

## CRAFTY IDEAS FOR TEACHING SHAVUOT

### TEN COMMANDMENTS

- Make two tablets out of air-drying clay. Use clay tools, or improvised tools (such as knitting needles) to carve out the words.
- Make a giant 10 Commandments poster. For instructions, see: [http://www.akhlah.com/holidays/shavuot/shavuot\\_craft\\_10\\_commandments.php](http://www.akhlah.com/holidays/shavuot/shavuot_craft_10_commandments.php)

### FLOWERS

- Make paper flowers with the children to take home. See <http://joyof.kosher.com/2010/05/05/floral-shavuot-crafts/> for instructions, or try: [http://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/364260/jewish/Crepe-Flowers.htm](http://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/364260/jewish/Crepe-Flowers.htm)
- For more paper flowers, see: <http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/family/paper-flowers1.htm>  
Roses: <http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/family/paper-flowers2.htm>

### PAPERCUTTING

- Make simple paper cuts depicting the tablets or flower designs. For ideas, see the Jewish Parents' Page at URJ: [http://urj.org/kd/\\_temp/2CD1C544-A9B7-99E4-6709FA27D9B5F2A9/JPP\\_Shavuot2007\\_rv2009.pdf](http://urj.org/kd/_temp/2CD1C544-A9B7-99E4-6709FA27D9B5F2A9/JPP_Shavuot2007_rv2009.pdf)
- For a magan david, see: <http://www.origami-resource-center.com/star-of-david.html>
- For general papercutting advice: <http://papercutting.net/PaperCuttingInstructions.htm>

### TORAH SCROLLS

- Using a piece of A4 card, fold it in a gate fold to make an "ark" - a gate-fold card involves having the opening at the centre and two edges on either side. This can be accomplished with any size paper by finding the centre of a strip of paper and folding the ends in to meet at the centre. Make a pocket on the inside on the back of the card, by sticking a square of card on three sides, leaving the top open. Make a little Torah scroll by gluing a piece of felt onto a Torah shaped piece of card. Children can decorate the felt Torah with stick-on "jewels" or fabric pens.

### PUPPETS

- Make sock puppets to use to tell the story of either Ruth, or how the Jews were chosen to receive the Torah. Use old, clean socks, add stick-on googly eyes, felt mouths and wool for hair. Stick with PVA glue and allow to dry before using.