



Faith: Judaism

Rosh HaShanah

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Rosh HaShanah is a two-day holiday that marks the New Year in Judaism. It's the beginning of the High Holy Days (also called the High Holidays or Days of Awe), a ten-day long period of repentance that ends with Yom Kippur.

Date

Annually on 1 Tishrei and 2 Tishrei, usually in September or early October on the Gregorian calendar.

Greetings

The most common greeting is “Shanah Tovah,” which means “Have a good year!” You can also say “Happy new year!”

Common Practices and Celebrations

- Eating sweet or light-colored food to portend a sweet and light new year
- Attending services at a synagogue

Impact at Northwestern

Expect that observers of this holiday will be unavailable this day.

If you would like to learn more or need help navigating accommodations, please visit the Office of the Provost’s [Policy on Academic Accommodations for Religious Holidays](#).

Campus Resources

- northwesternhillel.org/

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