

PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS

Craft Instructions

Mezuzah

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Materials:

- Jumbo craft sticks (3)
- Paint (various colors)
- Dimensional paint - various colors
- Sticky back hook and loop (to attach mezuzah to doorpost)
- Small piece of clear cellophane or a resealable bag
- Hot glue
- White glue
- Optional: stickers, aleph bet stickers
- Optional: *Command Strips* (to attach mezuzah to doorpost)
- Craft Template A

Parent/Teacher preparation:

Print the Craft Template A on copy paper.

Instructions for the craft:

- Paint and decorate 2 of the craft sticks. They can be decorated in any way.
- The last craft stick can simply be painted a solid color on one side. It is best NOT to paint the side that will be facing out as the hook and loop may not stick.
- Set it aside to dry.
- Cut the section for the Shema and V'ahavta (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

Note regarding the shin on the front of the mezuzah:

- Put the shin on the front of the mezuzah in any one of these ways:
 - ✓ Use the shin template on Craft Template A as a guide to trace with dimensional glue.
 - ✓ Use the shin template on Craft Template A to color and cut out.
 - ✓ Use a sticker of a shin to put on the front of the mezuzah.
 - ✓ Free hand the letter shin on the front of the mezuzah.



Note: There will be no video for this week's craft.



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Instructions for the craft cont'd:

- If using dimensional paint, place the template under the cellophane or resealable bag and then trace the shin with the dimensional paint. This can be a little thick.
- Set it aside to dry.

Assembling the mezuzah

- Check to make sure the craft sticks are dry.
- Hot glue the 2 decorated sticks together on one long edge. If you created a design on them that is directional (has an up and down side), then make sure that the up side of both sections match. These 2 pieces will make the front of the mezuzah.
- Take the third craft stick and glue the long sections to the sides of your mezuzah; making sure the painted section is on the inside.

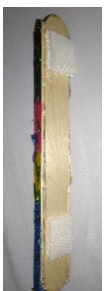
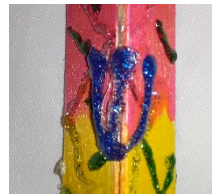
The shin on the mezuzah

- Check if the shin is dry.
- If it is, carefully peel it off the plastic or cellophane and then glue it with white glue to the front of the mezuzah.
- If NOT using this method, then put the shin on the mezuzah at this point using whichever method you chose.

Finishing the mezuzah

- On the bottom open end, fill the hole with hot glue and let it dry. This will create a clear base so that the scroll will not fall out once inserted.
- Roll the scroll (kleft) tight enough to fit inside the mezuzah and place it inside.
- Peel and stick one side of the hook and loop to the back of the mezuzah. Optional: if concerned that the hook and loop tape will leave a mark on the wall, try using *Command Strips* to attach the mezuzah to the wall.
- Choose where the mezuzah will go before peeling off the other side to attach to the wall.

This mezuzah will help to remind you of the Shema and V'ahavta. Please note that this mezuzah is NOT intended for outdoor display as glue and paints used were NOT designed for outdoor elements.





Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:4-9

"Hear, O Yisra'el: יהוה our Elohim, יהוה is one! .שמע, ישראל: יהוה אלהינו, יהוה אחד.

And you shall love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your might. ואהבת, את יהוה אלהיך, בכל-לבבך ובכל-נפשך, ובכל-מאדך.

And these Words which I am commanding you today shall be in your heart, והיו הדברים האלה, אשר אנכי מצוך היום--על-לבבך.

and you shall impress them upon your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up, ושננתם לבניך, ודברת בם, בשבתך בביתך ובלכתך בדרך, ובשכבך ובקומך.

and shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. והקשרתם לאות, על-ידך; והיו לטטפת, בין עיניך.

And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." וכתבתם על-מזוזות ביתך, ובשעריך.