



Rosh Hashanah



A two day festival to celebrate the creation of the world and the Jewish New Year.

It happens in September or October time.

It is a time to think about the good and bad things that have been done over the previous year.



Beliefs



Jews believe that God balances a person's good deeds over the last year against their bad deeds, and decides what the next year will be like for them.

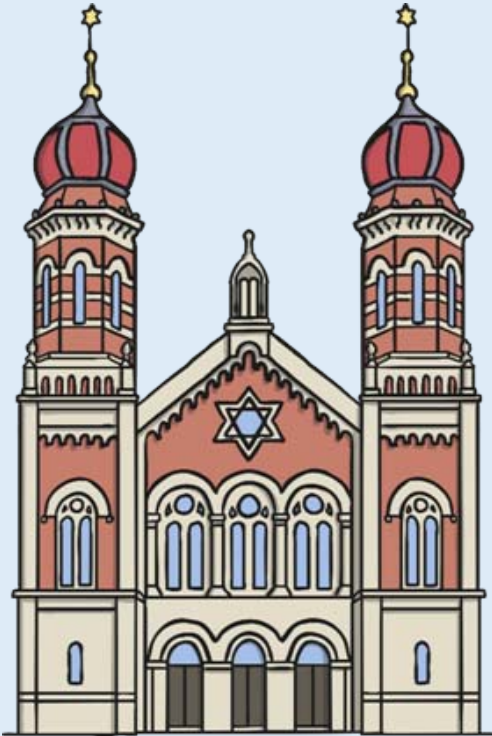
It gives Jewish people a chance to say sorry for the bad things they have done.



How Rosh Hashanah is celebrated



Time is spent in the synagogue at Rosh Hashanah, where prayers of thanks are said for the good things of the previous year. Other prayers ask for a good and peaceful year.



The shofar, ram's horn, is also blown; 100 notes are played in a special rhythm to announce the new year, to remind Jews that God is their ruler and judge and to warn them that they need to improve.



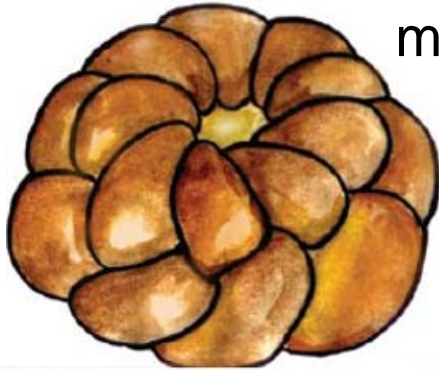


Special Foods



Challah bread

Is round to symbolise the cycle of life and the cycle of the year.



Pomegranates

To symbolise the many Jewish laws in the Torah.



At home a meal is shared and prayers are said.



Apples and Honey

To symbolise a sweet new year

