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**ROSH HASHANAH
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**ROSH HASHANAH 5787
September 12 - 13, 2026**

ABOUT OUR HIGH HOLIDAY ISSUES ...

THIS YEAR AS ALWAYS ... WE THANK
G-D FOR GOOD HEALTH,
GOOD FORTUNE AND HAPPINESS.

Thank you for your continued support of the
“Pipeline”.

As part of our special editions, this High Holiday issue contains some useful information about the holiday of Rosh Hashanah, some customs associated with it, greetings from our advertisers, and most of all greetings from you, your friends and families. This year we are republishing **High Holiday Postcards** featuring art of the Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur which will be split between our 1st and 2nd Rosh Hashanah Editions. We hope you enjoy the publications.

**“L’SHANAH TOVA
TIKATEIVU”**

*Gail & Bernie Estrin
Publishers*



Are you ready for the New Year?



THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

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e High Holidays mark the beginning of the Jewish new year. They begin with the holiday of Rosh Hashanah (September 12-13, 2026) and culminate ten days later with Yom Kippur (September 21, 2026).

This period is known as the The Tens Days of Penitence. It is a time when God is especially close to us and hears our prayers.

The High Holidays are a time for introspection and self-improvement, in which we beseech God for a favorable judgment for the coming year. [Read more about the High Holidays](https://aish.com/the-high-holidays/)

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Personal Greetings ...



*Shana Tova
Tikatevu to the
entire Jewish
community.*

**Max & Enid
Markus**



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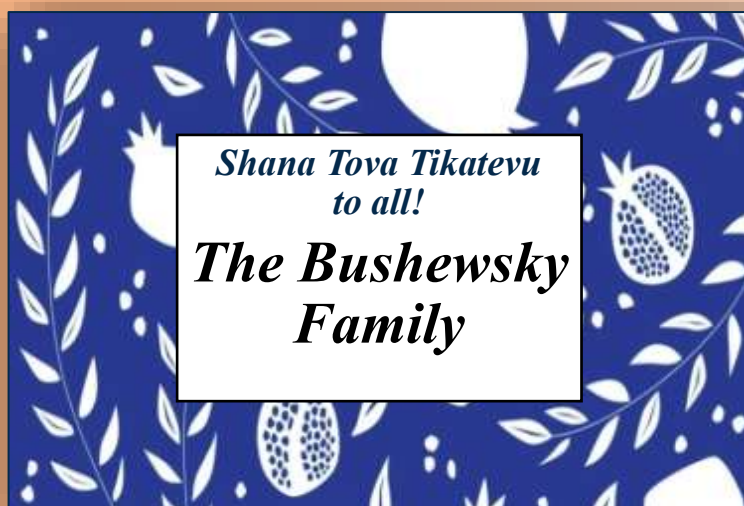
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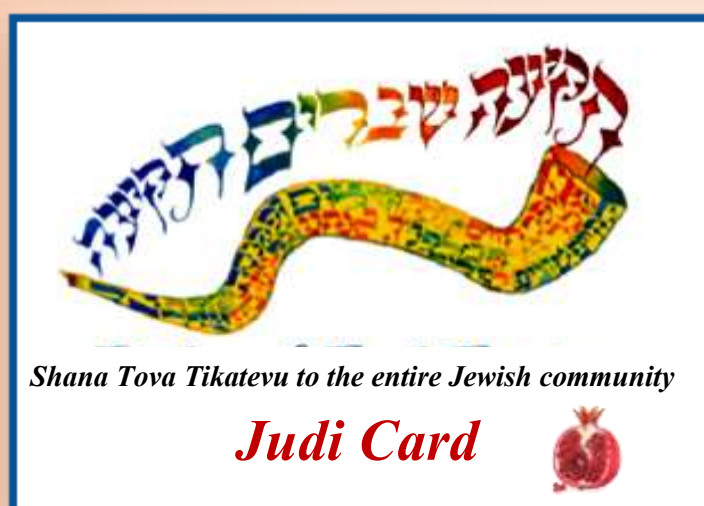
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**The Buschewsky
Family**



Shana Tova Tikatevu to the entire Jewish community

Judi Card



All about the Shofar ...

my JEWISH LEARNING

10 Things the Shofar Symbolizes

Here's how the shofar sounds were interpreted in a classic text more than 1,000 years ago.



[10 Things the Shofar Symbolizes / My Jewish Learning](#)



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Edmonton Candle Lighting Times ...



Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 11, 2026
Elul 29, 5786

Light Shabbat / Holiday Candles at
7:41 PM

Saturday, September 12, 2026
Tishrei 1, 5787

Light Holiday Candles after
8:49 PM
from a pre-existing flame

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Tishrei 2, 5787

Holiday Ends
8:47 PM



Calgary Candle Lighting Times ...



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8:44 PM



Newer Rosh Hashanah videos ...



Why Jews Don't Say Happy New Year

Why Jews Don't Say Happy New Year - YouTube



Bees Are Disappearing, Can Science Save Them in Time?



Bees Are Disappearing, Can Science Save Them in Time? -



Personal Greetings ...



We're down to the wire folks ...



PHOTO CREDIT DAN PEREZ

42 Rosh Hashanah Mains For Every Taste

The Jewish New Year is approaching, and the pressure to plan your menu and make your shopping list is likely amping up. To inspire you, we've gathered a whopping 42 recipes for Rosh Hashanah main dishes that cater to every taste.

If you like your High Holiday meals traditional (with a side of nostalgia), we've got you covered. From t'fina pkaila — an unctuous Tunisian meat-and-white-bean stew — to jeweled rice and, of course, brisket.

[42 Rosh Hashanah Mains For Every Taste | The Nosh](#)



Personal Greetings ...

שנה טובה

*Dr. Jerome Yager,
Cintia Kezerle-
Yager and Family*

(Edmonton &
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Happy
Rosh Hashanah

שנה טובה ומתוקה

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*Shana Tovah Tikatevu
to the Jewish communities
of Edmonton & Calgary*

Rob & Brandy Graesser

*Wishing family & friends a sweet,
healthy, & prosperous New Year*

Happy Rosh
HASHANAH

*Cantor David Mannes,
Dr. Sandra Ghitter-Mannes
and family*

Candle Lighting Blessings for Sept. 11 & 12

High Holidays 2026



Rosh Hashanah Candle Lighting

Girls and all women who are in the house (or if there isn't a woman in the house, the head of the household), light candles to usher in each night of the holiday. See [Procedure for Holiday Candle Lighting](#) for detailed holiday candle-lighting information.



Blessings for the evening of September 11:

ברוך אתה אֱדֹנֵי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוֵּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת וְשֶׁל יוֹם הַזִּכְרוֹן

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-olam asher ki-deshanu be-mitzvo-tav ve-tzvi-vanu le-hadlik ner shel Shabbat veshel Yom Hah-zee-kah ron.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to light the candle of the Shabbat and of the Day of Remembrance.

ברוך אתה אֱדֹנֵי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהָיִינוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh hah-oh-lahm sheh-heh-kheh-yah-noo veh-kee-mah-noo ve-hig-ee-yah-noo liz-mahn hah-zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Yiddish Corner —by Vaughn Seward

SHANA TOVA
לשנה טובה

Vaughn & Janice Seward



Shana tova is actually a shortened version of a longer greeting: *L'shana tova u'metukah* (pronounced l'shah-NAH toe-VAH ooh-meh-too-KAH), which literally means “for a good and sweet year.” But when greeting people in person, the shorter version is more common. And like the secular new years greeting, shana tova is often used in the days preceding and following Rosh Hashanah, as well as on the holiday itself.

Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews often greet one another with *tizku l'shaneem rabot* (pronounced teeZ-KOO le-shah-NEEM rah-BOAT) which means “may you merit many years.” The proper response for a male is *tizkeh v'tihyeh ve'orech yamim* (teeZ-KEH v'tee-h'YEH v'OAR-ekh yah-MEEM) and the female version of this response is *tizkee vetihyee ve'orekh yamim* (teeZ-KEE v'tee-h'YEE v'OAR-ekh yah-MEEM), both of them meaning “May you merit life—long life!”

In Persian Jewish communities, *moadim shalom* (“peaceful holiday”) is met with *sad sal be salhaye khob* (“may you reach 100 good years”). Persian Jews also use the expression *sale no mobarak* (“happy new year”) for both the Jewish New Year, the secular New Year on January 1st, and the Persian New Year, Nowruz. In the Neo-Aramaic dialect of the Jews of northwestern Iran (Sanandaj and Urmia), *shatakhun brikhta hawya* (“happy new year”) and *'ela brikhula or elchun brikha haw* (“happy holiday”) are what Jews use to wish each other a happy Jewish new year. In the Urmian Neo-Aramaic of Northwestern Iran, Jews also say *rabba shanne shate matetun* — “may you arrive at many years.”

Other generic Jewish holiday greetings are also used on Rosh Hashanah.

These include *chag sameach* (pronounced chahg sah-MAY-ach), which literally means “happy holiday.” And if you meet someone on Rosh Hashanah itself, you might say *gut yontiff* (pronounced goot YUHN-tiff). Yontiff is a yiddishized version of the Hebrew phrase *yom tov*, which literally means “good day” and refers to any major Jewish holiday on which work is traditionally forbidden.

Yiddish Corner

A GUT YOR! [Wishing you] a good year! **A GUT, GEZUNT, GEBENTSHT YOR!** [Wishing you] a good and healthy year full of blessings! **LESHONE TOYVE TIKOSEYVE!** May you be inscribed [in the Book of Life] for a good year.

Candle Lighting Blessings for Sept.11 and 12

High Holidays 2026



1) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם הַזִּכְרוֹן (1)

Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh hah-oh-lahm, ah-shehr ki-deh-shah-noo beh-mitz-voh-tahv veh-tzee-vah-noo leh-hahd-lik nayr shehl yohm hah-zee-kah-rohn.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to light the candle of the Day of Remembrance.

[Note: When reciting the following blessing on the second night of the holiday, one should have in mind the new fruit which one will subsequently be eating after Kiddush.]

2) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה (2)

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Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Greetings



Ever wondered what to say on Rosh Hashanah when you meet a Jewish person? Here's what you need to know.

The Jewish new year is not just a time to renew our resolve to lose another fifteen pounds. Rather, it's the time when our fate stands in the balance as G_d reviews our past year and decides whether or not to renew our lease on His planet. As such, Jewish greetings for this time of year (the Jewish New Year is in the fall) reflect our prayers for a good, sweet year up ahead.

The catch-all Jewish new year greeting for the entire season is "*Shanah tovah*" (שנה טובה), which means "Good year." The word "*u'metuka*" (ומתוקה), and sweet, is sometimes appended to the end.

Here are some other greetings that you may hear:

Before [Rosh Hashanah](#), people wish each other "*Ketivah v'chatima tovah*" (כתיבה וחתימה טובה) "A good inscription and sealing [in the Book of Life]." On Rosh Hashanah eve, as we return from synagogue service, it is traditional to greet one another with "*Leshana tovah tikatev v'tichatem*" (לשנה טובה תכתב)

When greeting a female, this is modified to "*Leshana tovah tikatevee v'tichatemee*" (לשנה טובה תכתבי ותחתמי). This means, "May you be written and sealed for a good year."

From noon on Rosh Hashanah, when our fates are already written, until Yom Kippur, when our fates for the coming year are to be sealed, we wish each other "*Gemar chatimah tovah*" (גמר חתימה טובה), "A good final sealing." (Note that it is not standard to wish someone a "happy [Yom Kippur](#)," but it is perfectly acceptable to wish them a meaningful one.)

Now for the Yiddish version: The standard wish is for "*A gut gebentsht yohr*," "A good and blessed year" (א גוט געבנטשט יאהר). And since tradition tells us that our fate is not really sealed until Hoshanah Rabba, the customary salutation for that day is "*A gutten kvittl*" (א גוט'ן קוויטל), "A good inscription."

No matter what we say, the main thing is to wish each other a good, sweet year with all our heart – because that is what [G_d](#) values the most.

Personal Greetings ...



*May the New Year 5787 be a sweet,
peaceful, healthy, happy
and prosperous year for all.*



Shana Tova
The Mozeson Family

*Wishing family & friends a
sweet, healthy and prosperous
New Year.*



Esther Sklofsky



*Wishing family & friends a sweet,
healthy and prosperous New Year.*

**Mike & Stella Zisin
and Family**

Blessings for the Apples & Honey ...



During Rosh Hashanah, it is traditional to eat apples dipped in honey, to symbolize our hopes for a "sweet" new year. The apple is dipped in honey, the blessing for eating tree fruits is recited, the apple is tasted, and then the apples and honey prayer is recited.



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam
Blessed are you, Lord, our God, king of the universe

בוֹרֵא פְּרִי הָעֵץ (אָמֵן)

borei p'ri ha'eitz (Amein).

who creates the fruit of the tree. (Amen)



Take a bite from the apple dipped in honey, then continue with the following:

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֵלֵהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ

y'hi ratzon mil'fanekha Adonai eloheinu vei'lohei
avoteinu

May it be Your will, Lord our God
and God of our ancestors



SHANA TOVA

*Emanuel & Yochi
Zwilling and
Family*

(Kibbutz Gezer, Israel)

*May the New Year 5787
be sweet, peaceful,
happy and prosperous.*



שנה טובה ומתוקה

SHANA TOVA

The Asbell Family



Personal Greetings



*May the
New Year 5787
be a sweet,
peaceful,
and
prosperous
year for all.*

*Esther & Howard
Starkman*

שנה טוב

*Shana Tova Tikatevu
Happy New Year to all!*



*The Leibovici and Zepp
Families*

Inspiring High Holiday music ...



As the Jewish New Year approaches, Rosh Hashanah invites us to reflect on the past and look ahead with hope. Its prayers and melodies carry themes of judgment and mercy, awe and renewal. At the heart of this experience is the *musaf* service, a central part of the liturgy whose soaring music and shofar calls embody the spirit of the day.

[Musaf Service for Rosh Hashanah - Milken Archive](#)



Listen to A Season of Forgiveness

During the High Holy Days, themes of repentance and forgiveness resonate not only in prayer but also in song. *A Season for Forgiveness*, a two-part radio program, traces these themes through music and narrative. With selections that range from solemn penitential prayers to stirring choral works, the program features the complete *First S'lihot* service that traditionally takes place on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah. Together, these elements reflect on the universal human search for renewal, reconciliation, and return.

[A Season for Forgiveness - Milken Archive](#)





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The Slawsky Family

VISITING THE GRAVES OF OUR LOVED ONES BEFORE YOM KIPPUR...



There is a meaningful custom of visiting the graves of our loved ones during the period surrounding Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. What thoughts should enter our hearts and minds when we make this visit?

We can gain an insight from a thought-provoking Talmudic teaching. The Talmud says that one who visits a cemetery is not permitted to perform mitzvot 'in the presence' of those who are buried (Brachot 18a). The following examples are offered – one is not to wear tefillin on one's head and not to carry a Torah scroll and learn from it in a cemetery. The Talmud states that this is an 'affront' to the dead. The Talmud then quotes the verse from Proverbs (17: 5), "He who mocks the poor affronts his Maker." The 'poor' in the verse symbolizes the deceased in the cemetery who no longer can observe the commandments. This law is generally understood to mean that it is inappropriate to perform a mitzvah in the presence of those who no longer can.

Visiting the Graves of Loved Ones



Rosh Hashanah Greetings ...



Greetings from Kelly McCauley MP ...



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*Shana Tovah Tikatevu to the entire
Jewish communities
of Edmonton & Calgary*

***Milton & Renee
Bogoch
(Calgary)***

*Wishing our community a sweet,
healthy and prosperous New Year.*



Rabbi Ari Drelich and Family

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be a sweet, peaceful,
happy and prosperous
year for all.*



***Ron & Linda Jeffery
(Calgary)***

שנה טוב

Shana Tova Tikatevu
Happy New Year to all!

***Mike & Penny
Levy***



*Wishing family & friends
a sweet, healthy &
prosperous New Year.*

***Pat Stewart & Sheila Carr-
Stewart and Family***

Rosh Hashanah in a Nutshell ...



ROSH HASHANAH TORAH READINGS

Day 1:

G_d remembers Sarah, and gives her and Abraham a son, who is named Isaac (*Yitzchak*), meaning "will laugh"; Abraham is then one hundred years old, and Sarah ninety. Isaac is circumcised at the age of eight days.

Hagar and Ishmael are banished from Abraham's home, and wander in the desert; G_d hears the cry of the dying lad, and saves his life by showing his mother a well. The Philistine king Abimelech

makes a treaty with Abraham at Be'er Sheba.

Day 2:

G_d commands Abraham to sacrifice his son on Mount Moriah (the Temple Mount) in Jerusalem.

Isaac is bound and placed on the altar, and Abraham raises the knife to slaughter his son.

A voice from heaven calls to stop him, saying that it was a test; a ram, caught in the undergrowth by its horns, is offered in Isaac's place.

(from Chabad.org)

TORAH GEMS

Shofar Blowing

During the Rosh Hashanah holiday the congregation participates in the blowing of the shofar as if sounding the horn itself. The congregants answer amen to each blessing. The worshippers remain standing in awed silence. It is the absolute silence of the moment of coronation. Neither the shofar blower nor the congregation speak until the end of all the shofar sounding, as a sign that they are fully concentrating on the mitzvah. The shofar can be blown all during the day ("a day of sounding the horn" [Numbers 19:1]). Originally it was blown as early as possible at sunrise or even at dawn. However, it was shifted to the middle of services, just before Mussaf, during a period of Roman persecutions when sounding the shofar was

prohibited and spies checked to see that Jews did not blow the shofar. (In the good old days, the "secret police" were out checking only in the early morning hours, so the sounding ceremony was delayed until later).



Adapted from "The Jewish Way" by Rabbi Irving Greenberg, 1988, pages 197. Torah Gem Archives: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahtidbits>

Personal Greetings ...

*May the New Year 5787 be
a sweet, peaceful, happy
and prosperous year for all.*

***Karen Farkas &
Clyde Hurtig***

*Wishing family & friends a sweet,
healthy and prosperous New Year.*

Shana Tova
Happy Rosh Hashanah

***Arlene, Micah
Nathan, Elysa, Avery & Finn Morin***

*May the New Year 5787
be sweet, peaceful, happy
and prosperous for all*

SHANA TOVA!

***Joel & Tsipora
Reboh and Family***

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***Jack, Rowena and
Daryl Schwartzberg***

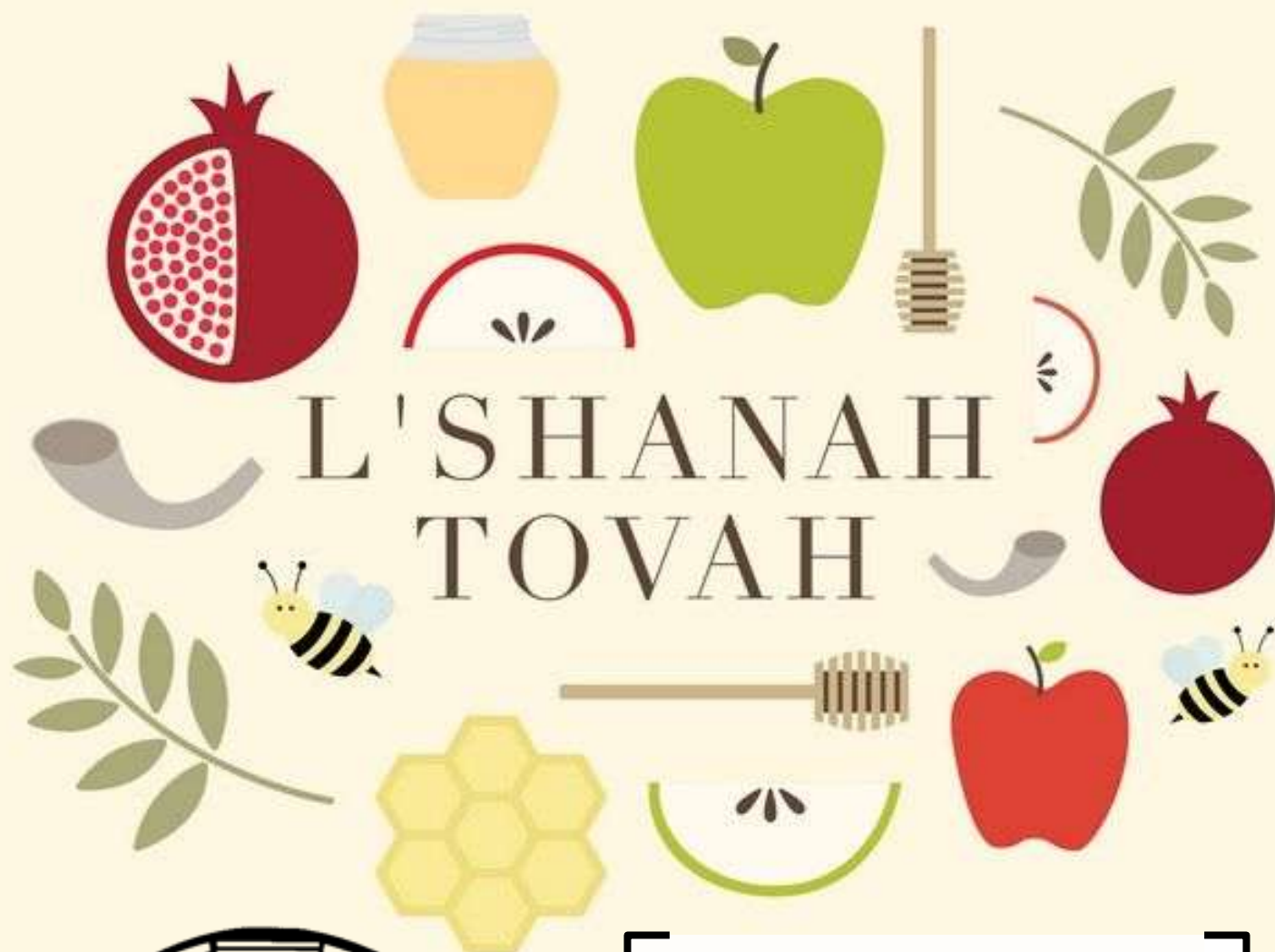
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Howie & Debbie Sniderman



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Rosh Hashanah Greetings



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*— HAPPY —
Rosh Hashanah*

*Esi & Sam Zion
And Family*

שנה טובה

*May the New Year 5787 be sweet, peaceful, happy
and prosperous for all*

*Abe Silverman &
Janice Wilson
and Families*

*B'nai Brith
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Greetings from Brook & Kelsey Ritchie ...

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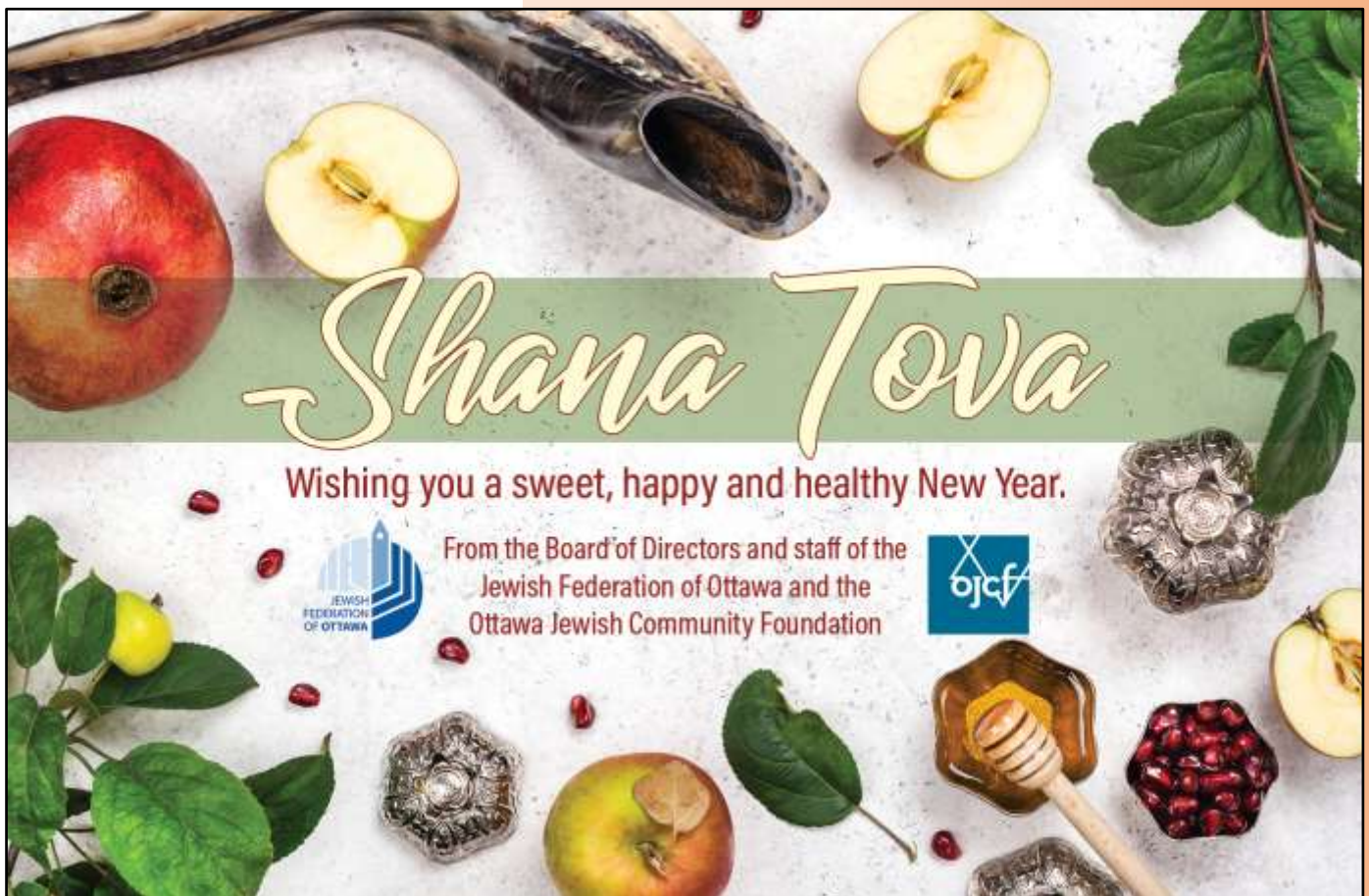
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Greetings from Beth Israel Synagogue ...

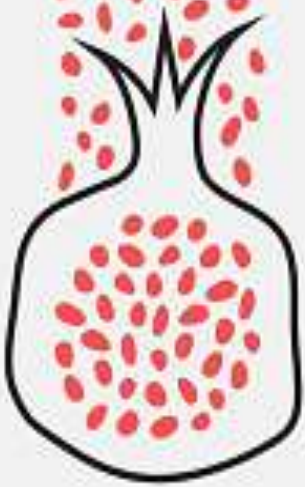


Beth Israel Congregation 131 Wolf Willow Road



Personal Greetings ...

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שנה טובה ומתוקה



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peaceful,
happy and
prosperous
year for all.*

*from the
Deutsch Family
Paul,
Stephen &
Ashleigh,
Anders and
Samuel*

*Wishing family &
friends a sweet,
healthy, &
prosperous New Year.*

*Fay Leigh &
Family*



שנה טובה



The Kirman Family

*Shana Tovah Tikatevu
to the entire Jewish Community*



*Gaylene Soifer and Jeff Rubin
& Family*

Shana Tova Tikatevu—Happy New Year to all



*Eric & Paula Weil
(Calgary)*

Greetings from Beth Israel Synagogue ...



HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

— 5787 / 2026 —



EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 11, 2026

Mincha:	6:40 pm
Candle Lighting – no earlier than:	6:37 pm
Candle Lighting:	7:40 pm



ROSH HASHANAH – FIRST DAY

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Shacharit:	8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	7:20 pm
Candle Lighting:	8:49 pm



ROSH HASHANAH – SECOND DAY

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Shacharit:	8:00 am
Tashlich:	5:00 pm
Mincha/Maariv:	7:30 pm
Havdalah:	8:46 pm



EREV YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Mincha:	3:30 pm
Mincha/Kol Nidre:	7:00 pm
Fast Begins:	7:18 pm



YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 21, 2026

Shacharit:	8:00 am
Drasha & Yizkor:	11:00 am
Mincha & Neila, including Pre-Neila Drasha:	5:45 pm
Shofar / End of Fast / Maariv:	8:27 pm



EREV SUKKOT

Friday, September 25, 2026

Mincha/Maariv:	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting:	7:06 pm
Kiddush in your Sukkah – ideally after:	8:16 pm



SUKKOT – DAY 1

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Shacharit:	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	6:55 pm
Candle Lighting & No Preparations Before:	8:13 pm



SUKKOT – DAY 2

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Shacharit:	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	6:55 pm
Havdalah:	8:11 pm



EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

Friday, October 2, 2026

Mincha/Maariv:	6:45 pm
Candle Lighting:	6:49 pm



SHEMINI ATZERET

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Shacharit:	9:00 am
Yizkor:	11:00 am
Mincha:	6:40 pm
Maariv & Hakafot:	7:30 pm
Candle Lighting & No Preparations Before:	7:56 pm



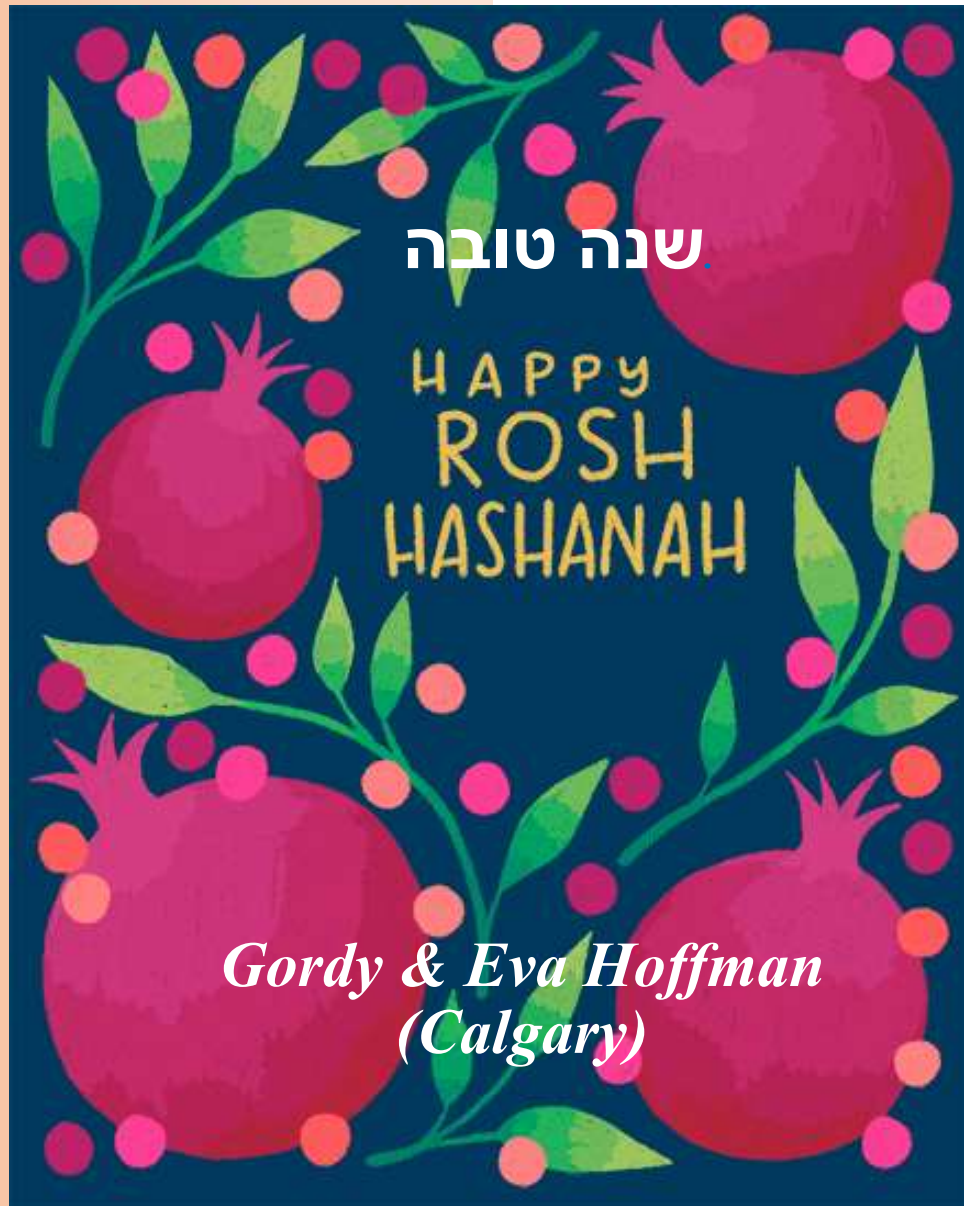
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Sunday, October 4, 2026

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Hakafot:	10:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	6:40 pm
Havdalah:	7:54 pm

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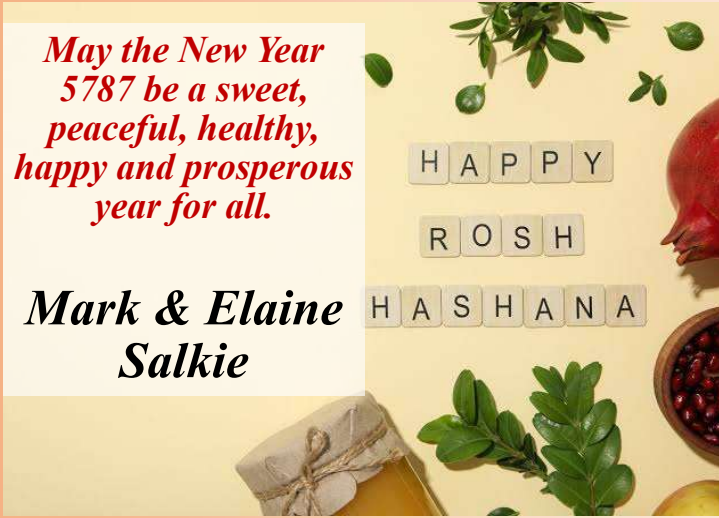
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and prosperous
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5787 be a sweet,
peaceful, healthy,
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Happy New Year to all.**

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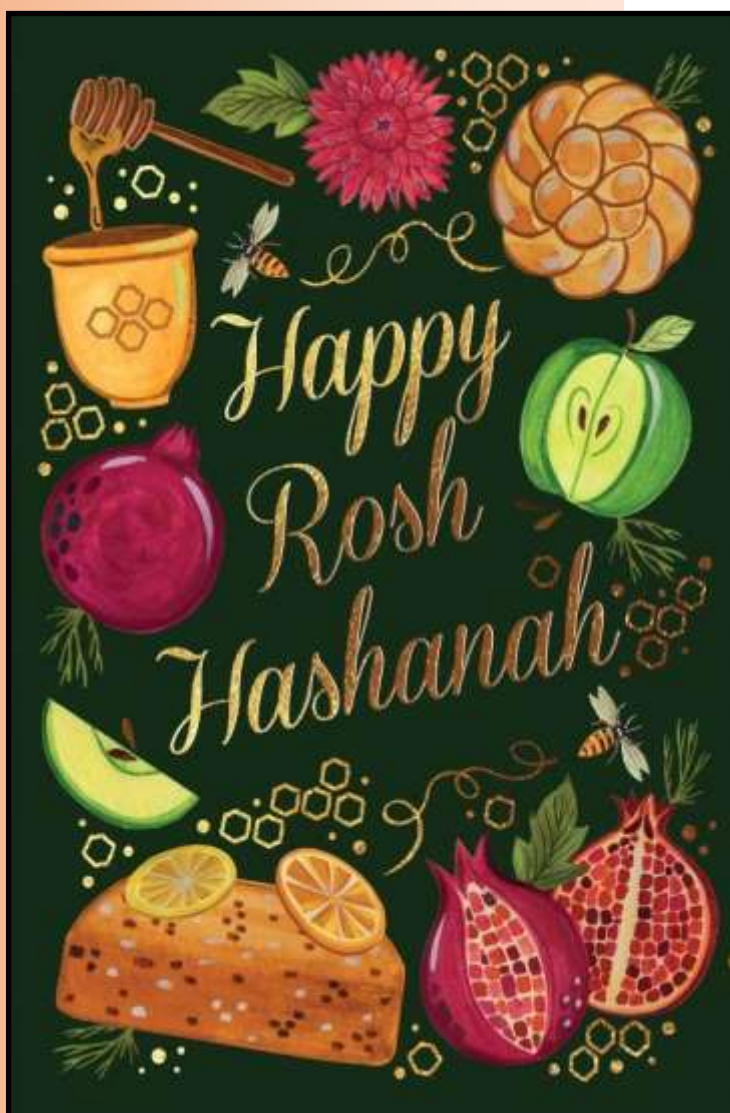
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*Gabe & Sonia
Goldberg
and Family*

The History of Rosh Hashanah ...



Rosh Hashanah greeting cards vendor, Tel Aviv 1955. (Moshe Pridan/Israel GPO)

In light of the centrality that, the Jewish New Year festival, has assumed in Jewish life, it is surprising to note that this holiday is not named as such in the Hebrew Bible. The only reference [in the Bible](#) to a “Rosh Hashanah” appears in the sixth century BCE book of Ezekiel in a context that refers not to a specific holiday, but to a season of the year, the beginning of the year, which could also be a reference to the first month of the year, ([Ezekiel 40:1](#)). One of the peculiarities of the [Jewish calendar](#) is that the official celebration of the Jewish New Year takes place not in the first month of the year (Nisan), but in the seventh.

Nonetheless, the Bible speaks of a major festival on the first day of Tishrei, although this does not appear to have been a celebration of the New Year. This mandates a day of complete rest (*shabbaton*) to be celebrated on the first day of Tishrei, ten days before the [Day of Atonement](#). This was a day of remembrance characterized by a cessation from labor and by

the sounding of trumpet blasts ([Leviticus 23:23-25](#); [Numbers 29:1-6](#)). The day seems to have assumed additional importance following the return of the Jews from exile in Babylon. After the first group of exiles had arrived in Jerusalem following the Edict of King Cyrus of Persia, who allowed the exiled Jews to [return to their homeland](#), the returnees celebrated [Sukkot](#) (the Festival of Booths), seemingly beginning on the first day of the seventh month ([Ezra 3:4-6](#)).

Close to a century later, in one of the more dramatic moments in Jewish history, it was on the first of Tishrei that [Ezra the Scribe gathered the people at the Water Gate in Jerusalem](#) and read the Torah to them. Although he declared the day to be one of rejoicing and feasting, once again the narrative leads into the subsequent celebration of , which actually begins two weeks after Rosh Hashanah.

The History of Rosh Hashanah ... (continued)

In spite of the return from exile, a large number of Jews remained in Babylon. And it may have been under Babylonian influence that the beginning of the seventh month eventually **became the beginning of the New Year**, although there are some indications that there were competing traditions in ancient Israel regarding the inception of the year. The Gezer Calendar, a tenth century BCE agricultural calendar, begins the year with the month of ingathering in the autumn, the season of our Rosh Hashanah. Although most biblical festivals such as **Passover** (Pesach), the **Festival of Weeks** (Shavuot), and Sukkot are linked to the agricultural year of Israel, there is no such linkage between the celebration of the first day of Tishrei and the agricultural year, in spite of the evidence of the Gezer Calendar. Indeed, each **new moon** was an occasion to be observed. Why, however, was the observance of the seventh new moon of the year special?

This question was not really answered until the **rabbinic period**. The **Mishnah**, a compilation of rabbinic discussions that was codified around 200 CE, lists a grand total of **four new years** in each Jewish year (Tractate Rosh Hashana 1:1). The first is the New Year of Kings at the beginning of Nisan. It was as of this date that the regnal years of Jewish rulers were to be reckoned. In addition, this day also serves as the New Year of Festivals. Hence, many books on the Jewish holidays begin their discussions with Passover, the first festival of the year according to this reckoning. The second is the New Year for the tithing of cattle at the beginning of **Elul**, the sixth month (although, the records, Rabbis Elazar and Simeon date this to the beginning of Tishrei). The third is the civil New Year at the beginning of Tishrei, which eventually also became the religiously observed New Year. This New Year also serves as the New Year of Sabbath and Jubilee years, as well as of planting and of vegetables. The fourth is the New Year of Trees at the beginning of Shevat, the eleventh month, although the tradition of the House of Hillel eventually became predominant, which began this new year on the 15th day of the month and gave us the minor holiday of **Tu Bishvat** (the fifteenth day of

Shevat).

The Mishnah continues by referring to Rosh Hashanah as the day upon which all creatures stand in judgment before God (**Rosh Hashanah 1:2**). This theme is elaborated in the **Gemara**, a commentary on the Mishnah that dates to around 500 CE (Babylonian Talmud). According to this tradition, God opens three books on Rosh Hashanah (**Rosh Hashanah 16b**). In the first, the righteous are inscribed for life in the coming year. In the second, the wicked are inscribed for death. And in the third, the names of those who are not easily classified—in other words most people—are temporarily inscribed, while their behavior during the coming Ten Days of Repentance culminating on Yom Kippur will decide their fates during the coming year. For this reason, Rosh Hashanah is also referred to as *Yom Hadin*, the Day of Judgment.

Because of the shofar that is sounded on Rosh Hashanah, the holiday is also designated as *Yom Teruah*, the Day of **Sounding the Shofar**. It is both a joyous and a solemn occasion. Since Rosh Hashanah had neither an agricultural nor a historical connection, the rabbis dated some previously undated events to this day. The importance of the shofar or ram's horn in the liturgy of Rosh Hashanah gave rise to a connection with the story of the **Binding of Isaac, the Akedah**, in which a ram caught in a thicket plays an important role. Indeed, this is the story that serves as one of the Torah readings on this holiday. In addition, some rabbis viewed this day as the anniversary of the creation of humanity (*Yom Harat Olam*) and of other significant events in biblical history (**Rosh Hashanah 10b-11a**).

The general outline and significance of Rosh Hashanah have remained more or less the same since rabbinic times, although the liturgy associated with the holiday has developed greatly since those ancient days. Nonetheless, one popular ritual associated with the holiday developed during the medieval period. This is **Tashlikh**, the symbolic casting of sins upon water.



The History of Rosh Hashanah Greetings - Yiddish-Style

We no longer send many Rosh Hashanah greeting cards to each other. Once, in the days leading up to the holiday, the mailboxes were clogged with them. Now, if we send them at all—and why bother, when we’re in constant email, WhatsApp, or Twitter contact with those who might receive them?—they often go electronically.

And yet there was a time when such cards were as much a part of the weeks before Rosh Hashanah as the shortening of the days and the first hints of autumn. While many are old enough to remember them well, few have memories that extend back to their real heyday.

That was in the first half of the last century, when an entire industry of such greeting cards existed in America and Europe, much of it in Yiddish. These old Yiddish greetings, a large number of which can be viewed at various online sites, are fascinating to look at, not only because they are generally more imaginative and creative

(not to say more sentimental) than their blander counterparts today, but because they remind us of how varied and multifaceted was the world of Yiddish-speaking Jewry in the decades before World War II.

Some of these cards are of a general nature. In one of obvious American provenance, because the

caption “A happy New Year” appears at its top beside *L’shanah tovah tikatevu*, “May you be inscribed for a good year,” a winged, female angel bends over a book, quill in

hand, while pausing to look up from it dreamily. Above her, a rhymed Yiddish stanza says:

*Farshrayb unz liber malekh
In bukh fun glik un lebn,
Un got der toyv vesalekh,
Er vet zayn heskem gebn.*

(“Inscribe us, dear angel, in the book of happiness and life, and may a good, forgiving God give His consent.”)

In a just as obviously East European card, *l’shanah tovah tikatevu* appears by itself above a carefully posed photograph of a family at a holiday table. The hosts are a middle-class-looking husband and wife, possibly but not necessarily observant, with their daughter and son; their guests are a younger, definitely religious couple, a man with a black beard and hat and a woman who seems to be the hostess’s sister. All except the boy, who is not old enough to drink, raise glasses in a toast.



We read:

*Mit familye bay dem tish
Trinkt zikh nay-yor dopelt frish.
Hoybt men hoykh di bekher vayn
Gliklikh zol dos mazl zayn!*

(“With one’s family at the table, one drinks in the new year with double zest. Each lifts high his glass of wine—may our luck bring us happiness!”)

The History of Rosh Hashanah Greetings ... “Yiddish-Style”

Many Yiddish Rosh Hashanah cards were addressed to children. In one, an angel stands by a telescope pointed at a starry sky while youngsters line up in a row in front of her, each awaiting his or her turn for a look. The accompanying text says:

*Kinderlakh!
Ir zeyt dem shtern
Fun dem nayan yor.
Ot azoy vet ayer
mazi
Oykh et likhten hel
un klor!*

(“Children! You see the star of a new year. Like them, may your good fortune also shine bright and clear!”)



Lovers were also a favorite theme.

One card shows a nattily dressed young man, a boater on his head and a neatly folded white handkerchief in his jacket pocket, mailing a letter. He thinks:

Ikh varf a brivele ot-do

Far ir, mayn tayerste fun ale.

Far ir a hartsign grus—a l'shanah tovah

Far mayn kale.

(“I’m posting a note to you, dearest to me of all. For you, a heartfelt greeting—a l’shanah tovah for my bride.”)



Personal Greetings ...

*Happy
Rosh Hashanah*

***Michael Schayer
and family***



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***Shana Tovah Tikatevu to the entire
Jewish Community of Edmonton***

***Dr. Cynthia
Blackman
& Joe Doz***



The History of Rosh Hashanah Greetings - *Yiddish-Style*

Another Rosh Hashanah card depicts still another angel watching a balance scale, one pan filled with gold coins and the other with a man and bright red heart. The heart outweighs the gold and the card's recipient is warned:

*Vegt der malekh harts un gelt,
Zay-zhe nisht genart:
Gelt iz blote she-b'blote,
Harts blaybt tomid tsart.*

("The angel is weighing a heart and money. Don't be fooled: money is the worst filth—a tender heart remains so.")

But not all Yiddish *shannah tovah* cards disdained wealth.

One that doesn't again shows a family seated around a table, this time staring in amazement at the front door. A messenger is standing there with a telegram informing it that it holds a winning lottery ticket:

*Es efnt di tir zikh in mit'n derinen
Un shrayt zikh der yidl: gevinen, gevinen!
Got hot aykh bashert itst a glik,
A freyd, a g'dile. khapt glaykh arum ale,
Der tat'n, di mam'n, der zun un di kale,
A simkhe az shtrolt yeder blik.*

("Out of nowhere the door opens and a Jew shouts: 'You've won! You've won! God has given you luck, joy, it's a great thing!' Everyone—father, mother, son, and daughter-in-law—is so joyous that every eye gleams.") May this or its like, the card's message is, be *your* happy lot in the year to come.

Some Rosh Hashanah cards signal the faction in the Jewish world to which their sender belonged. One, for example, shows three Jewish smiths with workingmen's caps laboring at a forge. A younger one places some sheet metal with the words *l'shanah tovah* on an anvil for an older one to hammer out. The Yiddish caption reads:

*Mir zaynen nay-yor shmidn,
Un shmidn oys atsind
Dos glik far ale yidn*

Un lebn un gezint.

("We forge the new year and are now forging good luck, life, and health for all Jews.")

Whether this was a Bundist or Communist greeting card is hard to say, but its proletarian and anti-religious airs (it is the working class, not God, that will determine Jewish fate!) are clear.

By contrast, no less clearly religiously Orthodox is a card in which a father and grandfather, both wearing *hasidic* *shtreimels* (fur hats), bless a small boy and girl against a background of shelves filled with sacred books:

*Zol dos yor aykh gebn koykhes
Tray tsu dinen unzer boyre,
Un balaykhten ayere moykhes
Mit dem mo'or fun zayn toyre!*

("May the new year give you the strength to serve our Creator truly and illuminate your minds with the light of His Torah!")

Zionist Rosh Hashanah cards abounded, too. In one, a toy train is pulled through green fields by a rosy-cheeked girl holding a sign that says *Nokh Erets-Yisroel*, "To the Land of Israel." Its open boxcars carry freight labeled "Strength," "Energy," "Action," etc., and the smoke from its engine trails off in white strips of paper that have "Certificate" (a visa for Palestine issued by the British Mandate government) written on them. Below the illustration are the words:

*Loyft a tsug nokh erets-yisroel
Fol hofnung un bitokhen.
'Sbrengt dos yor unz dokh
Dos emes'n nitsokhen!*

("A train is running to the Land of Israel, full of hope and faith. It's bringing us true victory this very year!")



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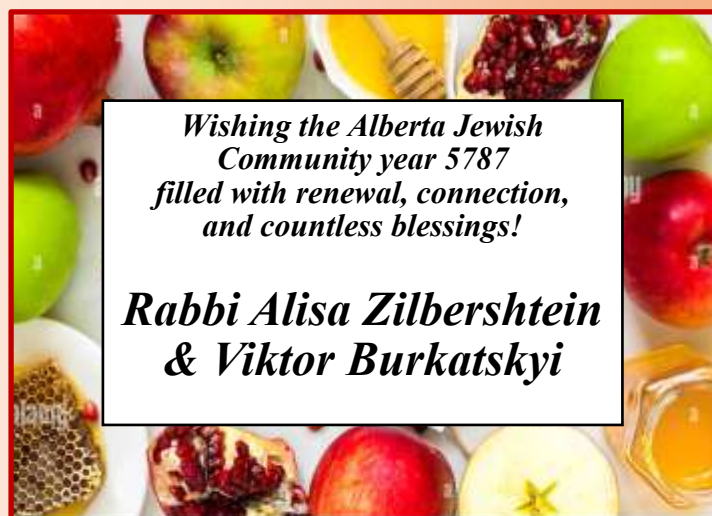
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***Jill Spaner Bellack
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***May the New Year 5787 be sweet,
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Lesley Jacobson

The History of Rosh Hashanah Greetings - *Yiddish-Style*

For the many young Jews who were neither Communist, Bundist, religiously Orthodox, nor Zionist, but simply wanted to get ahead in life and enjoy it, there was also no lack of new-year cards. Many of these were illustrated with such symbols of modernity as automobiles, airplanes, bicycles, and even hot-air balloons.



In one, seven brightly dressed young passengers on an outing gaily wave *shanah tovah* placards from a model-T sports car and proclaim:

*Mir zogn on, mir zogn on,
Es kumt a yor a nayer!
Ervakht-zhe shnel tsu likht un freyd,
Vert toygander un frayer!*

("We're telling you, we're telling you: a new year's on its way! Quick, awake to light and joy, be better and be freer!")

And a young couple jointly gripping the steering wheel of what looks like a Wright Brothers flying machine declare:

*Mir zogn aykh di bsoyre on:
Es kumt a nayer tsayt
Fun likht un shayn, fun glik un freyd,
Di velt zi vert banayt.*

("We're bringing you the tidings: A new age is on its way with light and shine, with happiness and joy. The world is being reborn!")



The products of the Yiddish greeting-card industry are a reminder of how wonderfully varied was the world of Yiddish-speaking Jewry.

Some Vintage Rosh Hashanah Cards ...



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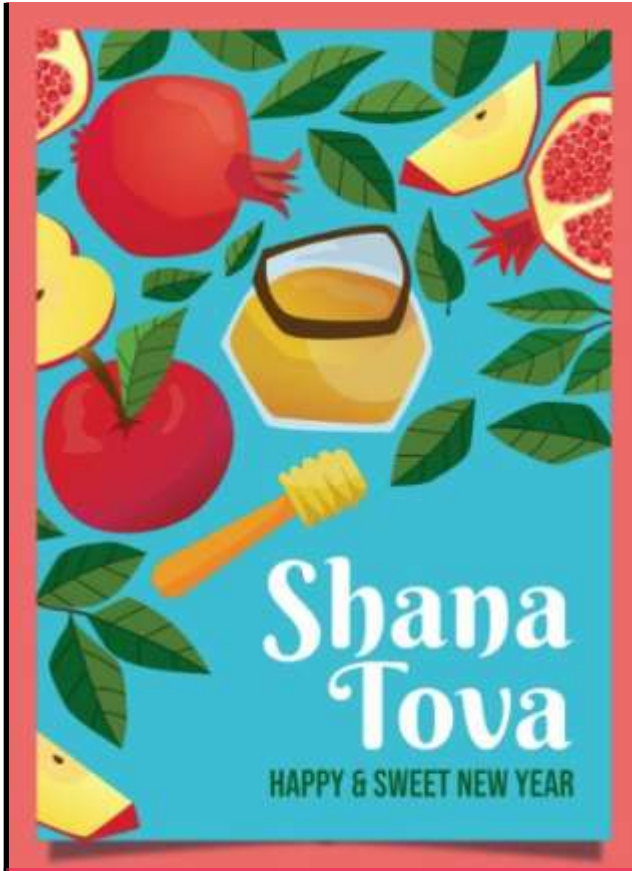


This Rosh Hashanah card pictures a woman ... shopping for Rosh Hashanah cards.

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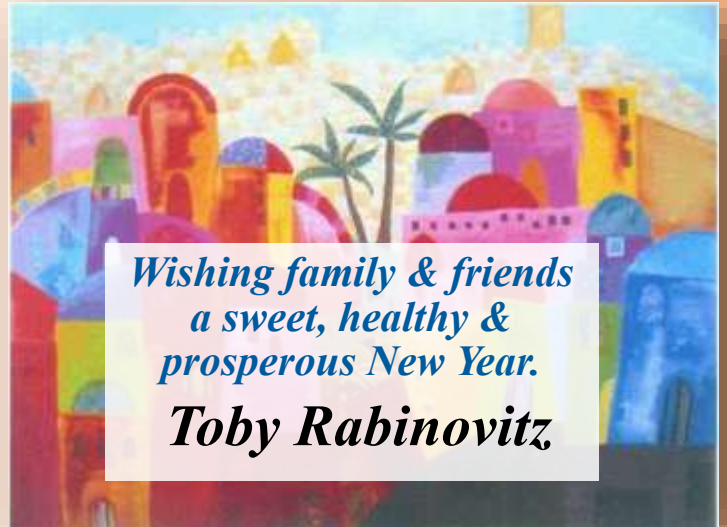


Personal Greetings ...



*Wishing you a sweet, healthy and
prosperous New Year.*

*Marshall & Sharon
Hundert and Family*



*Wishing family & friends
a sweet, healthy &
prosperous New Year.*

Toby Rabinovitz



*May the
New Year 5787
be sweet,
peaceful, happy &
prosperous.*

*The
Lerner
Family*



*Shana Tova
Tikatevu
to the entire
Jewish community.*

*Melanie Garver
(Palm Springs, CA)*



שנה טוב

Shana Tova Tikatevu
Happy New Year to all!

*Alexey & Yuliya
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Some Vintage R.H. Cards ...



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Rosh Hashanah card, Imperial Russia, Czar Nicholas as Kappores ...

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happy and prosperous year for all.*

Dr. Eric Schloss



*Wishing you a sweet, healthy
and prosperous New Year*

Margaret Friedman

Some Vintage R.H. Cards ...



Happy New Year!

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Personal Greetings ...

*May the New Year 5787 be a sweet,
peaceful, happy and prosperous
year for all.*



***Paul & Regina
Polushin***

*Wishing family &
friends a sweet,
healthy and
prosperous
New Year.*

***Esther, Marvin
& Janet Karrel***



*Wishing the Jewish communities of
Edmonton & Calgary a sweet, healthy
and prosperous New Year.*



***Leon & Zhanna
Uritsky
Dimitry & Shir
& Family
and Jason***



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be a sweet, peaceful,
happy and prosperous
year for all.*

***Rachel
Shifren***



*Shana Tovah Tikatevu to the entire
Jewish Community*

***Maneesha
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*May the New Year 5787 be a sweet,
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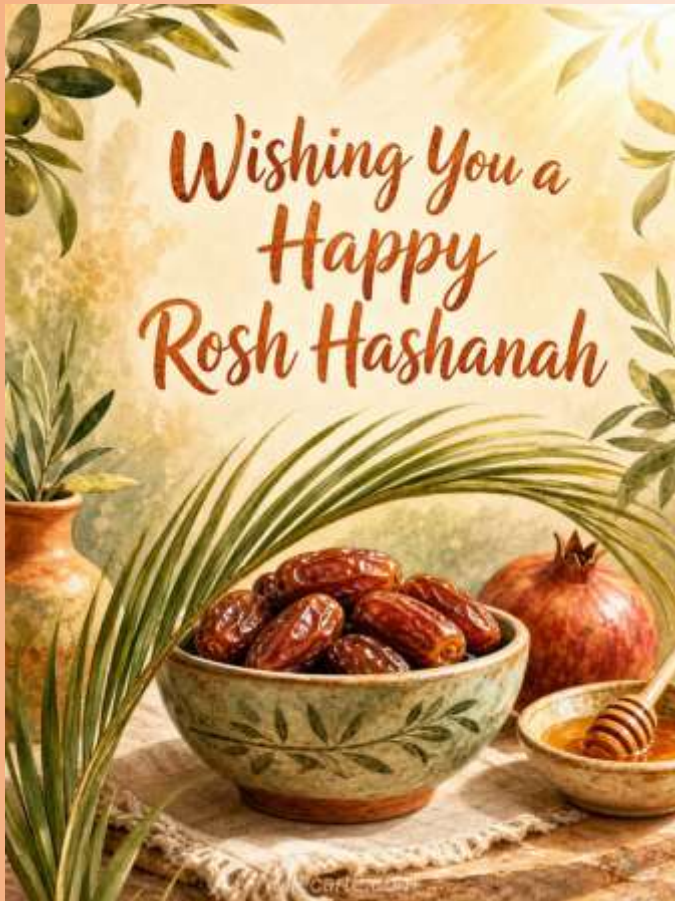
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Sukonnik
& Family***



*May the New Year 5787 be a sweet,
peaceful, happy and prosperous
year for all.*

***Chico Felber
& Lorraine Mansbridge***

Personal Greetings ...



*Wynne & Harvey Thal
and Family
(Calgary)*

May this New Year be sweet, healthy
and happy. L' shanah Tovah!
Happy Rosh Hashanah!

The Soifer Family



*Shana Tova Tikatevu
to the Jewish communities in
Edmonton & Calgary*

*Annabelle Bondar
(Calgary)*



*Shana Tovah Tikatevu to the entire Jewish
communities of Edmonton & Calgary.*

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& Marilyn
Glick and
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