

ACTIVITIES FOR LARGE SYMBOLS

LACING CARDS:

Trace the symbol onto a piece of tag board; add features, if desired.

Cut it out.

Laminate if desired.

Punch out holes near the outside rim.

Cut a piece of yarn about 1-1/2 times the circumference of your symbol.

Put a piece of tape around each end of the yarn so that it will be stiff for putting through the holes.

CONFETTI SYMBOLS:

Cut 2 pieces of contact paper a little larger than the symbol you plan to use (or use 9" x 12" pieces of contact paper to cut out several symbols).

Cut up bits of colored construction paper, tissue paper, or sticky paper to make confetti.

Put one of the pieces of contact paper on a table, sticky side up.

Sprinkle the confetti all over this paper.

Put the other piece of contact paper over the confetti so that both sticky sides are together. Press to seal.

Put your symbol over the confetti contact paper and trace.

Cut out the figure you traced. (Cut out other symbols from the scraps that are left.)

STAINED GLASS PICTURE:

Trace the symbol or picture onto a piece of acetate. You must use permanent markers for this.

Color the picture with permanent markers.

For added effect you can cover the edges with mystic or electrical tape which will give the effect of a frame.

ACTIVITIES FOR SMALL SYMBOLS

REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS

Directions: Color symbols*. Cut them apart. Cover both sides of the symbol with clear contact paper. Put a piece of magnetic tape on the back of the symbol.

JEWISH SYMBOLS BINGO

Materials: Paper (typing, cardboard, or index cards), markers (beans, coins, etc.), glue, crayons or markers, scissors and Jewish holiday symbols* (choose two sets of at least ten different symbols).

Directions: Color symbols. Cut them out. Arrange eight symbols on the paper in a grid leaving the center open as a "free" space. Make a different card for each player by placing the symbols in different places, leaving a different symbol out on each card. Draw lines between each symbol. (You may draw your grid in advance and reproduce as many copies of the grid as you need to use for game boards.) Glue symbols down. Glue a complete caller's set of Jewish holiday symbols onto index cards or other paper.

How to Play: Each player has a bingo card in front of him/her. The caller places the index cards face down. The caller picks the top one and says the name of the symbol. (You can take turns being the caller.) Each player looks for the symbol which is called and covers it with a marker if it appears on his/her bingo card. The winner is the first player to complete a row across, down or diagonal or finish an entire card.

JEWISH SYMBOLS CONCENTRATION

Materials: Index cards or other paper cut into cards, crayons or markers, glue, scissors, symbols* (choose two sets of at least ten different symbols).

Directions: Color symbols. Cut them apart. Glue onto index cards. Laminate (optional).

How to play: Mix up the cards and place them in at least four rows, face down. The object of the game is to find matching symbols. Shake the dice to determine the first player. The player turns up two cards and then says the name of the symbol or holiday. If a match is found, the player keeps the set and takes another turn. If a match did not turn up, the cards are put back face down in the same place. Then the next player goes. The players try to remember where each symbol is placed. After all the cards are gone, the player with the most cards wins.

JEWISH SYMBOLS DOMINOES

Materials: Paper, three sets of ten symbols*, crayons or markers, glue, scissors, dice.

Directions: Cut the paper into strips approximately 8" x 3". Draw a line down the middle of each strip. Color the symbols. Cut and glue them onto the cards. Try to make as many different combinations of two as you can.

How to play: Deal each player five domino cards to hold in his/her hand. To begin, place a card right side up in the middle. Put the remaining cards face down in a pile. Shake the dice to determine who begins. Players try to match either side of a domino card from those he/she holds. If a player does not have a match, he/she must continue picking from the pile until a match is found. When a match is made, the person says the name of the Jewish holiday or symbol he/she matched. The first player to use up all his/her cards wins.

**Sheets of symbols for all the Jewish holidays, Shabbat, Creation and Tzedakah are available at the CJL Creativity Center as well as clear contact paper and magnetic tape.*