

EYFS/KS1 Rosh Hashanah Assembly Script

Aim:

- To learn about the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah.

You will need:

- EYFS/KS1 Rosh Hashanah Assembly PowerPoint, flipchart and pens.
- School collections of religious artefacts often have a shofar (Jewish horn). If your school has one, have this ready to show.
- You may wish to play an example of the shofar being blown at Rosh Hashanah, examples can be found on the Internet. Please check the content, including any comments, is suitable for your educational environment before showing. Please do not let the next video automatically play at the end of the clip. Twinkl accepts no responsibility for the content of third party websites.

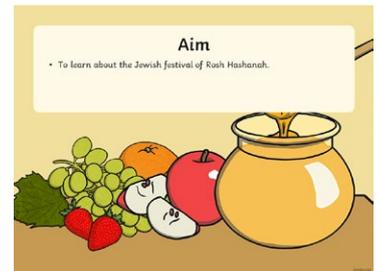
Slide 1: Rosh Hashanah Assembly



Slide 2: Aim

Share the aim of the assembly.

The aim of this assembly is to learn about the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah.



Slide 3: Celebration

What do you think is being celebrated in these pictures?

Ask the children to share their ideas.

These are all pictures of New Year celebrations. New Year is when one year ends and another one starts.



Slide 4: What's the Date?

What are these?

See if the children recognise that they are the months of the year.

Let's practise saying the months of the year in order.

Read the months of the year with the children.

Today, most places in the world use these months in their calendars. However, a long time ago, different countries had their own calendars and celebrated events, such as New Year, at different times. This is why Chinese New Year is celebrated in February.



Slide 5: New Year

Read the text and show the Star of David.

This star is a symbol called the Star of David. It is a special symbol for Jewish people.



Slide 6: Rosh Hashanah

Read the text.

'Head of the Year' refers to the beginning of the new year.

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year celebration.



Slide 7: Rosh Hashanah

Jewish people use Rosh Hashanah to think about what they have done in the past year. They believe that God balances all the good and bad things they have done. They hope they will have done more good than bad. Jewish people promise to make sure they will do lots of good things in the next year.

What kind of good deeds do you think people might be able to do?

Listen to the children's answers. You may wish to record them on a flipchart.



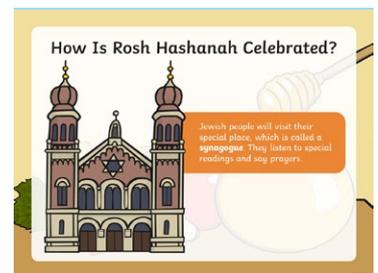
Slide 8: How Is Rosh Hashanah Celebrated?

Read the text and show the picture of the synagogue.

Have you ever visited a special place like that?

Is there a special place you visit?

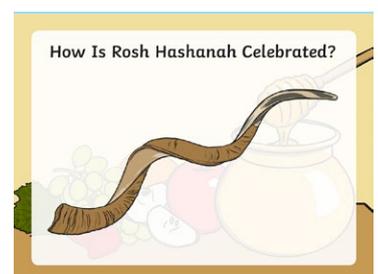
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Slide 9: How Is Rosh Hashanah Celebrated?

If you have a shofar, show it to the children now. There is also a picture of it on the PowerPoint. If desired, you could ask children to try making a sound with the shofar.

This is a special horn called a shofar. At Rosh Hashanah, the shofar is blown lots of times. Just like a trumpet might be sounded to announce the arrival of a king or queen, the shofar is blown to remind Jewish people that God is with them. It is also blown as a celebration.



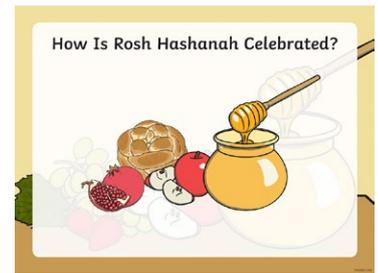
Slide 10: How Is Rosh Hashanah Celebrated?

Show the pictures on the PowerPoint.

As part of their celebrations, Jewish people will eat special meals. Something special they eat is apple dipped in honey and special bread called Challah. The bread is round to remind Jewish people about the circle of life. They might also eat a special fruit called a pomegranate.

Are there times when you eat a special meal? What do you have? Who do you eat with?

Listen to the children's answers. You may wish to record them on a flipchart.



Slide 11: Time to Think

Read the text and encourage the children to think about good deeds they have done or could do next week.

