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# DIY TOUR OF JERUSALEM

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READY-TO-USE AT-HOME ACTIVITY GUIDE  
FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

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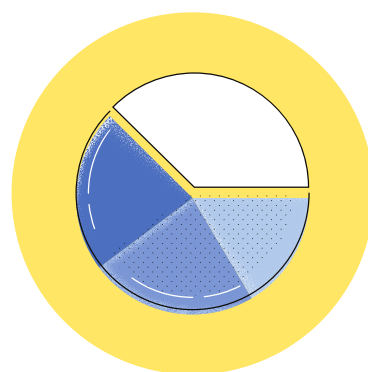
## WELCOME TO JERUSALEM!

**Starter:** What do we know about Jerusalem? Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and has a long and diverse history. Many different people who lived in Jerusalem throughout the ages have made it what it is today: a city of multiple stories, cultures, faiths, languages and styles. Today we celebrate Jerusalem! [Watch Grover from Sesame Street Visit Jerusalem](#) - [People and Stories](#) -- [Jerusalem in 32 pictures](#)



## TURN YOUR HOME INTO JERUSALEM

Transform different areas of your home into a different Jerusalem site OR choose just 1 or 2. Whatever works for you! Each activity is centered around a different site in Jerusalem, with minimal supplies and minimal prep needed. You can take a 'bus' or ride scooters to get there.



## TURN YOUR TOUR INTO A GAME

Create a **Jerusalem spinner** [using this blank template](#) (or your own paper or cardboard), a pen and a paperclip. Write and draw each station that you choose to visit. [See here for a guide to assembling the spinner.](#)



## THE KOTEL

**Starter:** For many many years, people from all over the world have come to the Kotel (the Western Wall) because it is the holiest place in Judaism. When there, some people write a small note and put it in between the stones. These notes may be a special prayer, or asking for something special. If you go to the Kotel today, make sure to look out for everyone's notes! There is even [an app for that!](#)



## BUILD A KOTEL

There are a few ways to do this - if you have enough empty boxes you can stack them all up and create a life size kotel, if not, you can take a box/paper, cut it into small rectangles and glue them onto a paper. Then paint the rectangles in gold/brown and add grass between the bricks. You can also draw the stones of the Kotel on a big cardboard, which the kids can colour in or paint.



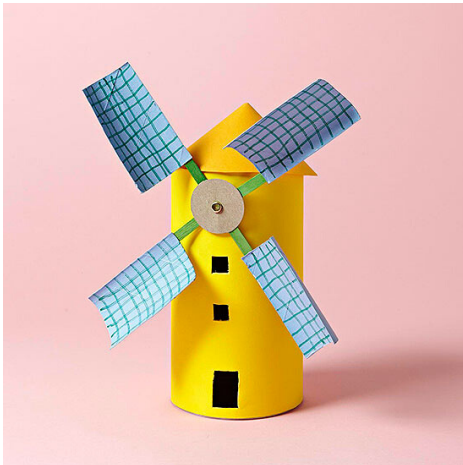
## WRITE A NOTE

Give each kid a small piece of white/coloured paper ask them to think about what they want to write on their note. It can be anything- a special thought, a special request, or something nice they want to say. Once they have decided what to write, they can draw it. Stick the notes onto the stones of your kotel.



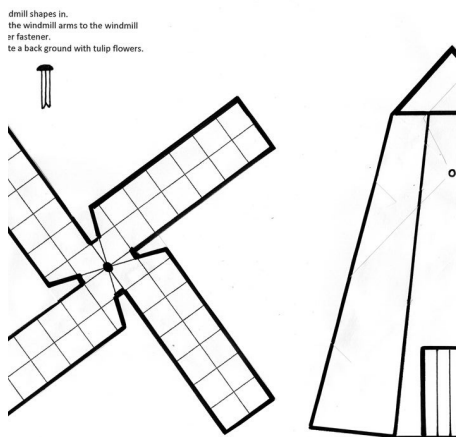
## YEMIN MOSHE

Yemin Moshe is a historic location. It is a neighborhood that was built for overcrowding in Jerusalem. The windmill in particular was built to allow poor Jews to grind their own flour. You can still see the windmill today, but isn't used.



## CRAFT A WINDMILL

[See here for materials needed and instructions](#)



## COLOUR A WINDMILL

[See here for template](#)



## S.T.E.M WINDMILL TOY

Gather a paper cup and straws. [Watch this instructional video if you also have an empty can](#) OR [this one if you also have a toothpick](#)





## SHUK MACHANE YEHUDA

**Starter:** This enormous 'shuk' - market - is a historical, vibrant Jerusalem landmark which was established on the Jaffa Road in 1887. Today it's packed with restaurants, bakeries, cheese shops, spice shops, bars and so much more! Let's find out more about a 'shuk' - who are the people who work there? What kinds of things are sold there? What does it sound like? [Watch this fun clip](#) and [see this selection of photos](#) for an idea of what it's like inside!



## COOKING AND BAKING

Try making your own fruit teas, or if it's hot out make some icy cold limonana - or rimonana - in your blender to "sell" at your shuk later! You can also make some rugelach like from the shuk's famous 'Marzipan' stall. [Here are some easy kid-friendly rugelach recipes from PJ Library.](#)



## PRETEND PLAY

Make or set up a "duchan" - a market stall/stand like the ones found in the shuk. Make it out of toy boxes or crates, a low coffee table or just chairs pushed together. Cover with a cloth. Offer tastes (real or pretend) found at the shuk, ideally in individual boxes/bowls: halva in different flavours, rugelach, warm bread, walnuts, dates & almonds, green & black olives, sweet sesame snacks, fresh fruit. Tour the shuk, with one person/child as the seller and one the customer. Switch roles. Numbers: decide how much each food costs. Sensory: what do they smell at the shuk, can they describe the food: salty, sweet, bitter?



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## CHAGALL WINDOWS

**Starter:** We're stopping by Hadassah hospital but don't worry, it's to go see the famous stained-glass windows created by famous Russian Jewish artist, Marc Chagall. Chagall created twelve beautiful windows to portray each of the 12 tribes of Israel. What is stained glass? Let's take a look at a couple of the windows he made. We're going to try and make our own stained glass window today!

**Activity:** Make your own stained glass windows with [this craft idea using plastic sleeves](#) OR [this suncatcher idea by melting beads in the oven](#)



## MOSAIC MAP

**Starter:** In Jerusalem's Old City, there is an old main road called 'The Cardo'. It is here that a special map is displayed called the Madaba Mosaic Map. It is part of a floor mosaic and is considered to be the oldest known geographic floor mosaic in art history. It is even used today to help understand different places in the Torah. A lot of buildings in the Old City were found to have been built using mosaic art from many many years ago. Google it to show the kids a photo and point out different elements to show how it works as a map. Also explain mosaics!

**Activity:** Make your own easy DIY mosaic at home using [this photo frame idea with styrofoam/cardboard squares](#) OR [this paper mosaic art idea](#)



## BIBLICAL ZOO

**Starter:** The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo is one of Israel's most-visited tourist attraction. It is famous for having lots of animals that were mentioned in the Torah and also helps save animals that are endangered. The zoo even has a centre shaped in the form of Noah's Ark. [Watch this clip for a virtual tour of the zoo.](#)

**Activity:** Shadow Drawing: The kids gather some animal toys. Lay out some paper and let the toys create a shadow on the paper. Kids can trace the shadow and colour/decorate as they wish. You can also head to our ['Animals Theme Week'](#) and choose any other animal activity from there that works for you and your kids!