

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP

“Let the forces released in this period lend impetus to your personal and collective endeavors during the remainder of this bicentennial year . . .” — Universal House of Justice

Around the globe, Bahá'ís and friends are celebrating the 200th anniversary of Bahá'u'lláh's birth throughout this year. The Festival of Ayyám-i-Há, February 25–March 1 in 2018, is a wonderful

time to share the joy with friends and neighbors. Gatherings with music, games, and delicious food can inspire others to join in efforts to build diverse communities devoted to unity and service.

BUTTERFLY BAGS



Cut off the top two-thirds of a green paper bag. Snip with scissors to make a grass pattern in the bottom portion, then glue a white paper bag inside.

Cut out butterfly wings from card stock, and glue to a miniature clothespin for a body. Decorate with markers. Fill the bags with candy or other treats, and clip the butterfly to the top.

DUET DETECTIVES

Before your party, think up a variety of well-known song titles. Write each on two separate slips of paper. As your guests arrive, ask each one to pick a slip of paper from a bowl.

Then ask each person to start humming their song. Guests mingle until they find the person who's humming the same song.



FRIENDSHIP BINGO

Create bingo cards with a 5x5 grid of squares. In each square, write a statement that could describe your guests. For example: Has visited the Bahá'í World Centre in Israel. Speaks more than two languages. Can do a headstand. Can make Persian fesenjun.

Make several versions of the bingo cards, so they're not all the same. Invite people to mingle and ask each other to sign one box that applies to them. The first person to fill their entire card wins.

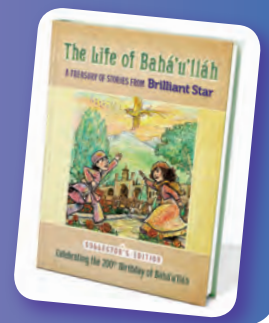
MINI DESSERT PIZZAS

Bake round sugar cookie cut-outs and frost with your favorite frosting. Top with a tasty assortment of fruit, such as strawberries, kiwi, blueberries, pineapple, and grapes.



STORIES ABOUT BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

Have you picked up your copy of *The Life of Bahá'u'lláh: A Treasury of Stories from Brilliant Star*? Created in honor of the 200th anniversary of Bahá'u'lláh's birth, this richly illustrated Collector's Edition presents compelling tales of His mission of peace, along with fun activities.



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