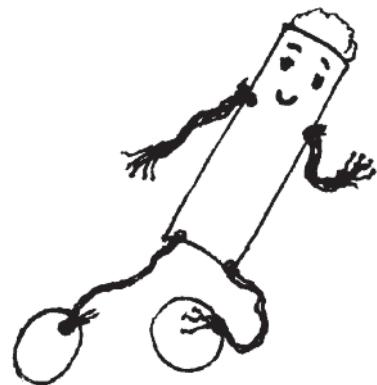


"Blini" Babies for Shavuot

Materials:

- a 6"x 9" piece of gold or yellow construction paper
- a 3"x 3" piece of gold or yellow construction paper
- four 9" pieces of black or brown yarn
- a fist-sized tuft of white cotton batting
- a 1" piece of masking tape
- a 6" piece of yellow sticky tape
- fine-tipped markers and crayons
- hole punch



Preparation:

1. Take the 3" square and cut out two oval, Mickey Mouse type feet and punch a hole near the "ankle" edge of each one.
2. Tie the "leg" pieces of yarn to these holes and trim excess.
3. Tie a knot at one end of the "arm" pieces of yarn where the "wrist" should be.

Construction:

1. Have children roll (horizontally) a 6" high blintz using the yellow construction paper and secure it with the piece of masking tape. The diameter of the cylinder should be about the size of a half-dollar.
2. Lay the taped "seam" side of the blintz against the table (frying pan) and with the palms, flatten the blintz like a pancake.
3. Flip the blintz over and cover the masking tape and the entire seam with yellow sticky tape.*
4. Flip it back and, with the markers and crayons, make a face on the top half of the blintz.
5. While the kids are drawing faces, punch holes in the blintz body for the arms and legs.
6. Tie arms and legs to blintz body and trim excess yarn.
7. Stuff the "blini" with the cotton batting so that a little of the batting shows above the "blini."
8. Get'em while they're hot!



*A handy tip for sticky tape is to place a large, rectangular and very wet sponge in a pie plate and press the sticky tape on the top of the sponge when you're ready to apply it.