Jewish New Year

Jewish New Year is called Rosh Hashanah.

It is celebrated on the first day of the Jewish month Tishri.

- The celebrations for Rosh Hashanah start at Sunset in the family home.
- The celebrations last for 2 days.

In the home 2 candles are lit and people drink wine and eat special food.

The bread that is eaten is called Challah bread and is usually shaped like a circle to show the circle of life.



- People like to eat lots of sweet foods on Rosh Hashanah to hope for a good year ahead.
- The sweet foods are things like apple dipped in honey and sweet fruits.

This day is celebrated as Jewish people believe that this was the day that Abraham, the founder of Judaism was prepared to sacrifice his son and made the covenant with God.

It also gives Jews a chance to think about the past year and how God will judge their behaviour.

- A special horn is blown at the Synagogue. This is called a Shofar.
- The loud sound reminds people of God's great power.
- The New Year is a time for reflection and changes for Jewish people.