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How do Jews celebrate?

LO: To understand how Jews celebrate special festivals

Success Criteria:

1. I can make thoughtful connections between features of Jewish festivals and what they symbolize.
2. I can identify features of special Jewish Festivals

Special Jewish Festivals

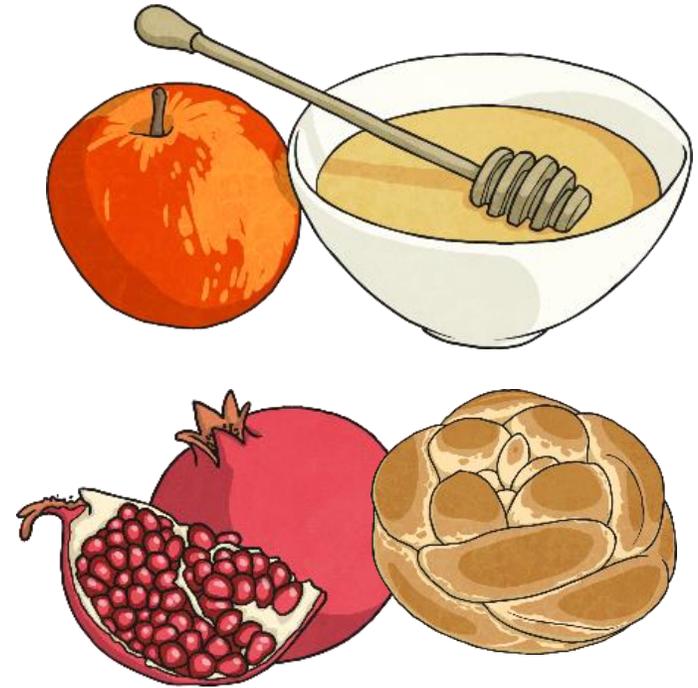
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- Rosh Hashanah
 - Yom Kippur
 - Hanukkah
 - Passover (Pesach)

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-celebrating-rosh-hashanah/zdqc8x>

Think about?

- How they are celebrating
 - Any traditions?
- How is it different to how you celebrate religious festivals
- 2 things you find interesting



How Jews Celebrate Rosh Hashanah

- Rosh Hashanah is a celebration of the creation of the world and marks making a fresh start.

- Jewish people will traditionally greet each other with *L'shanah tovah* → 'for a good New Year'.
- Many Jewish families celebrate some of Rosh Hashanah at a *Synagogue* (Jewish place of worship)
- Jews blow a big horn called a *Shofar*, which is a tradition of Rosh Hashanah. The sound of the Shofar marks the beginning of the ten-day period called the '*Days of Awe*' which lead up to another festival - *Yom Kippur*.
- Food is really important → slices of apple are dipped into honey to symbolize a sweet new year ahead, honey cake (*Challah*) is also eaten representing the circle of life.

Yom Kippur

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znwhfg8/articles/z4vvjhv>

Watch the first video: **What is Yom Kippur?**

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How is Yom Kippur Celebrated?

- Yom Kippur is celebrated ten days after Rosh Hashanah
- Jews mark the day of Yom Kippur by fasting for 25 hours
- They wear white clothes as a symbol of purity and do not wear make-up, perfume, or leather shoes
- It is important that Jews spend a lot of time of Yom Kippur at the synagogue
- The day is spent in continuous prayer
- The Shofar is also blown at the end of the day on Yom Kippur.



Hanukkah (Festival of Lights)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-what-is-hannukkah/zm6d7nb>



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How do Jews Celebrate Hanukkah?

- It is an annual week-long celebration and one of the biggest festivals of the year for Jewish people.
- Families and friends often get together to celebrate
- Hanukkah is a fun time for children as they will receive gifts and Hanukkah money
- Children and adults play a traditional game with a spinning top called a *dreidel*
- Hanukkah is also celebrated by lighting an eight-branched candlestick (*Hanukiah*), Jewish people light one candle for each night of Hanukkah.
- Special foods are eaten during Hanukkah → *Latkas* (potato fritter) as well as pancakes and doughnuts. These dishes as well as others have special meaning as they are fried in oil, and so by preparing and eating this food, Jewish people remember the miracle of the oil lasting eight days in the temple.

Task:

Your task is to choose one Jewish festival that we have looked at so far. We looked at how Passover is celebrated in our previous lesson, so that can also be your chosen festival.

1. Rosh Hashanah 2. Yom Kippur 3. Hanukkah 4. Passover

Create a **poster** on your chosen Jewish festival. Draw pictures related to the festivals and colour them in, you can add in some words.

Make it colourful and vibrant!

Once completed take a picture and upload to Class Dojo.