



Celebrating Rosh Hashanah:

A social story for Rosh Hashanah



Rosh Hashanah
is a special festival
that celebrates
the Jewish
New Year.



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On Rosh Hashanah, we wish each other a happy new year by saying *Shanah Tovah*, which means "good year" in Hebrew.

Some people might say *Shanah Tovah* in sign language with their hands and some people might use a communication device like an iPad to say *Shanah Tovah*.



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One of the traditions of Rosh Hashanah is blowing the *shofar*. I might be able to try it myself. It takes a lot of practice to make a sound using a *shofar*.



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If the sound of the shofar is too loud, I can cover my ears or try noise-cancelling headphones.



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Another tradition for Rosh Hashanah is eating apples and honey.

Honey signifies the hope that the new year will be sweet. I might like to taste apples and honey.



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On Rosh Hashanah, some people have a *Tashlich* ceremony.

Tashlich is when we throw things like bread or bird seed into water to get rid of anything we feel sorry for from the past year. I might be able to try it.



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Rosh Hashanah is a
wonderful
celebration and a
chance to spend
time with friends
and family!



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