

# Rosh Hashanah and the Shofar

## About

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year otherwise known as the birthday of the world. Observance of the holiday involves synagogue services which include prayers, songs, introspection, and gathering with community. Traditionally, apples and honey are eaten in hopes of a sweet new year.

The shofar is a ritual object made from a ram's horn that is blown during the holiday of Rosh Hashanah. The sound of the shofar is similar to a trumpet. The sound of the shofar is a call to look inward and reflect on the highs and lows of the past year

## Shofar

Shofar from the Capital Jewish Museum Collection.

The shofar calls worshippers to reflect, but it is always a good time to consider the past year and think about how to make better choices and decisions.



## Questions

1. What does a call to action sound like to you?
2. How will you be a better person in the New Year?
3. How will you make the New Year sweet?
4. Rosh Hashanah, much like the secular New Year, is a time for resolutions. Set three intentions for yourself.

## Learn More

- “The Shofar Blasts,” My Jewish Learning. Listen to the sounds of the shofar. [Link to article here.](#)

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