New Ways to go to High Holiday Services:

Going to High Holiday Services on the Computer

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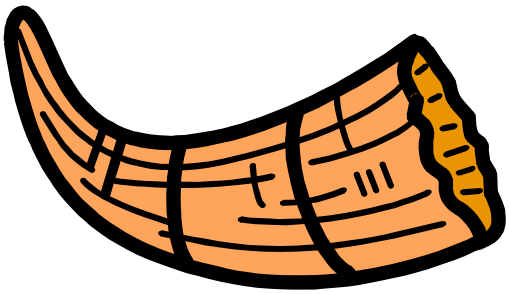

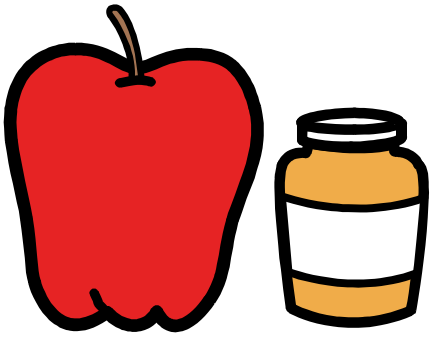

The High Holidays are a special time when we begin a new Jewish year.

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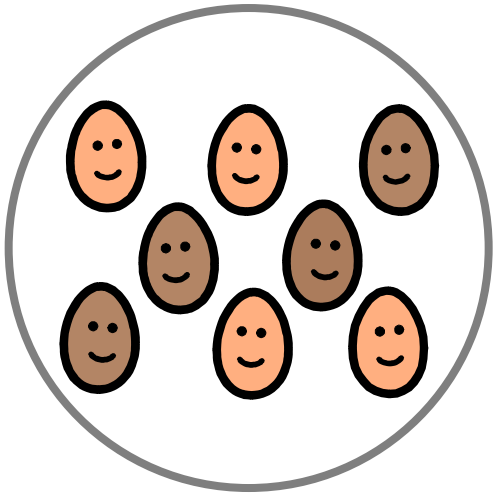

On the High Holidays we say High Holiday prayers and sing High Holiday songs. We wish each other 'shana tova,' a good new year, and gather as a community.

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This year is an unusual year because of COVID-19. We are doing many things in new ways so we can keep ourselves and the people around us healthy and safe.

For example, this year many people have found new ways to shop, visit their friends, and go to school.

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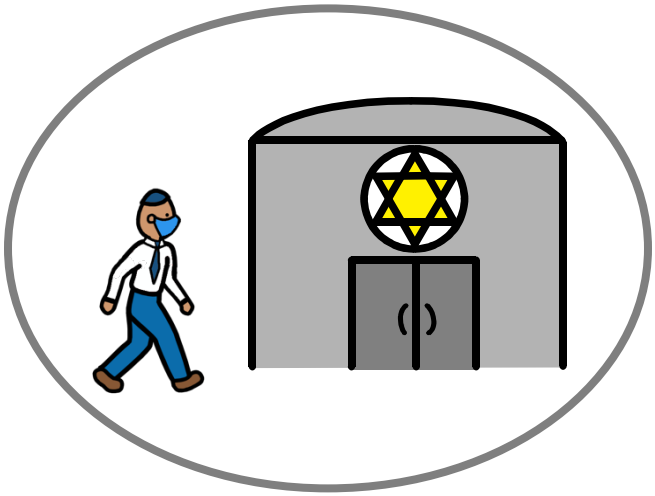

This fall, Jewish people all over the world will go to High Holiday services in new ways. Some people might go to High Holiday services at their synagogues, but do new things to keep each other healthy and safe. Some people might go to High Holiday services outside. And some people might take part in High Holiday service on computers at home.

Our family plans to take part in High Holiday services on the computer at home.

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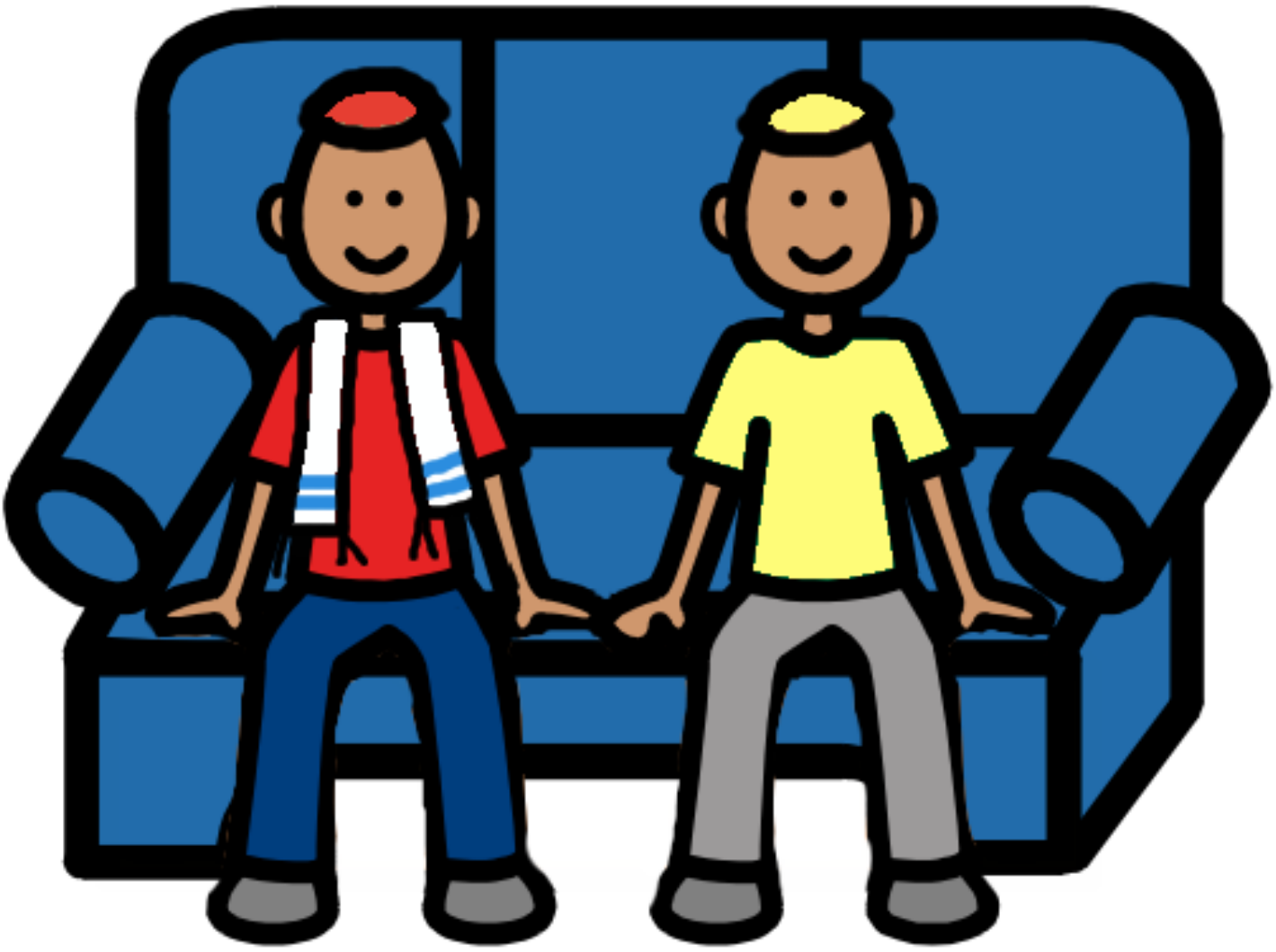

When my family watches services on our computer, we can sit in a comfortable spot in our home. We might dress up, or we might wear comfortable clothes. If we have kippot and tallitot at home, we can wear them during the service.

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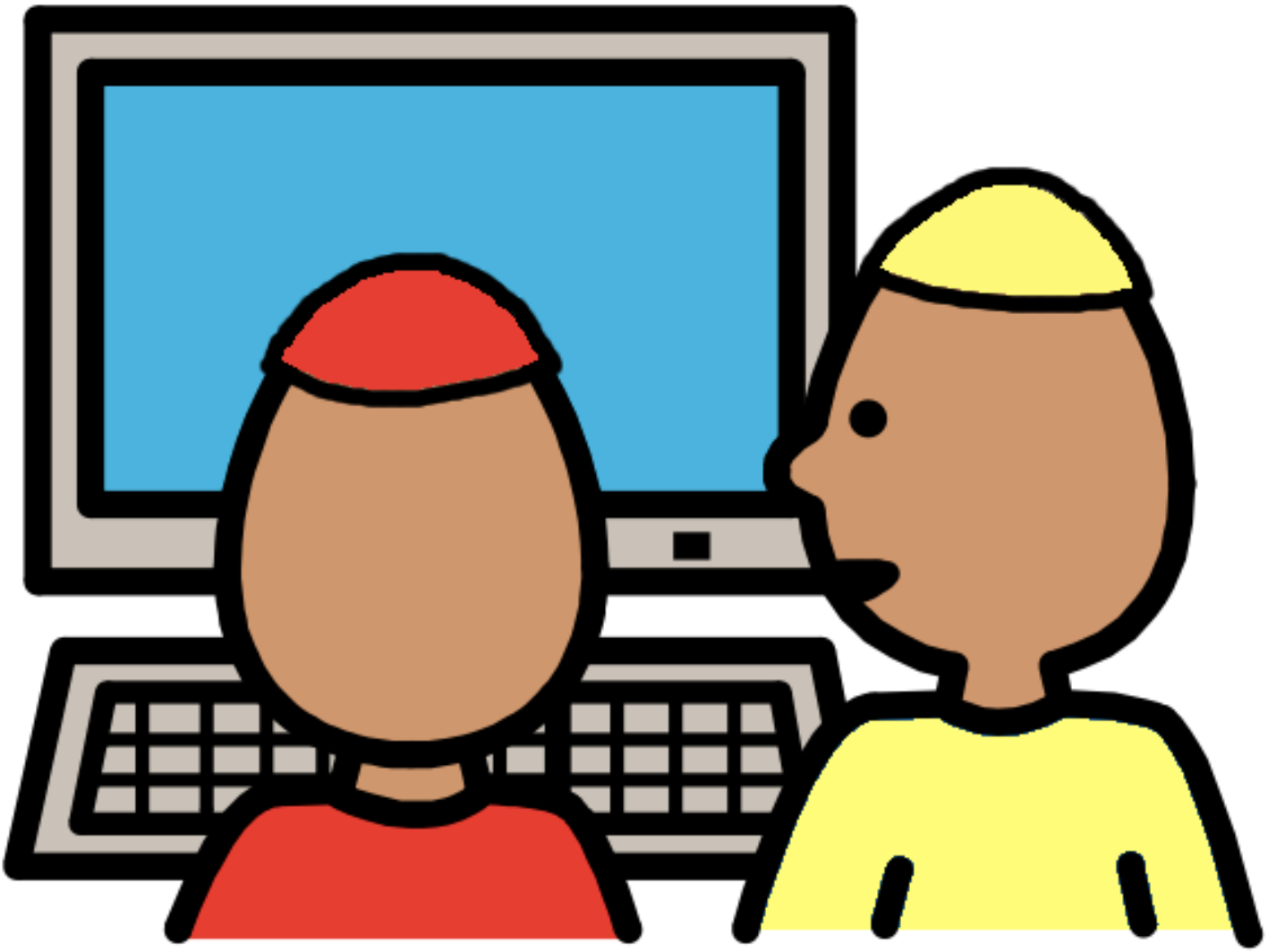

On the computer, we can watch and listen as people from our synagogue lead High Holiday prayers and sing High Holiday songs. We can also say the prayers and sing along with the people leading the service.

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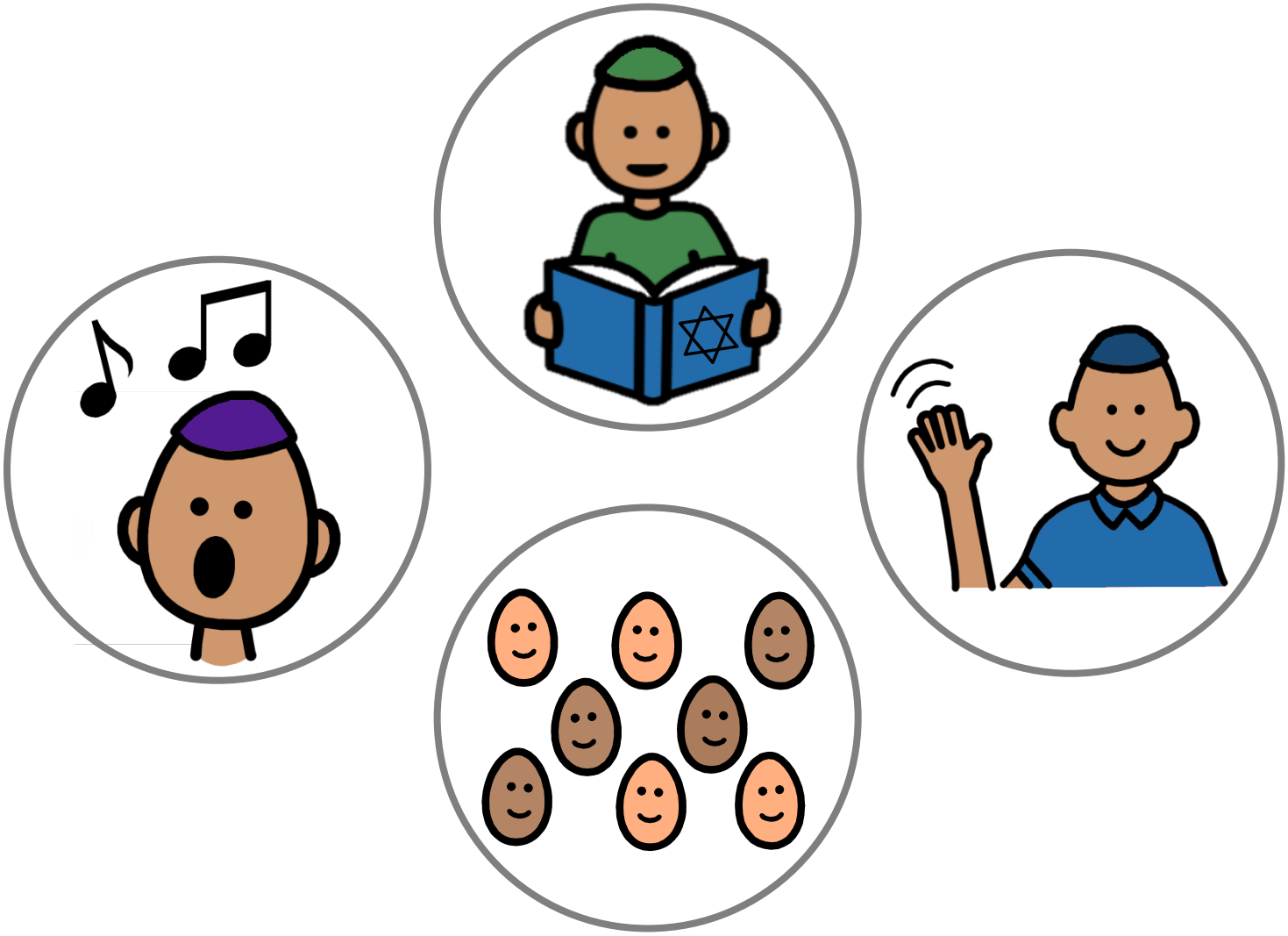

Taking part in High Holiday services at home on the computer is a new way of celebrating the High Holidays.

But will still be able to say High Holiday prayers and sing High Holiday songs. We might be able to wave to the people on the screen and wish them a ‘shana tova,' a good new year. And we will still be able to gather online as a community.

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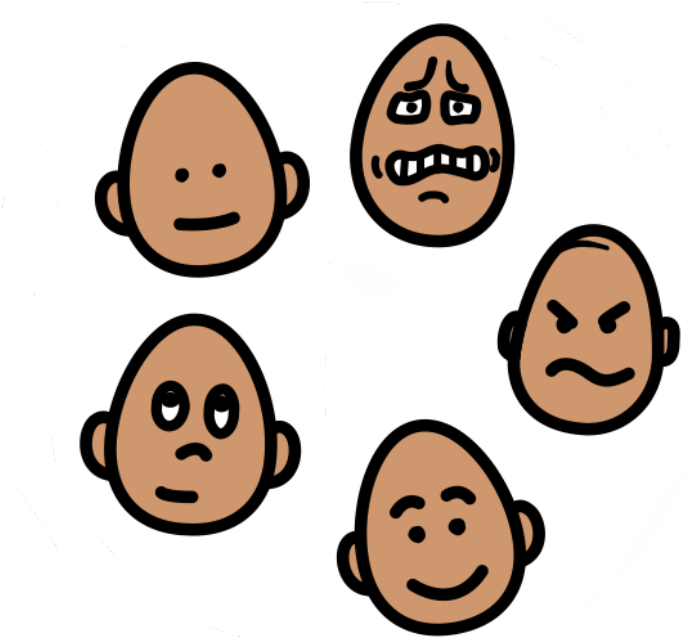
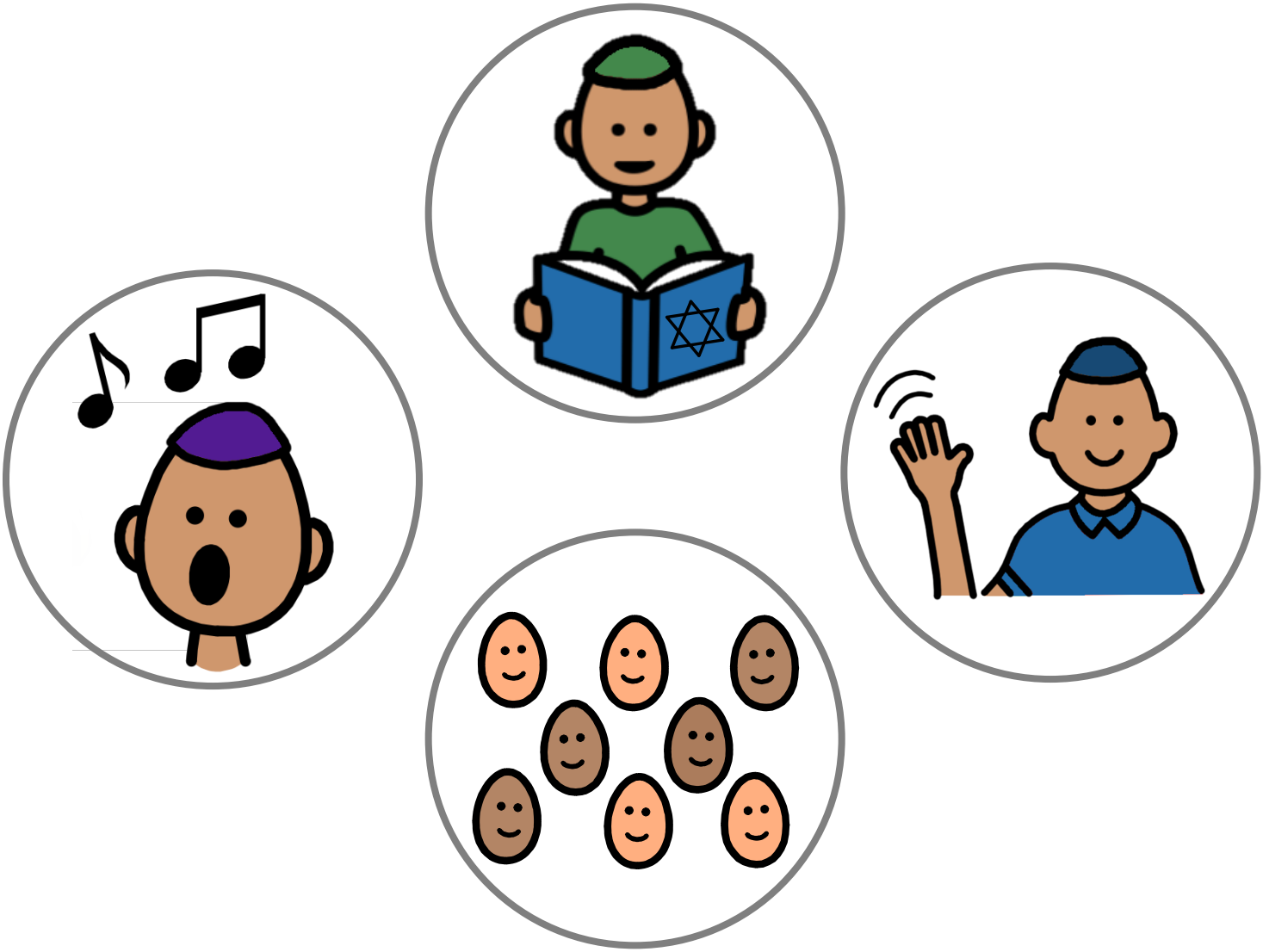


People have a lot of feelings about High Holiday services being different this year. Some people may feel excited to celebrate services in new ways or in new places.

Some people may feel sad because they like the way we used to celebrate services. It's okay to feel sad because things are different this year.

Some people may feel nervous about staying safe and healthy. But if the people in our community wear masks, wash or sanitize their hands, are careful not to get too close to other families, or stay at home, they will help us to stay safe and healthy.



We will have High Holiday services in new ways this year, but some things will stay the same. We will still be able to say High Holiday prayers and sing High Holiday songs. We can still wish each other 'shana tova,' a good year, and gather as a community.

When we have High Holiday services in new ways, we will help keep ourselves and our community safe.

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