

# CELEBRATIONS TO SHARE

*“Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship.” — Bahá’u’lláh*

It’s time for inspiring and fun-filled celebrations for Bahá’ís around the world. Naw-Rúz, the Bahá’í New Year, is March 20, a wonderful time to refresh our spirits and reflect on our blessings. The “Most Great Festival” begins about a month later, when we honor Bahá’u’lláh’s declaration as a Messenger of God

for 12 joyful days at Ridván (April 20–May 1).

These holy days are a marvelous time to invite friends and neighbors to join us in gatherings that strengthen bonds of unity. With uplifting music, delicious food, and fun activities, you can welcome everyone with a loving spirit.

## MAKE RIDVÁN ROSES



Trace around a cup to make a circle on red paper. Cut circle out. From center, draw a spiral about 1/2" wide. Cut along spiral line. Start at outer end and gently roll spiral until you reach the center. Let paper unwind slightly. Glue bottom edges of flower to spiral’s end. Add green paper leaves. Make 12 roses, and on the leaves, write Bahá’í quotes about love and unity. Read one aloud with your family for each day of Ridván.

## CREATE A VISION

Invite your family or community to make a vision board with pictures and words that reflect your goals for the year ahead.

Use a corkboard or poster board. Assemble photos, drawings, quotes, and anything that supports your vision. Think about building unity, having fun, being of service, and sharing the Bahá’í Faith with others. Post it where you’ll see it often.



## SHAKE THINGS UP



Ask everyone to pair up. Each pair invents a handshake-type greeting that includes three moves or gestures and a sound effect or phrase.

After a few minutes, each pair teams up with another pair and puts their greetings together (for a six-part handshake with two sound effects). If it’s a large group, try combining foursomes for even more fun.

## BLESSINGS A TO Z

Sit in a circle. The first person mentions something he or she is thankful for that starts with A (such as apples or art).

The next person calls out a B blessing, and the next person does C. Continue until the group gets all the way to Z.



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