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Dear St. Mary's,

Thank you for your card. I am going to tell you a bit about Rosh Hashanah.

Even the name means something: Head of the Year or the New Year.

Rosh Hashanah Names

The other three names are: Yom Teruah which means the day of blowing the shofar (this will be described later); Yom Hazikaron means the day of remembrance and Yom Hadin means the day of judgement.

Shofar

This is a ram's horn, which is blown to awaken the Jewish people to bring them back to G-d – a bit like an alarm clock!



Apple and Honey

These signify a sweet new year

A Fishhead

This signifies the head of the year – not the tail! And its eyes are always open showing how G-d is always watching.



Challah

Normal
challah

Normal challah is plaited for the Sabbath but on Rosh Hashana challah is round to signify the circle of life. It often is sweetened with honey and raisins.

Rosh Hashanah challah



I hope this helps you learn a little about the wonderful festival of Rosh Hashana.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel
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