

## LUMINOUS HOLY DAYS

**“In countless places across the world . . . the friends will find creative ways to honor the Twin Manifestations Whose lives and sacred missions will be recalled on Their anniversaries.” —The Universal House of Justice**

This fall, Bahá'ís and friends around the world will celebrate two special holy days. On October 21, we honor the birth of the Báb, and on October 22, we commemorate the 200th anniversary (or bicentenary) of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh. These days offer a wonderful opportunity for festive and joyful gatherings to remember the lives and missions of the two most recent Manifestations of God on Earth.

There are a lot of inspiring ways to add fun, creativity, and beauty to your community celebrations. Planning around a visual theme can be helpful. Since Shoghi Effendi referred to the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh as “twin Luminaries of the Bahá'í Revelation,” activities related to stars and light can bring radiance to your holy day events. Get creative and let your spirit shine!

### BRILLIANT STAR DECORATIONS



The five-pointed star is a symbol of the Bahá'í Faith. In addition, both the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh wrote Tablets in this shape.

Cut out five same-sized stars from colored paper. Fold each in half, then glue different stars' edges together for a 3D star. String a thread loop through the center for hanging, and embellish the thread with beads.

### LUMINOUS LUMINARIAS



Give each person one or more paper lunch sacks to decorate. Offer markers, scissors, and hole punches of various shapes and sizes.

Trim the top of the sacks with scissors. Give each person an electronic tea light candle to set inside each luminaria. Display at your party and invite guests to take one home afterward.

### STAR SKEWERS



Slice large pieces of fruit—such as watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew, and pineapple—into pieces 1" thick, then cut out star shapes with cookie cutters.

Thread the stars on wooden skewers, placing blueberries, grapes, or strawberries between each one.

### GROUP GUESSING GAME

Make a list of questions that can be answered with “the Báb” or “Bahá'u'lláh.” (For example, Who was born in 1817? Who lived in Tihrán?) Divide the group into two teams. Give each team two paddles made of craft sticks and colored paper—one green, for the Báb (since He wore a green turban) and one red for Bahá'u'lláh (since His Cause is referred to as “the Crimson Ark”).

When the leader asks a question, each team quietly consults, then holds up the correct paddle (without showing the other team). The first team to get 19 correct answers wins.



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