

Simchat Torah “Me Flag”

Materials Needed:

- 9” x 12” white construction paper
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- 4 1/2” x 6” light blue construction paper for stars (use star pattern) or pre-cut stars made from CAJE Resource Center die-cut machine (Call Betty Bridge, CAJE , 314 442-3762)
- glue
- markers
- scissors
- family magazines (Women’s Day, Family Circle)

Directions:

1. Before class: put glue, markers, scissors, and star patterns or pre-cut stars on each table.
2. Explain Simchat Torah. It is a holiday when Jewish people come to Temple to read the last part of the Torah (Five Books of Moses) and start over reading from the first part of the Torah. They also walk around the Temple carrying Torahs and flags while they sing. A long time ago people lived in groups called tribes. Each group had their own flag and families would make their own flags. Today each of you are going to make a flag with your name on the Jewish star on the flag. Why are we using a Jewish star? (Students should respond “Because we are Jewish.”)
3. Distribute small blue pieces of construction paper and have students trace and cut out star or give them pre-cut light blue stars. Have them put their name on the star.
4. Distribute 9” x 12” white construction paper with one edge folded over (one inch along the short side). Tell students not to put anything on the folded strip. We need the strip to glue the flag to the handle.
5. Have students glue their name star to the center of the flag. Fig. 1
6. Students can cut out pictures from magazines of things they like and things about their family. Glue pictures on both sides of the flag. Fig. 2
7. Give each student a 12” x 18” white construction paper and have them glue the folded flag edge 1” from the top of the 12” side of the large white paper.
8. Roll the large paper to make a handle and tape it at the top, middle and bottom. Fig. 3

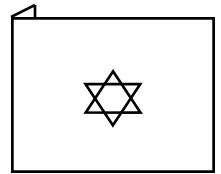


Fig. 1

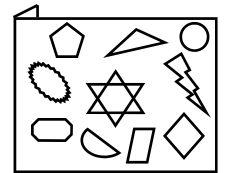


Fig. 2

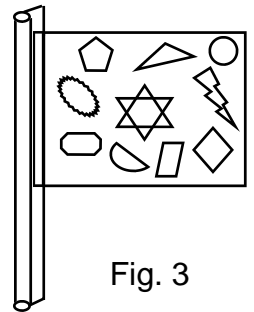


Fig. 3

