



Celebrate the Birthday of the World For Primary Grades

- Have a birthday party for the world. Bring a birthday cake into class. Add number candles for the new Jewish year. Put a special party hat on the globe, as the guest of honor.
- Sing songs at your birthday party for the world. Suggestions include: *Hinei Mah Tov* and *Tapuchim Udvash*. See <http://www.totshabbat.com/high-holiday-music.html> for more suggestions.
- Compare and contrast a birthday party for a person and a birthday party for the world. Provide students with the [“Birthday of the World” T-chart](#) found on JTeach.org. Call out words from the suggested list or add your own and ask students to write/draw about that word in the appropriate column. Emphasize that the commonalities include: celebrating together, sharing with family, making wishes for the New Year, etc. Suggested word list:
 - Horn
 - Shofar
 - Cards
 - *Shanah Tovah*
 - Dress in special clothes
 - Family and friends
 - Decorate the house
 - Cake
 - Apples/honey
 - Making wishes
 - Celebrating
- Make “birthday cards” with *Shanah Tovah* messages.
- Play circle games to emphasize that the year goes round and round. Try Hot “Pomegranate” – a version of Hot Potato using a pomegranate or an apple.
- Jump the sounds of the shofar.
- Play “What’s missing?” by filling a tray with holiday-related items. Students close their eyes while the teacher removes one item. When students look again, they guess which item is now missing. Suggested items include, but are not limited to:
 - Candles
 - Kippah
 - Apple
 - Kiddush cup
 - Pomegranate
 - Honey bottle
 - Shofar
 - Stuffed animal bee
 - *Mahzor*
 - *Shanah Tovah* card