

ROSH HASHANA TABOO

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Before Yom Tov:

Print and cut out the 40 cards on the pages that follow.

Taboo Rules:

An even number of players from four to ten sit alternating around in a circle. Players take turns as the “giver,” who attempts to prompt his or her teammates to guess as many keywords as possible in the allotted time. However, each card also has “taboo” (forbidden) words listed which may not be spoken. Should the giver say one, a “censor” on the opposing team hits the buzzer and the giver must move on to the next word. For example, the giver might have to get his or her team to deduce the word “baseball” without offering the words “sport,” “game,” “pastime,” “hitter,” “pitcher,” or “baseball” itself as clues. The giver may not say a part of a “taboo” word; for example, using “base” in “baseball” is taboo. Nor may they use a form of a word; for example, if the word was “wedding” and the taboo words are “marriage,” “bride,” “groom,” “nuptials,” or “honeymoon,” the words “marry” and “bridal” would not be allowed. The giver may only use speech to prompt his or her teammates; gestures, sounds (e.g. barking), or drawings are not allowed. Singing is permitted, provided the singer is singing words rather than humming or whistling a tune. The giver’s hints may rhyme with a taboo word, or be an abbreviation of a taboo word.

While the giver is prompting the teammates they may make as many guesses as they want with no penalties for wrong guesses. Once the team correctly guesses the word exactly as written on the card, the giver moves on to the next word, trying to get as many words as possible in the allotted time. When time runs out, play passes to the next adjacent player of the other team. The playing team receives one point for correct guesses and one penalty point if “taboo” words are spoke

Rosh Hashana

Shofar
Honey
Chag
Pray

Yom Kippur

Fast
Holy
Teshuva
Shoes

Yerushalayim

City
Kotel
Israel
Holy

Havdala

Smell
Fire
Wine
Muktza

Pizza

Slice
Cheese
Sauce
Crust

Beach

Lotion
Sand
Water
Boardwalk

Mars

Planet
Men
Galaxy
Space

Cow

Basar
Animal
Moo
Steak

Jelly

Jam
Peanut butter
Sandwich
Sticky

Chicken Soup

Shabbat
Matza Ball
Hot
Liquid

Challah

Shabos
Round
Wash
Bread

Water

Thirsty
Refreshing
Drink
G-d given

Tehillim

King David
Psalm
Tefilah
Hallel

Parsha

Torah
Lein
Weekly
Portion

Rabbi

Speach
Questions
Halacha
Knowledgeable

Rain

Noah
Flood
Water
Clouds

Pray

Tefilah
Talk
Gd
Amen

Kittel

White
Holy
Seder
linen

Succah

Hut
Sechah
3 walls
Temporary

Simanim

Yehi Rason
Apples
Fish Heads
Pomegranate

Holy of Holies

Yom Kippur
Kohen Gadol
Aron Kodesh
Once a year

Shema

Sleep
Bedtime
Hamalach
Eyes

Tefillin

Shacharit
Bar Mitzvah
Black
Arm

Shabbat

Seven
Holy
Rest
Kiddush

Avraham

Jewish
Yitchak
Forefather
Chessed

Tzimmus

Sweet1
Carrots
Rosh Hashanah
Special

Machzor

Siddur
Hebrew
Shul
Book

Moshe

Prophet
Har Sinai
Prince
Mitzrayim

Photo Album

Memories
Wedding
Pictures
Trips

Hallel

Singing
Chagim
Shachrit
Praise

Soda

coke
Fizz
Diet
Bottle

BBQ

Bun
Hot dog
Sunday
Burgers

Kosher

Food
Basar
Dairy
Symbol

Akeidah

Ram
Yitzchak
Sacrifice
Abraham

Honey

Bees
Sweet
Apple
Cheerios

Bentching

Thank you
Bread
Meal
Blessing

Pickles

Sandwich
crunchy
sour
Food

Monopoly

Money
Top Hat
Board
Houses

Kiddush

Cup
Holy
Grape Juice
Wine

Etrog

Yellow
Pitom
Lulav
Smell