

What happens and why? Exploring Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

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In the table below are a selection of keywords connected to the Jewish 'Days of Awe'. Draw a Venn diagram with two circles, one for each festival. Put the keywords in the correct circle, the overlap or outside: are they related to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, both, or neither?

Candles	Book of Life	Creation
Cantor	Challah/bread	Fasting
Confession	Day of Atonement	God
Fish and dairy	Gates of heaven	Jewish New Year
Forgiveness	Jonah	'On this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the Lord, you will be clean from all your sins.' (Leviticus 16:30)
Good and bad deeds	Kol Nidrei service	Rabbi
'G'mar hatima tova' - 'May you be inscribed in the book of life'.	Pomegranate seeds	Roast chicken
Harvest	Repentance	Shabbat
High Priest	Scapegoat	'Shana Tova' – 'have a good year'.
Honey cake and apples	Self-examination	Shofar/ram's horn
Judgment	Selichot – penitential prayer	Sin
Neilah service	Synagogue	Tashlich/casting out
Prayer	Ten Days of Penitence	Ten days of returning
Reflection	'There was evening, there was morning, the first day.' (Genesis 1:5)	'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.' (Yeshayahu / Isaiah 1:18)
Sacrifice	Torah	Tishri (7 th month)
White scroll mantles represent purity	Torah readings	Tzedekah /charity