

Introduction for the Participants

“Days of Awe” is a set of three celebrations done over three consecutive weeks in early fall that draws inspiration from the Jewish holidays of the Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah), Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), and the Feast of Booths (Sukkot).

Celebrating the Days of Awe provides an occasion to reflect on the wonderful ways God is at work, both in the past (Atonement Celebration), present (Provision Celebration), and the future (Coming Celebration). It serves as a Christian counterpart to one of the three major Jewish festivals that the people of God were required to keep in perpetuity (Shalosh Regalim), the only one that does not already have a counterpart in church tradition. It also rounds out the liturgical calendar nicely, providing a celebration in the midst of a long period of “ordinary time”.