



Grandparenting with Grace:

Organizing Your Home and Heart for the Jewish New Year

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Question to answer in the chat:
“If you could declutter and
organize one space in your
home, what would it be?”



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Chesed חֶסֶד

At its core, *chesed* means **loving-kindness**, **steadfast love**, or **covenantal loyalty**.

A modern framing might compare it to acts of deep, loyal generosity that someone performs **not out of duty, but because of love and commitment**. It's less about random acts of kindness and more about rooted, relational acts of love.



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Framing the Jewish New Year as both a time of reflection and joyful connection



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Creating Welcoming Physical Spaces for In-Person Visits



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Hachnasat Orchim הכנסת אורחים

Hachnasat orchim literally means “welcoming guests” or “bringing in guests.” It's a mitzvah (commandment or sacred obligation) in Jewish tradition and is seen as an essential expression of **hospitality, generosity, and inclusiveness.**



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Ideas on how to practice *hachnasat orchim* that is grounded and joyful

1. Set up a Holiday Corner
2. Create an age-appropriate dress up area
3. Designate a calm, sensory-friendly space for children
4. Keep your own routines in place by organizing small “quiet time” rituals for yourself during busy family days



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Connecting Virtually with Grandchildren



- Host a virtual story time using Jewish New Year-themed books
- Share holiday songs, blessings, or family recipes over Zoom or FaceTime
- Create shared activities like drawing or simple cooking over video



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Decluttering as a Spiritual and Practical Practice

- The One-Drawer Challenge
- Donation Baskets
- Use the “One In, One Out” Principle
- Five-Minute Reset
- Think in Layers, Not Perfection



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Recap, Resources (see chat) & Questions



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