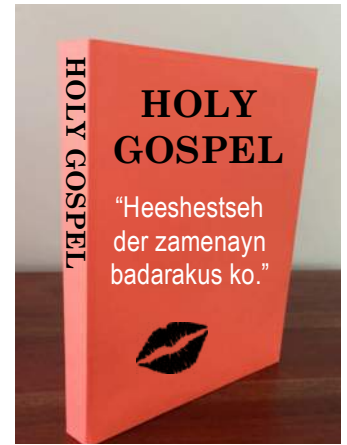


KISS THE HOLY GOSPEL CRAFT

The final part of the Divine Liturgy is called the “Last Blessing.” The Badarak concludes with the Word of God in the Gospel according to St. John [1:1-14]. After the final blessing the faithful come forward to kiss the Gospel book, by making the sign of the cross and saying:

“Heeshestseh Der zamenayn Badarakus ko,”
(May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.)



SUPPLIES

- Large construction paper (12 x 18 size) - white or a light-color works best)
- Colored markers
- *Optional:* Lipstick – bring Q-tips to keep application sanitary
- *Optional:* “Lips” cut out from red or pink construction paper

Step 1: Place construction paper horizontally on the table.

Step 2: Fold at the top and the bottom.

Make a fold about 2-inches from the top paper of the paper and another fold the same size from the bottom of the paper.



Step 3: Fold at the sides.

Make a fold about 2-inches at the left side of the paper and another fold the same size at the right side of the paper.



Step 4: Fold slightly off-center to create the book’s binding.

Keeping everything folded, bring the left side of paper over to the right leaving about an inch from the edge and make a crease. Unfold. Now do the same by bringing the right side of the paper over the left and leaving an inch from the edge and make a crease. Once you have made these 2 creases, your book cover will have a binding, (where the TITLE may be written).



Step 5: Design your Gospel Book Cover. Be creative! Include:

- **WRITE (on front and side binding):** HOLY GOSPEL
- **COPY (on the cover):** “Heeshestseh Der zamenayn badarakus ko,.”
(May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.)
- *Optional:* Using a Q-tip, apply lipstick and kiss the cover leaving a “kiss” mark (you may want to mention to children that lipstick should not be worn when kissing the actual Holy Gospel!)
- Model & practice **KISSING** the **HOLY GOSPEL** by saying & memorizing the above phrase.