



**Rosh**

**Hashanah**

# What Is Rosh Hashanah?

Rosh Hashanah means “head of the year.” It is the Jewish New Year.

For Jewish people, the new year does not begin on January 1.

It is a two-day celebration that usually occurs in September, 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

It commemorates G-d’s creation of the world.

During Rosh Hashanah, Jewish people ask G-d for forgiveness for things they have done during the year.

## What does the word commemorate mean?

Commemorate means to show respect for or to celebrate someone or something.

# Why Is Rosh Hashanah an Important Jewish Festival?

- Jewish people believe that on Rosh Hashanah, G-d looks at each of them to see what they have done, good and bad, in the previous year.
- They have ten days to repent or feel remorse over any wrongdoings during the year. Rosh Hashanah and the days surrounding it are a time for prayer, good deeds, and reflecting on past mistakes.
- Rosh Hashanah ends on Yom Kippur, also called the Day of Atonement. Jewish people may be forgiven for previous mistakes and misdeeds on this day.



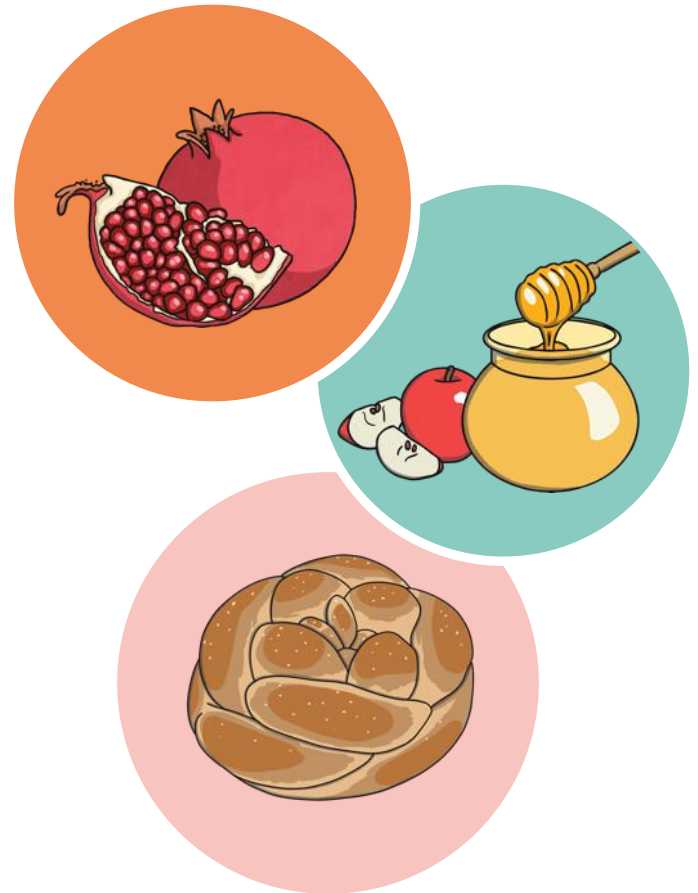
# What Happens During Rosh Hashanah?

- Unlike New Year's celebrations held on 31<sup>st</sup> December, Rosh Hashanah is a sombre holiday filled with prayer and self-reflection.
- Many Jewish people spend much of the holiday in prayer at a synagogue.
- The shofar gets blown during prayer services at Rosh Hashanah. The shofar is a curved ram's horn.



# What Happens During Rosh Hashanah?

- After the raton is symbolises, and Jews would people will return to their families for a festive holiday. meal with family.
- Loaves of a traditional bread called
- ~~Shalakh~~ will also be served during this time. and will set their tables with fine linens.
- Candles are lit in honour of Rosh Hashanah.
- Apples and honey are eaten during this time. The apples represent health and healing, while the honey symbolizes the hopes for a sweet year ahead.



# What Happens During Rosh Hashanah?

**Take away...think about...**

**What good deeds  
might you do to  
help others?**

**What will you  
strive to do better  
in the new year?**

