

Bee Houses

On Rosh Hashanah, many people dip apples into honey to symbolize the hope for a good, sweet new year. Honey is made by bees, and we can help take care of them by creating homes to keep them safe.

What you will need:

- Toilet paper roll
- Craft supplies
- Markers or pencils
- Paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- 30 inch long string



What to do:

- Decorate the outside of your toilet paper roll using craft supplies like markers and sharpies
- Wrap a piece of paper around a marker or pencil to create a small tube. Tape the two together so the paper does not unroll
- Cut your paper tube to be the same length as your toilet paper roll and slide it inside the roll
- Repeat the previous two steps to create enough tubes to fill your paper towel roll
- Cut a piece of string to be around 30 inches. Tie the string to the inside of the toilet paper roll to create a loop
- Hang your bee house on the branch of a tree outside

DIY Shofar

A shofar is a trumpet that is made from a ram's horn. It is sounded multiple times on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Create your own version of a shofar using construction paper.

What you will need:

- Construction Paper
- Paper plate
- Tape or glue
- Craft supplies such as markers, sharpies, and ribbon
- Yarn



What to do:

- Roll your paper plate into a cone shape and secure it with tape
- Use glue or tape to attach your construction paper around your cone shape. This will be your horn
- Use your craft supplies to decorate your horn
- Create a handle by running a piece of yarn through the inside of your horn. Tie the ends together to secure
- Learn about the different shofar blasts in this video [here](#).

Apple Stamp Cards

Many people celebrate Rosh Hashanah by sending cards with well wishes to friends and family. Create your own cards decorated with apples, a symbolic food of the holiday representing the sweetness of the new year.

What you will need:

- Piece of paper
- Cork
- Cutting blade
- Stamp ink or paint
- Pen or pencil



What to do:

- With a grownup's help, use a cutting blade to remove two small chunks from your cork to resemble the indents at the top of an apple
- Stamp your cork in a colored ink pad or in paint and press it down on your piece of card paper
- Add stems to the top of your apples using pen or pencil
- Add additional decorations or messages to your card. You might write Shanah Tovah which means good year and is how people greet one another for Rosh Hashanah
- If you don't have corks, you can still create cards using the craft supplies you do have in your home

Good Deeds Pomegranates

Pomegranates are one of the foods associated with Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. The seeds of the pomegranate are symbolic of mitzvot, or good deeds. A pomegranate is said to have 613 seeds which is equal to the number of commandments in the Torah, the Hebrew Bible. Create your own pomegranate craft filled with good deeds that you and your family can do throughout the new year.

What you will need:

- Construction Paper
- Pencil or pen
- Scissors
- Glue



What to do:

- Trace the shape of a pomegranate on your piece of construction paper. Use the image above for guidance
- Take another piece of construction paper and trace several oval shapes. These will be the pomegranate seeds
- Cut out your pomegranate and seed shapes
- Glue your pomegranate to a separate piece of paper
- Using your markers or sharpies, write examples of good deeds you and your family can do during the coming year. Glue your seeds to the inside of your pomegranate
- Place your pomegranate filled with good deeds in a common place so that you refer back to it throughout the year