

Key Vocabulary

Jewish
Rosh Hashanah
Yom Kippur
Synagogue
Shofar
L'shanah tovah
Shema

A special horn called a shofar is blown to signal the start of the new year.



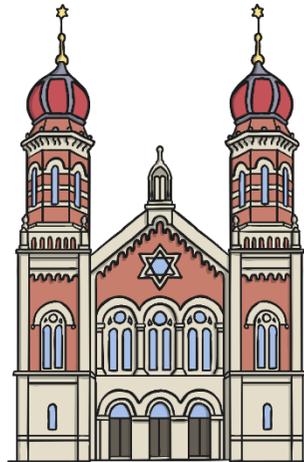
At Rosh Hashanah, Jewish people often greet each other by saying

"L'shanah tovah."

This means "for a good year."

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No work is allowed during Rosh Hashanah, Jewish people spend the day at the synagogue.



Jewish people often send cards to celebrate at this time of year. They also light candles and have a special meal with their family

What is Rosh Hashanah?

Rosh Hashanah is a Jewish festival that celebrates a new year or new beginnings. It is usually celebrated in the Autumn.

Rosh Hashanah also celebrates the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman.

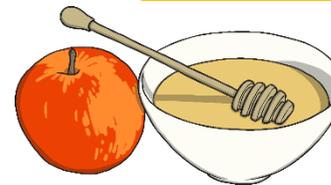
Jewish people believe that in Rosh Hashanah, God looks at each of them to see what they have done good or bad, in the last year.

They have 10 days to turn things around and put right any wrongs.

After 10 days, if they have tried hard to be good and made friends with anyone they have argued with, they will be forgiven. This day is known as Yom Kippur and is one of the most important holidays in the Jewish year

Jewish people eat traditional foods during Rosh Hashanah.

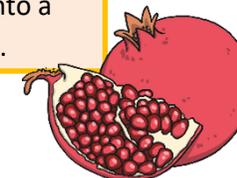
They eat sweet foods such as **apples and honey** to help them think about the sweet new year that is just beginning.



Challah bread is eaten and often shaped into a circle.



Pomegranates are eaten. This is because they have 613 seeds, one for each of the special rules that every Jew should follow.



What is Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur happens 10 days after Rosh Hashanah.

It is a day of prayer and used to think about the last year, a time to reflect on all the good and not so good things they did in the past year. They ask God to forgive them for the inappropriate things they have done.



What happens During Yom Kippur?

On the afternoon before Yom Kippur a festive meal is eaten. Any girls over 12 and boys over 13 years old must fast.

At the end of the day, the family recites the Shema out loud together then the shofar is sounded out for one last blast.

