



ParshaCrafts: Tetzaveh Edible Choshen Mishpat

Introduction:

This week's parsha, Parshat Tetzaveh is all about the special clothing that the Kohen Gadol, the high priest, had to wear during his service in the Mishkan, the tabernacle. This is a good opportunity to talk about the significance of one's clothing and what it may or may not say about them as a person. You can talk to your kids about different uniforms that people wear and why. Explain that the Kohen Gadol had a very special job to do and he had to get all "dressed up" in special clothes to do it. One of the most interesting aspects of the Kohen's "uniform" was called the "Choshen Mishpat" – the breastplate. It contained twelve precious jewels, one stone for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. It is fun to make your own "choshen mishpat" out of different color materials or paints. We decided to make an edible one!

Materials:

- 1 Graham cracker or tea biscuit
- 12 colored jelly beans
- Peanut butter or other spread

Instructions:

1. Spread peanut butter on the cookie.
2. Place jelly beans in four rows of three jelly beans each.
3. Enjoy!