

Yom Kippur

Ten days after Rosh Hashanah, Jews celebrate the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur. It is a special day when they try to be at one with God, that's what atonement means. It is a serious time, with no parties or presents. On the eve of Yom Kippur the family usually gathers for a special meal before they fast on Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur has 3 special parts;

TESHUVAH Repentance or saying sorry, **PRAYER** Talking to God, **FASTING** Going without food.

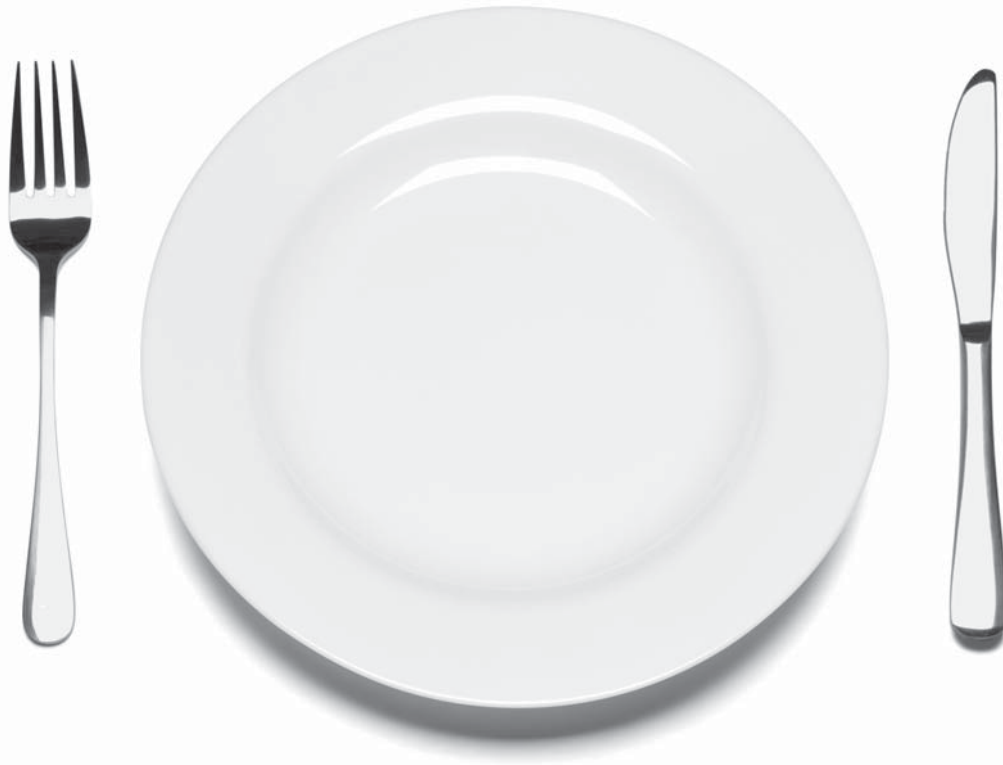
Jews spend a great deal of time in the Synagogue on Yom Kippur, and they listen to the story of Jonah that teaches the consequences of trying to escape from God.

It is also the time for the Shofar to be blown, reminding people it's their last chance to gain a place in God's good book, as the book of life is closed for another year.

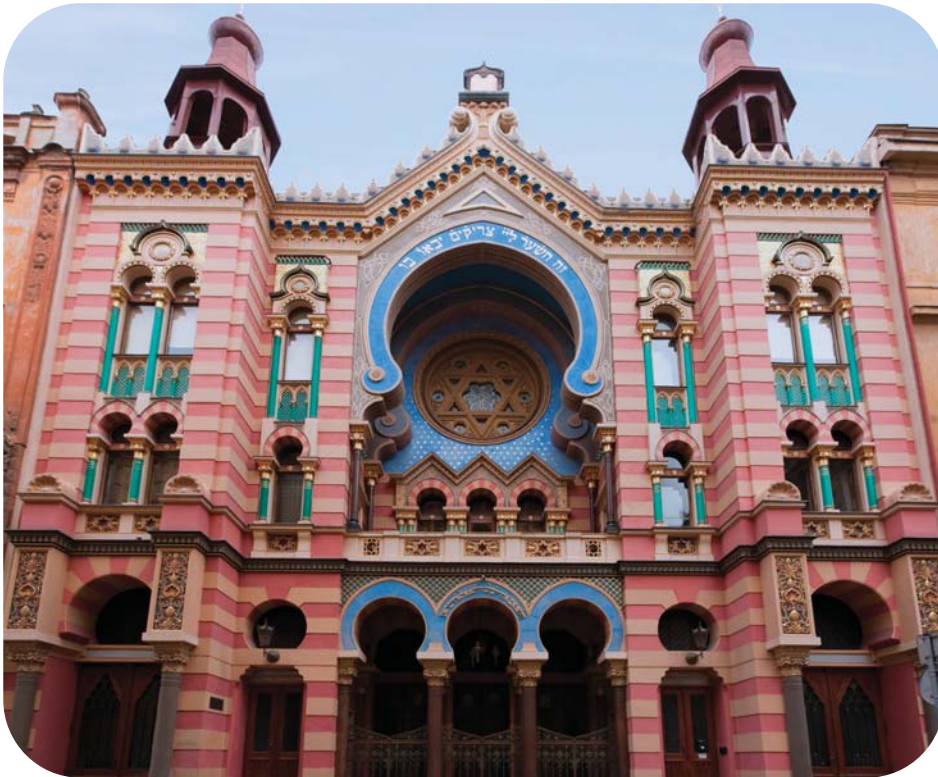


- 1** Sit down with the children and show them the series of pictures overleaf. You may wish to lay the sheets out either on a table or the floor, and then read the story.
- 2** Ask the children the following questions and discuss them:-
Look at the pictures in the story. Which ones do you like? Which ones do you not like?
Ask the children to look at the Story of Jonah (found as a separate story on iChild) and talk about the things they do not like doing.
Talk about things they might do wrong and how they might try to put them right.
Talk about how they would feel if they went without food for a whole day? What would they miss?
- 3** You will also find additional Yom Kippur activities and resources on iChild.

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**Yom Kippur is a day
when Jews do not eat.
This is called fasting.**



They spend a lot of the day in the Synagogue saying sorry for all they have done wrong, and trying to remain close to God.



They pray to God and read about God. They learn about people who tried to argue with God, such as Jonah.



The Shofar is blown to mark the end of Yom Kippur and the closure of the Book of Life. Yom Kippur is then over for another year.