

# Venture into Yom Kippur



## Yom Kippur Around the World

Jews in **Morocco** remain in synagogue all night on Erev Yom Kippur and recite psalms.

Women do not come to synagogue until the end of the fast to hear the shofar blown.

In **Israel**, Many people from all around the world come to the Kotel (the Western Wall) to pray and meditate on Yom Kippur. There are no radio or television broadcasts. There is also no public transportation and all shops and businesses are closed.

In **Syria**, it is customary for people to approach the ark before *Neilah* (the final service of Yom Kippur) and kiss the scrolls to beg forgiveness for any laws they may have broken during the year.

Jews of **Zimbabwe** (formerly Rhodesia) butcher one chicken in the name of each member of the family, two nights before the fast. The stew them in tomatoes and serve them with potatoes, celery, and vermicelli.

In some Jewish communities in **South Africa**, Yom Kippur might be observed with a unique practice of holding services in a temporary sukkah set up in a desert or rural area, blending Yom Kippur with elements of Sukkot.

The Bene Israel of **India** attend synagogue but rather than take public transport, they pay a private car so they only have contact with other Jews on this day.