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As ShabbatUK 2019 approaches it is time to start thinking about how your community will ‘Light Up The Night’. This year, we are offering communities the tools to plan the ultimate Motzei Shabbat event, beginning with an inspirational Havdalah, to give ShabbatUK 2019 the send-off it deserves! This is your chance to help your community throw an incredible event.

The ShabbatUK team are here to support you along the way. We will provide resources, ideas and financial support to help ensure your night is a huge success. This guide will get you started, but be in touch to find out how we can further help you.

So what are you waiting for? Click here to get in touch!

We can’t wait to see how you will #LightUpTheNight.

**SET YOUR COMMUNITY AGLOW: COOL IDEAS**

Why not stage a multi-coloured light show with a great soundtrack to amp up the atmosphere! Or maybe a camp-style bonfire with gooey smores, ample hot chocolate and a sing-a-long backed up by acoustic guitar.

A UV-inspired Motzei Shabbat event would bring out the vibrancy of the theme of Havdalah, as participants don neon face paints and wave luminous glow sticks. Thinking even further outside the box, you could adopt an oriental theme with some glowing Chinese lanterns, get your members (or some professionals!) to dream up a breathtaking shadow puppet show, or arrange a musical concert featuring either a visiting band or your very own musicians.
**THEMES**

Transform your event into an unforgettable occasion with a creative theme. Here are a few starter ideas:

- Draw inspiration from a particular city, such as New York, London or Jerusalem
- Channel the drama of the Big Screen by choosing a movie theme
- Create a cozy Winter Wonderland
- Evoke the antics of the circus by opting for a Big Top theme
- Make light and dark a focus with a space or Planetarium-themed event
- Bring a historical bend by telling stories of Havdalah through the ages

**ACTIVITIES**

Make your event as immersive and unique as possible by integrating light and Havdalah-themed activities.

- Creative Havdalah stations with activities at each
- Make your own lanterns
- Decorate glass jars to use as tea-light holders
- Personalise scented candles
- Create craft-style ‘stained glass windows’
- Decorate and fill Besamim bags
- Cool light-themed activities as per previous page
- Make your lava lamps
- Candle-making

**REFRESHMENTS**

No one needs to be told twice that food is crucial. But how can you take it up a notch? Here are some ideas:

- Match your food offering with your theme e.g. popcorn for a movie theme
- DIY food bars for building your ideal meal e.g. salad bar, poke bowl stop, bagel-making station
- Different food stands: Mediterranean food, dessert buffet table, child-friendly food, fresh pasta stand, healthy food
- Get a huge BBQ going for hot dogs and burgers galore
- Roll out the novelty food options for a party atmosphere: candy floss and popcorn machines, hot dogs on tap, instant ice cream

**MORE INSPIRATION**

It always helps to have some reference points when coming up with a new event, so we have collected some video inspiration to get you started:

Ner Yisrael Concert: [https://youtu.be/B_kP33NI-6A](https://youtu.be/B_kP33NI-6A)
Stanmore with The Maccabeats: [https://tinyurl.com/y99qydej](https://tinyurl.com/y99qydej)
Radlett with The Travelling Chassidim: [https://tinyurl.com/yd9thcrg](https://tinyurl.com/yd9thcrg)
Hendon with Ari Lesser: [https://tinyurl.com/ycqxg4kd](https://tinyurl.com/ycqxg4kd)
DECORATE THE ROOM
ON A BUDGET

FAIRY LIGHTS
Easy and cheap way to make your event space look pretty. Perfect for a ‘light up the night’ Motzei Shabbat theme.

SHIMMERY FOIL
Great for the backdrop of a stage if your Havdallah event includes a concert!

CANDLES
Scatter candles of various heights and sizes about your space, using more lighting around tables and food areas. It goes without saying, be mindful of health and safety!
BUY: Available from Amazon, Etsy, IKEA.

LANTERNS
You can get these in a range of colours. Really great impactful decorations, making the room look very impressive.

DISCOUNTED GOODIES!
ShabbatUK have partnered with Novelties Direct to provide you with fantastic, heavily-discounted Havdalah event merchandise. Please contact Antony Snow by emailing antony@novelties-direct.co.uk or via their website www.novelties-direct.co.uk. Mention ShabbatUK when placing your order.

GLOWING BALLOONS
These clever LED balloons emit a colourful glow to give your event a lively feel.
BUY: £3.5-£10 per pack. Available from Amazon, Wilkinson’s, Sainsburys, Tesco.

Turn down the lights for maximum effect...