

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

1. Define the following terms

Shofar: A shofar is a ram's horn, hollowed out so that notes can be played on it

Atonement: making up for something they have done wrong.

Repentance: pronounced tshuva or teshuva) is one element of atoning for sin in Judaism. Judaism recognizes that everybody sins on occasion, but that people can stop or minimize those occasions in the future by repenting for past transgressions.

Synagogue: Jewish place of worship and study

Purity: purity is a prerequisite for approaching God, or of receiving the Torah

Fasting: in Judaism is defined as total cessation from all food and drink. A full-day fast begins with sunset in the evening and continues through darkness of the next day.

Forgiveness: If they commit an action which is wrong, then they must seek forgiveness. Forgiveness can only be accepted from the victim. Jews place great emphasis on teshuva , or repentance.

2. Short answer.

What is Rosh Hashanah? is the Jewish New Year and reminds Jews of how God made the world.

When is it? It falls in late September or early October.

How long does it last? 10 days

During this time, what do they think about and what do they make?

- Jews think about the things they have done wrong in the past year.
- They make promises to themselves and God that they will be better in the future.

What do they do during this time? Jews should put things right with other people before asking for God's forgiveness.

Identify 3 things that happen the night before Rosh Hashanah.

- have a meal at home. A special part of the meal is eating apples dipped in honey. (for a sweet new year)
- special synagogue service is held at Rosh Hashanah.
- a shofar is blown

What is the purpose of blowing the Shofar? The noise reminds Jews that God is very powerful and that they should listen to him.

What is Yom Kippur? It is the Day of Atonement, a day of fasting and when Jews pray to God to forgive them for things they have done wrong.

Describe 3 things Jews do during Yom Kippur.

- Jews fast for 25 hours.
- spend a lot of the day in the synagogue
- praying for forgiveness it is a time to remember how good God is to them and how he loves them.

Describe what happens to the objects in the synagogue and the meaning.

- The Ark and reading desks are covered in white cloths
 - people leading the service wear white.
- a symbol to show that God has taken away the sins of people who are sorry for what they have done wrong.

Describe what happens at the end of Yom Kippur and the purpose.

-the shofar is blown again.

-to remember the good they have promised to do, and live good lives throughout the coming year.