

## **Jewish Experiences in the Nursery School: An Aid for Home Reinforcement**

### **Yom Kippur**

Yom Kippur - The Day of Atonement - is on the tenth day after the start of Rosh Hashanah. It brings to a close the ten days of penitence. For Jews it is the most solemn day of the year. It is a day of fasting and prayer. Yom Kippur is a time of reflection and taking stock. It is the day we resolve to do the good and decent things that people should do for one another. We think about mistakes we may have made and promise ourselves to work to avoid their repetition. If, as adults, we offer an apology to a child for a wrongdoing or misjudgment, and explain how we will try not to do it again, the intent and the impact of this holiday can be very powerful.

Services at the synagogue continue for the entire day and are concluded by one long blast of the shofar. Tradition teaches us that during these days our past deeds are weighed and at the close of Yom Kippur the heavenly books are sealed with each one's fate for the coming year.

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown the evening before. Yom Kippur will begin at sundown, \_\_\_\_\_, and continue until nightfall, \_\_\_\_\_.