

Brilliant Star's

TREASURE BOX

CORE ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

CELEBRATE WITH STYLE

Grab your family and friends and get ready for the fun-filled festival of Ayyám-i-Há! These days (February 26–March 1) are for celebration, service, joy, fellowship, and hospitality. They're also time to prepare for the Bahá'í Fast (March 2–20).*

There are lots of ways to make Ayyám-i-Há special for everyone. You might decorate your home, give gifts, do service projects, and eat yummy food. Ayyám-i-Há parties can build unity and new friendships. Large or small, festive parties bring joy to all!

Check out these Ayyám-i-Há party themes, and add your own imaginative ideas.

CELEBRATE SERVICE



Ask guests to bring gifts for people at a shelter, such as soap or canned foods.

On a poster, ask guests to write services they're willing to do, from teaching children's classes to musical performance. Consult about service to do together on Naw-Rúz, the Bahá'í New Year (March 21).

Then dig in to snacks named for virtues, like "Helpful Hummus" or "Grapes of Giving."

CREATIVE CRAFTS

Set up stations for making homemade gifts or cards. Check out crafts on **Brilliant Star's** website—select *Nur*. Offer assorted recyclables for making creative inventions.

Put together craft supply kits for hospital patients (ask your hospital for a wish list). Serve cookies you decorate yourself, or make animal shapes out of fruits and veggies.



LOVE AND LAUGHTER



Make butterfly or bird crafts in honor of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's quote, "Joy gives us wings!"

Play charades or have a joke-telling contest. *Cosmo the Chameleon* shares a joke in each issue of **Brilliant Star**. Have fun contests like hopping on one foot the longest or blowing the biggest bubbles.

Serve "smiles" made of two apple slices with mini marshmallows for teeth, adhered by peanut butter.

MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Invite guests to jam and sing together. Find songs on **Brilliant Star's** website—select *Treble Chef*. Make "shakers" out of containers filled with beads.

Play freeze dance (everyone freezes when the music stops), or try guessing tunes after just a few notes. Serve cupcakes baked in ice cream cones for "microphones."



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