

# SPIRIT OF SPRING

“This transformation in the world of nature is a reminder of the coming of the heavenly springtide . . .” —The Universal House of Justice

Spring is here! The Earth is refreshed with revitalizing rain, ready for a new season of growth. Spring is a special time of year for Bahá'ís. When winter's chill begins to thaw, the chirping birds and sprouting buds are a reminder of spiritual renewal.

This year, festivities begin on March 20 with Naw-Rúz, the

Bahá'í new year. Then from April 20–May 1, we celebrate the Festival of Ridván, honoring the start of the Bahá'í Faith when Bahá'u'lláh announced that He was a Manifestation of God.

Invite friends, neighbors, and family to join in the spirit of spring with these fun activities.

## COLORFUL CALLA LILIES



Paint both sides of a paper plate. When dry, roll plate into a cone that overlaps at the bottom, leaving the top open. Insert green straw into the bottom and glue in place for a stem. Glue overlapping edges together around the straw. Cut a yellow pipe cleaner in half and stick into the top of the straw. It should poke out from the top as the spadix (center) of the flower.

Repeat to create lilies of various colors to decorate your spring celebrations.

## DANCING CHAIN

Stand in a circle. One person makes up a simple dance move, such as waving their hands or spinning. The person to the left repeats the first move, then adds a new simple move to the dance chain.

The game continues around the circle. In the end, the entire group performs their new dance together.



## SEEDLING CUPCAKES



Make chocolate cupcakes from your favorite recipe. Crush chocolate wafer cookies to make “dirt.”

When cupcakes are cool, frost with chocolate frosting and sprinkle “dirt” on top. Add a sprig of fresh mint to look like a sapling sprouting from the Earth. Serve in tiny plant pots.

## RAINBOW PARTY BLOWERS

Paint a cardboard tube blue. When dry, use white paint to add clouds. Cut 12" streamers from brightly colored crepe paper. Tape streamers one at a time, overlapping slightly, to the inside of the tube.

Invite guests to blow through the tubes to make the streamers dance.



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