

OBJECTS AND TRADITIONS

Objects might be connected to...

Traditions associated with *certain kinds of “making” or certain art forms*, such as painting, sculpture, printmaking, drawing, basket making, pottery, weaving, fiber arts, wood carving, woodworking, quilting, and others.

Traditions having to do with *specific types of objects*, such as clocks, chairs, teapots, serving platters or vessels, samplers, tapestries, and others.

Traditions having to do with *certain functions*, such as:

- Storytelling.
- Celebrating important community events.
- Commemorating an important person or event in history.
- Providing shelter or protection.
- Providing entertainment.
- Enhancing the beauty of a person.
- Enhancing the beauty of a place.
- Celebrating important personal life events such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, funerals, graduations, etc.
- Recording family history such as diaries, photo books, scrapbooks.
- Celebrating family holidays. Certain dishes or decorations might be used for holiday meals, for example.
- Celebrating public holidays or seasons.
- Observing religious holidays. A menorah is used within the tradition of celebrating Hanukkah, for example.
- Engaging in rituals.
- Showing affection.
- Recording history.
- Conferring or showing status.
- Displaying cultural identity.
- Showing social roles.
- Holding things.