

# Venture into Rosh Hashanah



## Keep Learning! Shofars

*A shofar is a horn that is blown like a trumpet during Rosh Hashanah services, every day except Shabbat during the preceding month of Elul, and at the end of Yom Kippur.*

The shofar can be made of the horn of a ram, antelope, gazelle, goat, or Rocky Mountain goat.

These horns are not solid bone, but contain cartilage, which can be removed. The word shofar means "hollow."

Blowing the shofar on Rosh Hashanah is a mitzvah, and before we begin, two blessings are said.

Although the ideal time to hear shofar is in the (late) morning, it can be sounded any time between dawn and sundown on Rosh Hashanah.

The person blowing the shofar uses it to make 3 types of sound:  
Tekiah: a single long blast  
Shevarim: 3 medium blasts  
Teruah: 9 short blasts