

Venture into Rosh Hashanah



TEN FAST FACTS!

1. **Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is a fall holiday**, taking place at the beginning of **Hebrew month of Tishrei**.
2. **The shofar, a ram's horn that makes a trumpet-like sound**, is intended as a wake-up call to prepare for the High Holidays in Tishrei including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simcha Torah
3. **We do not blow the shofar** when Rosh Hashanah occurs the same day as Shabbat.
4. **Rosh Hashanah is also known as the "Birthday of the World."** Many children receive presents on their birthdays. What present would you like to give the world this year?
5. **The challah that is eaten for Rosh Hashanah is round**, symbolizing the eternal cycle of life.
6. **The name "Rosh Hashanah"** means, literally, "head of the year" or "first of the year."
7. **Eating apples dipped in honey, a symbol of our wish for a sweet new year**, is a popular observance during Rosh Hashanah.
8. **L'shanah tovah ("for a good year")** is the common greeting for Rosh Hashanah.
9. **Tashlich, "throwing away" crumbs of bread into a body of running water on the first day of Rosh Hashanah**, is symbolic of tossing away the things we did wrong last year so we can start again.
10. **The Torah** is read on both mornings of Rosh Hashanah.