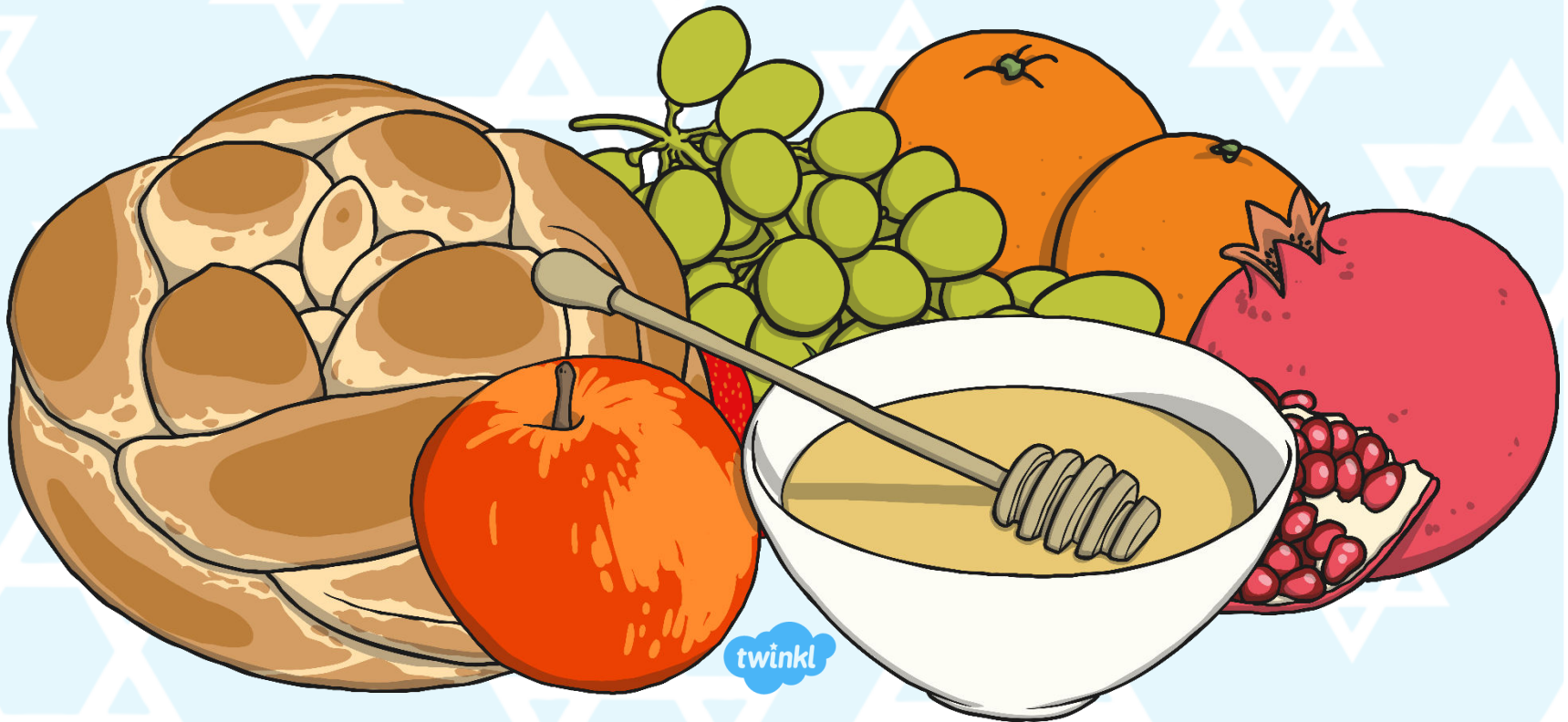


Rosh Hashanah



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What is Rosh Hashanah?



Rosh Hashanah is a Jewish festival that celebrates a new year and new beginnings. Its name means “Head of the Year.” It is celebrated in the autumn.

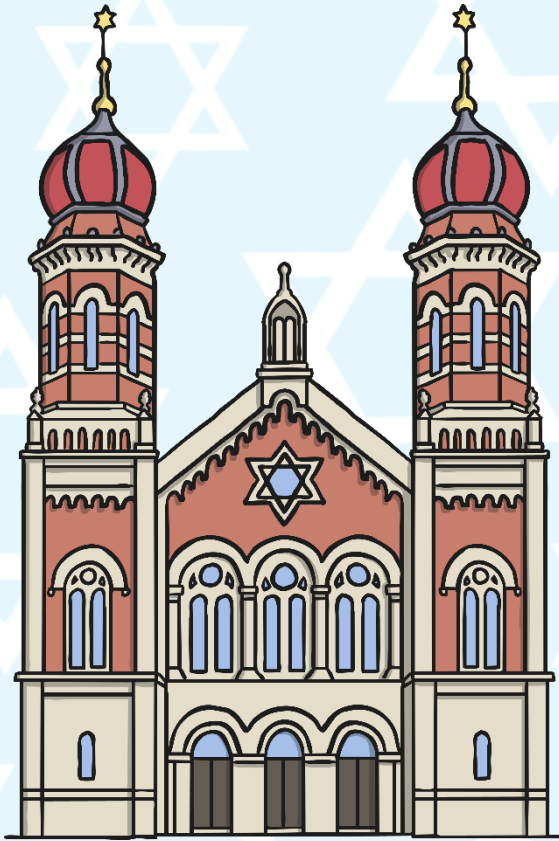


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Rosh Hashanah also celebrates the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman.



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No work is allowed on Rosh Hashanah.

Jewish people spend the day in the synagogue.

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

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

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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.



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



It is made from a ram's horn. Exactly 100 notes must be blown each day!

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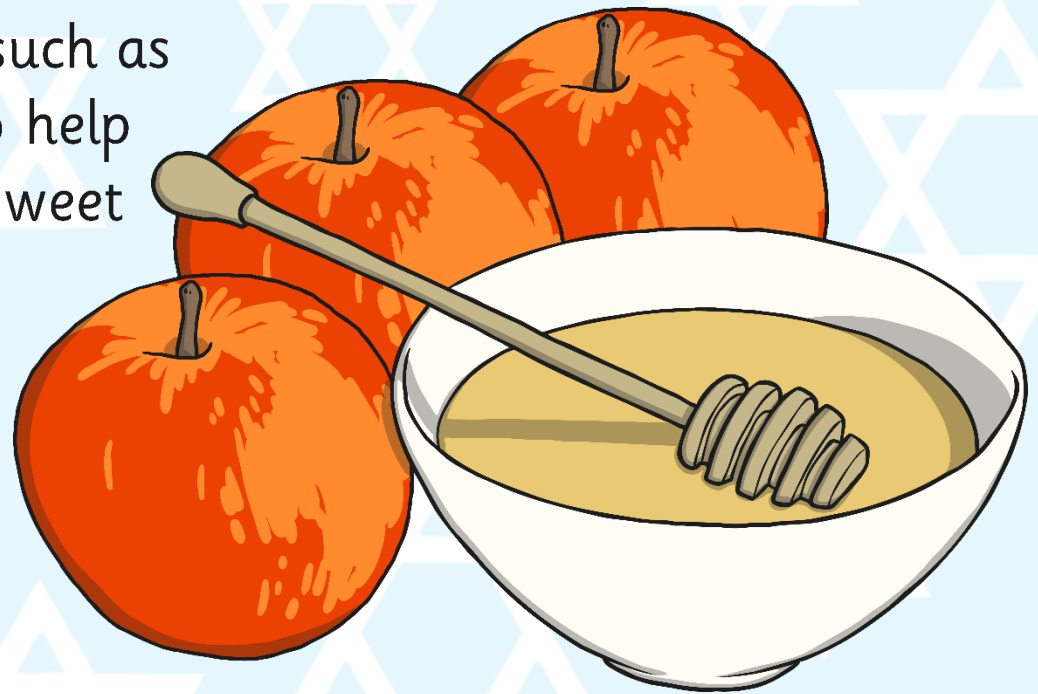
Jewish people often send cards to celebrate at this time of year. They also light candles and have a special meal with their family.



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Jewish people eat traditional foods at Rosh Hashanah.

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



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Challah bread is eaten.
It is often shaped into a circle.

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Often there is also a **pomegranate** on the table. This is because of the tradition that pomegranates have 613 seeds, one for each of the special rules that every Jew should follow.

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

“**L’shanah tovah.**”

This means “for a good year.”



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