

## JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAYS

*Together, the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are considered the High Holidays of the Jewish year, marking a ten-day period of time during which people are to reflect on their sins and failings of the past year, to seek forgiveness, and to celebrate the joy of renewal and a new year.*

*In 2021, Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year - falls September 6-8, 2021. Yom Kippur - the Day of Atonement and the holiest day of the year - falls September 15-16, 2021. The Jewish, or Hebrew, calendar is lunisolar, with the start of each month beginning with the new moon, so all Jewish holidays fall on a different date each year.*

*As with most religious traditions and followings, leading an ethical and honorable life are among the principal values of Judaism. And the season of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are central to these values.*

*Both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur include participation in synagogue worship services, with a morning service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the evening before Yom Kippur, and many spending the entire day at synagogue on Yom Kippur, a day of fasting and prayer focused on confession and repentance.*

*Families celebrate with special meals, traditions and attending religious services together, taking time away from school and work. Because the Jewish High Holidays typically do not fall during the time of a traditional school-year calendar break, it is very important for schools / employers to provide resolutions and accommodations for school and work obligations.*