

HAPPY AYYÁM-I-HÁ!

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"It behooveth the people of Bahá, throughout these days, to provide good cheer for themselves, their kindred and, beyond them, the poor and needy, and with joy and exultation to hail and glorify their Lord . . ." — Bahá'u'lláh

Ayyám-i-Há is coming! From February 26 to 29, Bahá'ís around the world will celebrate the days in between the last two months of the Bahá'í calendar. This is a time filled with fun, fellowship, and festivity. We gather with friends and family, thank God for His blessings, and offer service to others. We also prepare for the month of fasting before Naw-Rúz (the Bahá'í New Year) on March 20.

Every family and community adds its own unique flavor to Ayyám-i-Há celebrations. Some center their activities around a theme inspired by the Bahá'í writings, such as "nightingales of paradise" or "brilliant stars." Some host international potlucks or dances. Many organize service projects, as well as joyful parties for all ages. How will you celebrate Ayyám-i-Há this year?

Use this festive nine-pointed star wreath to decorate for Ayyám-i-Há.

YOU'LL NEED: 8" (20 cm) cardboard circle • One piece of white paper, at least 8 ½" (22 cm) square • Pencil
Nine 8 ½" (22 cm) squares of cardstock • String • Scissors • Hole punch • Tape • Glue

STEP 1

Punch a hole through the cardboard circle about ¾" (1 cm) from the edge. Poke a string through and tie in a loop for hanging.



STEP 2

Trace the cardboard circle onto white paper. Cut out. Glue paper to cardboard, leaving string hanging out.



STEP 3

Make nine cones with remaining pieces of cardstock. Wrap two opposite corners over one another at an angle, to form a point at one end and an opening about 2 ½" (6 cm) wide at the other. Secure with tape.



STEP 4

Lay cones evenly around the cardboard circle, points facing outward. Glue the backs of the open ends of the cones to the circle. Let dry thoroughly, then hang.



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