

Days of DISTINCTION



YOM KIPPUR



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The culmination of the Yamim Noraim (Days of Awe) is the fast day of Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement).

This is the day at the conclusion of which, according to tradition, God seals the Books of Life and Death for the coming year. The day is devoted to communal repentance for sins committed over the course of the previous year. Because of the nature of **YOM KIPPUR** and its associated rituals, it is the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar.

The History: A ritual for the expiation of sins was in existence already during biblical times. However, it was only during the Second Temple Period that **YOM KIPPUR** assumed central importance as a day of mourning and abstention. By the Rabbinic Period, it had become the most important day in the Jewish liturgical calendar, an importance that the day has retained until the modern period.

Website:

www.myjewishlearning.com/holidays/Yom_Kippur/PrimerYomKippur.htm?GL=true&gclid=CPLg3uW_tZQCFR0RnQodvktBUA

