

My Jewish Calendar



My Jewish Calendar: A Matching Game

Suitable for 2-4 players, aged 3-6

You will need:

- 8 calendar cards, each depicting a festival or special day (*print onto light cardboard and cut out*)
- 24 symbol cards (3 for each festival or special day) (*print onto light cardboard and cut out*)
- A container for each player that you can put your hand into (eg empty tissue box, small gift bag)

Objects of the game:

- Review and talk about festivals and special days
- Be the first to collect all the symbols on your calendar card(s)

How to play:

Each player should select 1-4 calendar cards. (Use only the best known or recent festivals for younger children.) The symbol cards are shuffled well and distributed evenly between the players, into individual boxes or other containers.

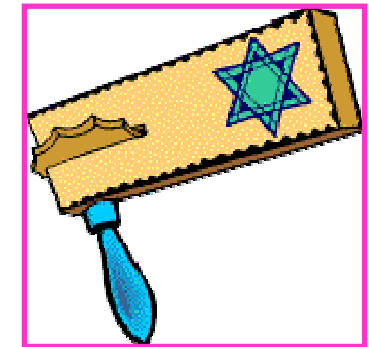
Each player checks their own box to see if they can match any symbols to their own calendar card(s). If they can, the symbol card is placed on the calendar card. If not, they are returned to the box. When placed, the symbol card should be identified by the player (or by their parent/teacher/sibling/friend). A great chance to ask "What is this? What do we do with it?" and for older children "Why do we do this? What else do we do?"

Next, the youngest player takes a symbol card from the box of the person on their left and checks it against their card. If it doesn't match, they put it into their own box. Then the person next to them takes a card from the person on their left, and so on. (Or make up your own variation—eg in a 3 person game, in each move the player takes 2 cards, one from each of the other two players.)

Continue until all the symbol cards have been placed.

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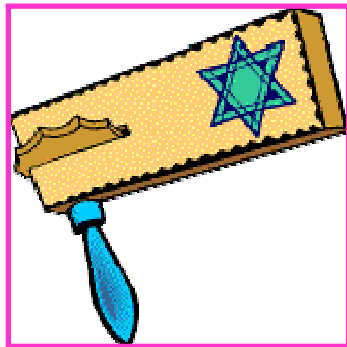
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Chanukah



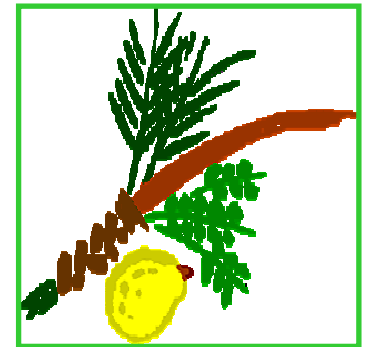
Purim



Rosh Hashanah



Sukkot & Simchat Torah



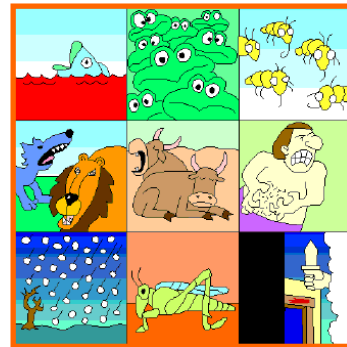
Shavuot



Shabbat



Pesach



Yom Ha'Atzmaut



