzles](#)

Video:

Infants and Toddlers

Preparation For The New Year: [The Sticky Shofar Party Part I](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [Be the Best Me](#)

Get Rid of What You Don't Want/Keep What You Do Want: [Shalom Sesame- I am Sorry](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [How To Blow The Shofar](#)

Starting New: [The Sticky Shofar Party Part II](#)

3-5 Year Olds

Preparation For The New Year: [The Sticky Shofar Party Part I](#)

Birthday of the World/New Beginnings: [Be The Best Me! Rosh Hashanah Shaboom Special](#)

Forgiving/Asking For Forgiveness & The Sound Of The Shofar Wakes Us Up To Listen: [How To Blow The Shofar](#) [Really, Really Sorry: For Yom Kippur, the Sparks say SLICHA!](#)

Starting New: [The Sticky Shofar Party Part II](#)

Supplemental Resources:

[PJ Library- Peeking Ahead to a New Beginning](#)

[Today is the Birthday of the World - PJ Library](#)

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