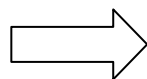


Rosh Hashanah is here! It's a new Jewish year.
The new year is 5774 and I am going to celebrate.



That says *Shanah Tovah*.
It means "a good year" in Hebrew.



*I am going to a New Year service
at East Midwood Jewish Center
on Sunday morning.*

*East Midwood Jewish Center is in a very big, old building.
First, I'll go into the lobby. Then I'll go up the stairs
or I'll take the elevator to the second floor.*



The service will be in a big room
called the Grand Ballroom.
It's a really pretty room!
These are the doors to go in.
I'll find a comfortable place
to sit in the Grand Ballroom.
I might hear someone say
"Happy New Year!" to me.
I might say "Happy New Year" too!





Cantor Sam will lead the service.
A cantor is someone with an
especially good singing voice.
Cantor Sam will sing a lot.
He will also play the guitar.
Cantor Sam will probably invite
me and everyone else to sing, too.
Maybe I will!

Cantor Sam will also tell us about Rosh Hashanah. He'll explain interesting ideas about our holiday and the new year. He'll teach us what many Jewish people do when they come to a synagogue.

I will hear some prayers and a story.
I'll do good listening.

*Other people will help Cantor Sam lead the service.
Ben will play the conga drum!*



*Ben and Cantor Sam will have different instruments for me
and everyone else to play. I might decide to give it a try!*

Joseph will blow the shofar!
The shofar is a special horn.
Joseph will explain about the
sounds it makes and he'll blow it
in different ways. Some sounds
will be loud and some will be soft.
Maybe some will be squeaky.

I can join in by singing a fun
shofar song. Cantor Sam will
teach it to everyone.





When Cantor Sam takes the Torah out of the ark, it will be time for dancing and more singing. The Torah will be carried around the Grand Ballroom. I might see some people touch or kiss the Torah because it is very special to many Jews. Cantor Sam will open the Torah and read a part of it. He'll explain the words and what they mean. I think I'll hear an interesting story!

Pretty soon it will be time to finish the service.

I may want to do an art project by myself or with a partner.

I may want to eat some special new year foods. There will be apples and honey, challah, and other treats.

I may want to wish more people a happy new year.

Maybe I will tell them in Hebrew. I'll say l'shanah tovah!

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