

# JEWISH HOLIDAY CHAIN

## All Year Classroom Project

**Lesson Plan:** Grades 1-4, Year long project

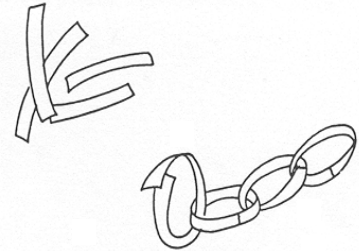
**Goal:** To teach the Jewish holidays

**Objectives:** Students will be able to explain the significance of the holidays. Students will be able to explain the purpose of the symbol associated with each holiday.

Welcome your students with a banner at the front of the room that says, *"Welcome To A Year Of Jewish Celebrations!"* Briefly tell about the Jewish holidays they will be celebrating during the year. Give the students a variety of colored construction paper 2"x12" strips and glue. Have them each make a long paper chain. Hook the students' chains together and drape the chains around the classroom walls next to the ceiling.

Give each student a 4 ½"x 6" piece of white construction paper and instruct them to draw a picture of themselves. Color the figure, cut it out, and put student's name on the back. Punch a hole at the top of the figure. Open a paper clip. Put one end through the figure and hang the other end of the paper clip at the beginning of the section of their chain.

After learning about each holiday when it arrives, have the students create a holiday symbol for that holiday and hang it on their chain section. Example: For Rosh Hashanah glue crinkled pieces of red tissue paper on red construction paper apple. Add a green paper stem. Punch a hole and hang the apple on the chain. Create a shofar and hang it with the apple. (A 3-D shofar pattern is available at CAJE St. Louis. Call 314 432-0020, ext. 3762 or e-mail [bbridge@cajestl.org](mailto:bbridge@cajestl.org).) At the end of the school year each child can take their section of the chain and their holiday symbols home.



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