

JOY OF AYYÁM-I-HÁ

"In times of joy our strength is more vital, our intellect keener, and our understanding less clouded. We seem better able to cope with the world and to find our sphere of usefulness." —'Abdu'l-Bahá

Invite your loved ones to celebrate—Ayyám-i-Há is near! It's time to share the warmth of friendship through service, gifts, and hospitality, while preparing for the Bahá'í Fast.

This year, Ayyám-i-Há will take place from February 25 to March 1. So reach out to friends, family, and neighbors. Whether meeting in person or online, these ideas can brighten your gatherings.

GUESS WHO?



Everyone gets a slip of paper. Moderator reads a question aloud, such as, "What made you smile this week?" Players write their answer and name, then turn them in, or type them in a private message to the moderator.

Moderator reads each answer aloud. Everyone writes their guess for the person who wrote it. Then moderator reveals who wrote each one. Players get a point for each correct answer. Person with the most points chooses a question and moderates next round.

COLLAGE BOUQUETS

Trim cardboard tube to desired height. Cut cardboard base about 1" wider than tube. Paint both. When dry, glue bottom of tube to the base.

Draw and decorate flower heads and leaves on thick paper. Cut out and tape to wooden dowels or pipe cleaners. Arrange flowers in cardboard tube vase.



STAR STRANDS

Bend metal craft wire into a circle. Loop the wire six times to create layers of circles. Wrap end of wire around the top to hold circles together, then form a loop for hanging. Carefully cut it off.

Cut star shapes from felt or thick paper. Attach them to wire circles with tacky glue and let dry.



PAINT PALETTE COOKIES

Scoop spoonful of sugar cookie dough onto baking sheet and press flat into a circle. Use wooden spoon handle to indent one side, creating paint palette shape. Press 3 colorful chocolate candies onto the cookie palette for paint. Follow your recipe for baking. While still warm, use a straw to poke a hole near palette indentation.

Dip one tip of pretzel stick in melted chocolate to make paintbrush. When dry, dip again in melted, colored candy melts to represent paint on the brush. When dry and cool, place paintbrush through palette hole and serve.



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