

Havdallah & Hotdogs

This is a great motzei Shabbat (Saturday evening) activity for families. The actual activities are geared towards Years 1-4 (although slightly older and younger can still enjoy it). Parents should be encouraged to support their younger children.

My tip is to do it in the winter where you can start the activity at 5:45 and still have 30 minutes after Shabbat to set up.

Costs:

From experience it costs around £5 per child to run this event (ignoring core costs e.g. caretaker and security). You could charge £6-10 per child (although you may want to run this either at cost or at a loss to encourage as many as possible to attend)

Equipment (Based on 20 children)

1. 50 Plastic 'transparent' plates (2 per child)- you can get these in Good for you or most kosher shops.
2. 50 paper circles – (make these yourself by drawing a circle the same size as the base of the plates being used and cut around that shape) or you can use our template (in the folder)
3. Glitter
4. stickers – a few packs
5. 10 pritt stick glue
6. 3 packs felt tip pens
7. 20 Wax sheets and wicks (I recommend using <https://makingyourowncandles.co.uk/copy-of-christmas-holly-beeswax-candle-kit/> BUT always buy extra wick) **OR 4 CANDLES PER PERSON FROM ATTACHED - FOR THE PLATTING METHOD**
https://www.amazon.co.uk/NKlaus-Candles-Beeswax-Greece-Handarbeit/dp/B07J2M8473/ref=pd_sbs_201_38?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B0765ZQ5MC&pd_rd_r=5c2a6e39-e522-4fbb-9545-5abe26c5e284&pd_rd_w=lFhMb&pd_rd_wg=EbqHu&pf_rd_p=18edf98b-139a-41ee-bb40-d725dd59d1d3&pf_rd_r=S1FY35JTKMWYK42ZJDG0&refRID=S1FY35JTKMWYK42ZJDG0&th=1
8. 25 Lemons (1 per child plus a few extra)
9. a few bags of cloves (tip: get these in a high street shop as tend to be cheaper) – you will always need more than you think
10. 10 Biro's
11. 25 Wine Glasses (get the cheap ones from Tesco/Sainsbury , usually under 50p per glass – the cheap ones are thicker so less likely to break)
12. 2 packs of Sharpies (you can also get specific glass pens or paints, but these can get expensive)
13. 25 Paper plate
14. **Havdallah kit to make a real Havdallah** i.e. Bottle of grape juice, silver becher, large Havdallah candle, text of Havdallah
15. 3 bags of Tival sausages
16. 25 hot dog buns



17. 25 bags of crisps
18. 1 tomato ketchup
19. paper plates, cups
20. Jugs for water
21. paper napkins
22. equipment to cook and serve the sausages
23. Rubbish bags

Set up:

- Set up 4 tables, each with some chairs (although could do the entire thing standing up). Each table will be its own arts and craft station.
- You will want one volunteer per station who can explain the craft, and keep an eye on supplies
- Set up a table/place for children to leave their arts and crafts).
- Before the start of the event, set up each table with a plastic table cloth and the equipment for that station. Also, a print out of instructions for the volunteer
- Set up a place for children to sign in, leave their coats etc.
- (Optional) set up a coffee and tea station for parents. (If using disposable cups, also buy lids so there is less risk of hot coffee etc going everywhere).

Activity Plan

1. Children arrive
2. Explain to the group that they are going to have the chance to create a Havdalah kit – if possible have some pre-created samples to show off.
3. That they have an 45-50 to do 4 activities and should spend about 20 minutes at each (havdallah candles take less time)
4. Make Havdalah
5. Eat
6. Go home

Activities

1) Havdalah Plates

Equipment:

Plastic 'see through' plates (2 per child)- you can get these
paper circles (That sit inside the base of the plate) – see templates for examples.

glitter

stickers

glue

felt tip pens

How to:

Decorate both sides of the paper disk with felt tips, stickers and glue.

You could also print of some Shabbat related pictures and children can decorate these

Using Sellotape (to stick the two rims together) sandwich the picture between the two plates.



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2) Havdallah Candles

Equipment:

Wax sheets and wicks (I recommend using <https://makingyourowncandles.co.uk/copy-of-christmas-holly-beeswax-candle-kit/> BUT always buy extra wick)

How to:

Lay two bits of wick at one edge of the sheet and roll up tightly like a jam roll.



How to v2. – buy thin candles from amazon (see link for good supplier)

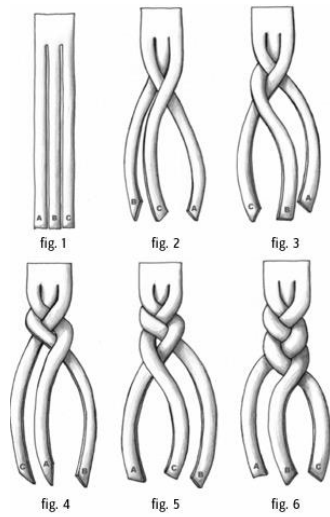
Warm up wax on the candles by rolling candle in between hands, or by using a blow dryer to slightly melt the wax. Plat candles together (like you would a challah) Each child is given 3 candles...(you may wish to plunge in warm water for a few minutes to soften).

- 1) Press the ends (with the wicks) together
- 2) Plait it like a braid.

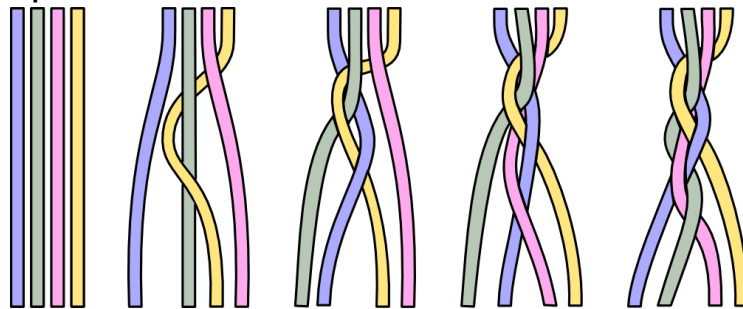


3 Plait





4 plait



(move 4 under 3&2 and then round over 2, Move 1 under 2&3 and then round over 3, move 4 under 3&2 and then round over 2 etc. (re-number at each stage.)



3) Besamim Lemons

Equipment:

Lemons (1 per child plus a few extra)

Cloves (tip: get these in an Indian/Turkish high street shop as tend to be cheaper)

Biros

How to:

Use the biro to pierce the skin of the lemon

Stick the clove inside the lemon (try to cover as much of the lemon as possible)

4) Havdalah cups

Equipment:

Wine Glasses (get the cheap ones from Tesco/Sainsbury , usually under 50p per glass – the cheap ones are thicker so less likely to break)

Sharpies (you can also get specific glass pens or paints, but these can get expensive)

Paper plate

How to:

Decorate the glass.

The best way to do this is to turn the glass upside down so it is resting on its rim on the paper plate.

Havdallah

The rabbi/or a leader should do a full havdallah (with singing). It can be nice to ask a few children to light their havdallah candles and then turn of the lights.

For the tune visit...

For the words – see “Havdallah Card” – you may wish to print a number of these to spread around.

Dinner

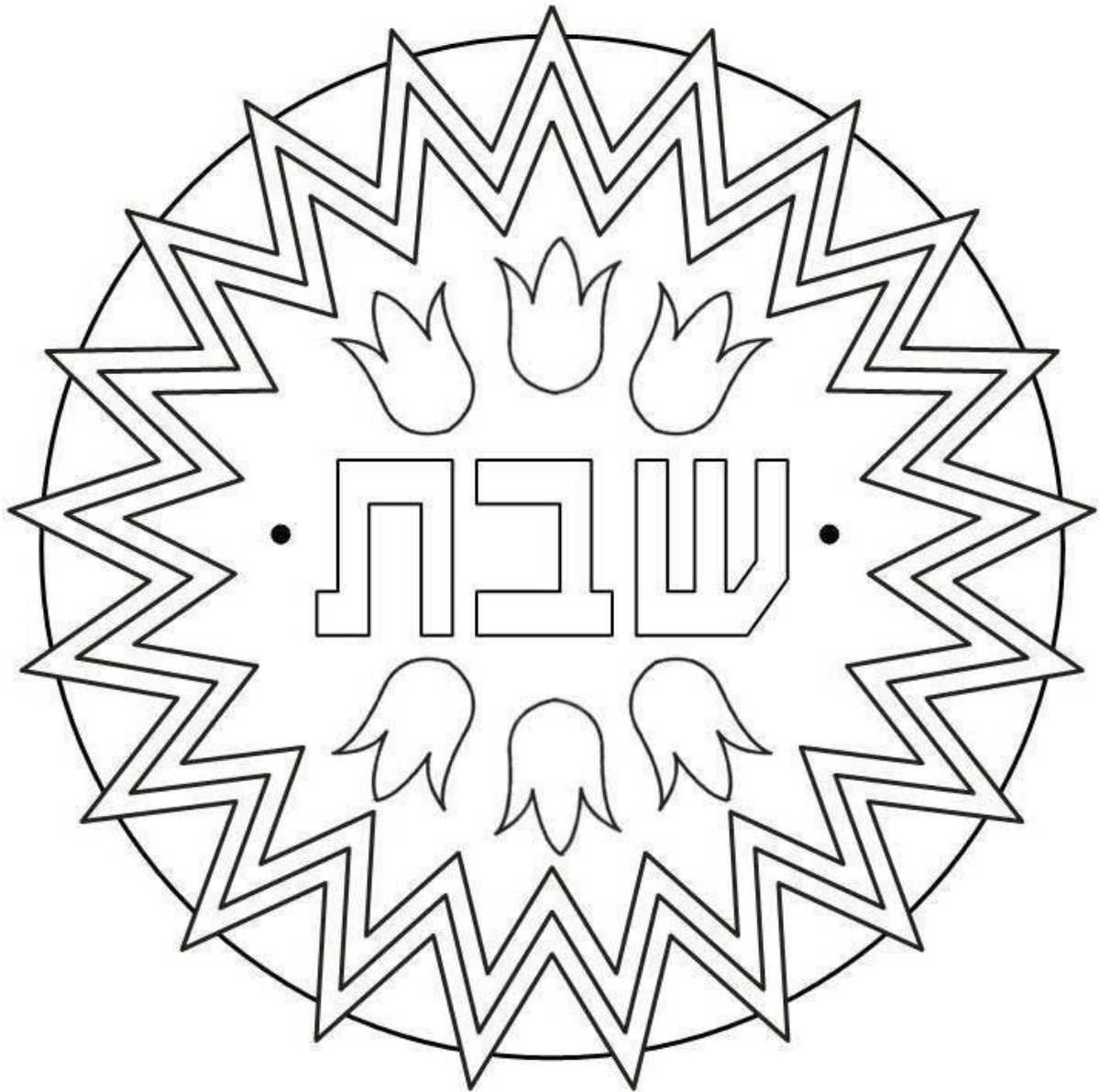
During the activity you can prepare dinner.

Our suggestion is vegetarian hotdogs (which are quick to cook), bags of crisps, and some drink. For dessert you can do an Ice Cream Bar (where you have ice cream and different syrups and sprinkles)



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