

ROSH HASHANA

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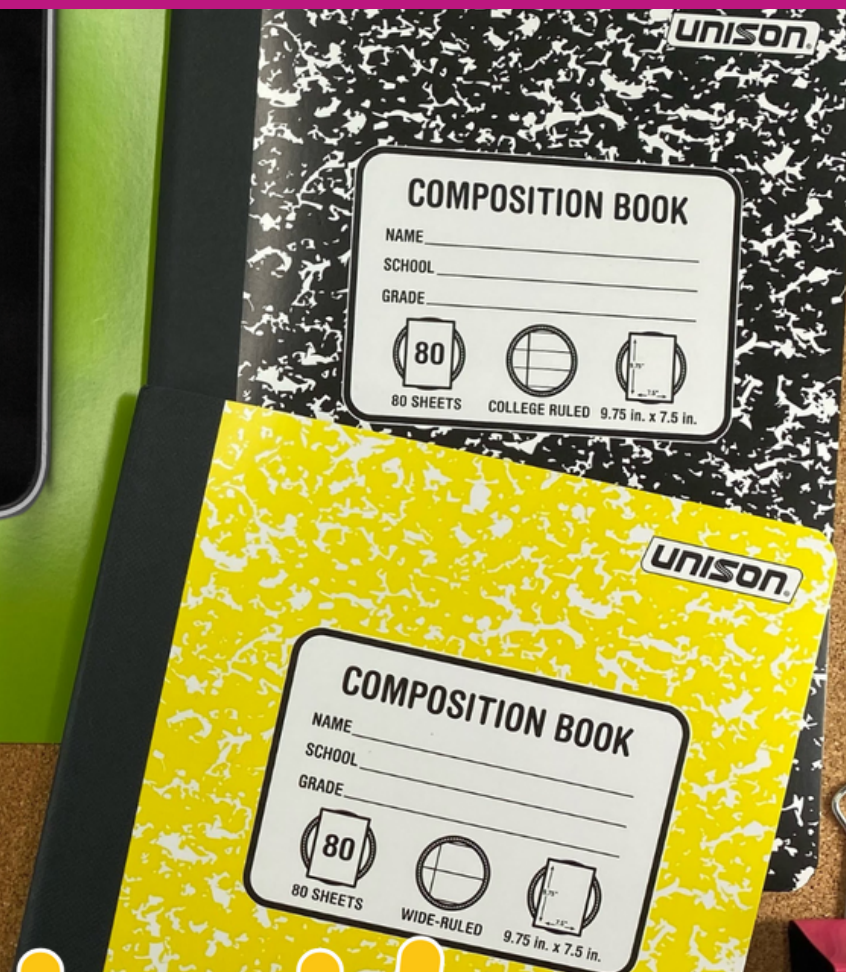
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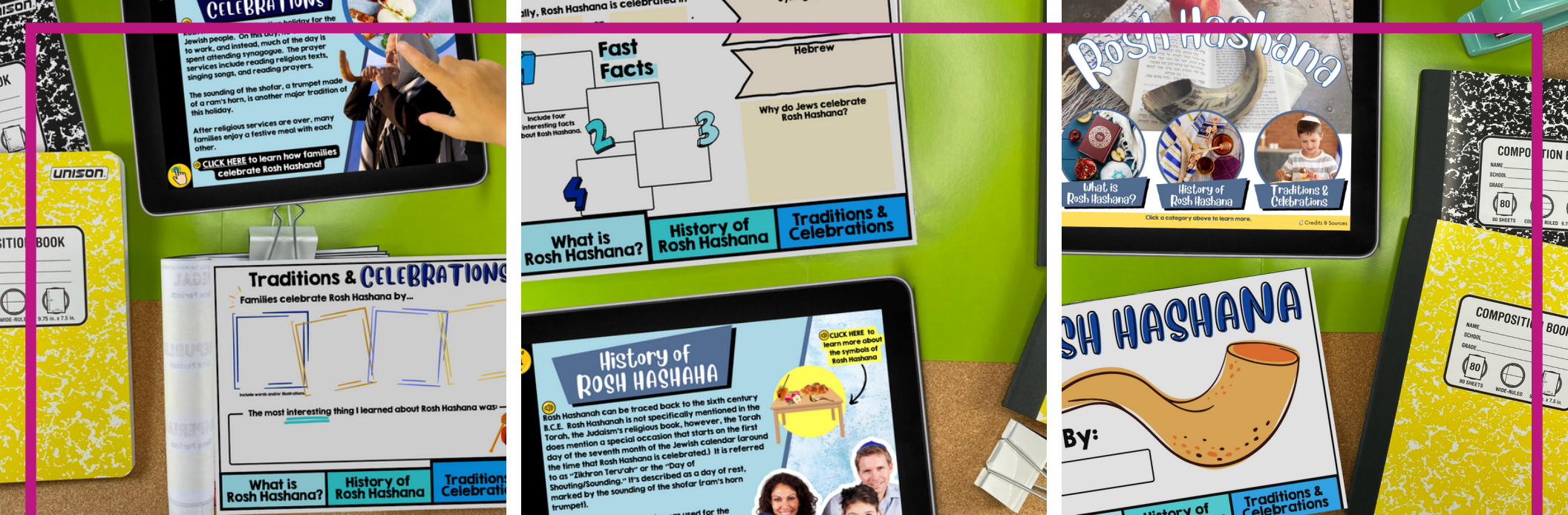
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Rosh Hashana, meaning "Head of the Year" in Hebrew, is the Jewish New Year and one of the most significant holidays in the Jewish calendar. Observed over two days, it typically falls in September or October. Rosh Hashana is a time of reflection, introspection, and renewal, during which Jewish communities come together to celebrate and engage in prayers, festive meals, and the sounding of the shofar (a ram's horn). In this LINKtivity on Rosh Hashana, students will learn the meaning & history behind the holiday as well as traditions and celebrations that take place.



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Rosh Hashana is the beginning of the religious new year for followers of Judaism. It also marks the anniversary of the creation of the world for Jewish people. In **Hebrew**, Rosh Hashana means 'head of the year.'

Rosh Hashana is both a happy and serious holiday. No work is allowed on the holiday, and most of the day is spent in prayer at the **synagogue**. During the synagogue service, they play the shofar, which is a special trumpet made from a ram's horn. The exact date of Rosh Hashana varies every year since it is based on the Hebrew Calendar; however, it is almost always in September or October. Rosh Hashana is the start of a 10-day period called the High Holy Days. For Jewish people, High Holy Days are for reflecting on behavior during the previous year and promising to make positive changes in the new year.

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synagogue the Jewish place of worship

Hebrew a language that has been used for thousands of years, especially by Jewish people for their religious texts, prayers, and everyday communication

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Rosh Hashana is a reflective holiday for the Jewish people. On this day, no one is allowed to work, and instead, much of the day is spent attending synagogue. The prayer services include reading religious texts, singing songs, and reading prayers.

The sounding of the shofar, a trumpet made of a ram's horn, is another major tradition of this holiday.

After religious services are over, many families enjoy a festive meal with each other.

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✗ A well-liked tradition during Rosh Hashanah is to eat apple slices that you dip in honey, sometimes after saying a special prayer. Ancient Jews believed apples were healing, and honey is like a wish for a sweet year. During Rosh Hashanah meals, there are other sweet foods because everyone hopes the new year will be just as sweet as those treats!

Rosh Hashana is celebrated with many traditions and customs. Families gather to pray, enjoy a meal together, and share blessings for a happy and healthy new year.

Here's a few ways people celebrate...

- 1** Families typically light two candles before sharing a festive meal.
- 2** Families enjoy tasty sweets, particularly apples and honey.
- 3** Some Jews practice a custom known as "Tashlich," in which they throw bread into water to symbolize sins being swept away.
- 4** Jews greet each other with the phrase "L'shana tovah," which means "for a good year!"

✗ On Rosh Hashana, Jews eat loaves of traditional braided bread known as challah. The challah is often baked in a round shape to symbolize either the circle of life or the crown of God. Raisins are sometimes added to the dough for a sweet new year.

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History of ROSH HASHANA

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Rosh Hashanah can be traced back to the sixth century B.C.E. Rosh Hashanah is not specifically mentioned in the Torah, the Judaism's religious book, however, the Torah does mention a special occasion that starts on the first day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar (around the time that Rosh Hashana is celebrated.) It is referred to as "Zikron Teruah" or the "Day of Shouting/Sounding." It's described as a day of rest, marked by the sounding of the shofar (ram's horn trumpet).

The phrase "Rosh Hashanah" was used for the first time in the Mishna, a Jewish code of law, in 200 A.D.

Today, Rosh Hashana is usually celebrated in September or October. Jews greet each other on Rosh Hashanah with the Hebrew phrase "L'shana tovah," which translates to "for a good year."

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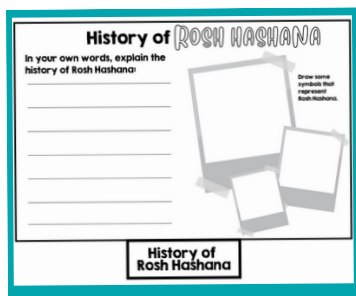
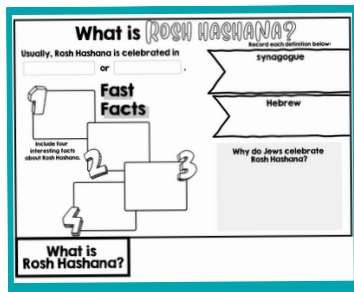
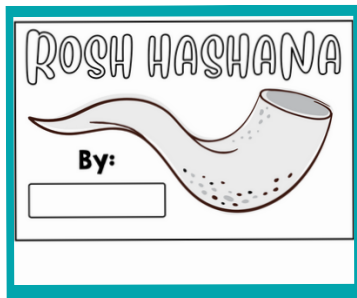
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