



## The Rosh HaShanah Window

The sighting of the new moon and the lighting of bonfires announces Rosh HaShanah.

The shofar notes are sounded – *tekiah*, *shevarim*, *teruah*, *tekiah* – proclaiming the threefold nature of Rosh HaShanah. We celebrate the anniversary of the world's creation, and the day of renewing the bond between God and Israel, shown by Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac until an angel stays his hand. The sea is a dual

symbol of the chaos produced by sin, or the calming, purifying waters in the Tashlich ceremony. The swarm of fish symbolises the proliferation of good deeds, their eyes never closing, like God who always watches us.