

YOM-KIPPUR: DAY OF ATONEMENT 2021 CHURCH GUIDELINES

1. When is Day of Atonement?

- Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Astronomical Dusk through Friday, September 17, 2021 at Astronomical Dusk (Step by step instructions for your local area are on page 3)
- Leviticus 23:27 *“Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord”*
- Service time: Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 8:30PM Central Time (Memphis, TN) & Friday, September 17, 2021 at 6:00AM Pacific Time (Southern California)

2. Can I go to work?

- No: Leviticus 23:28_30-31 *“28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God 30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. 31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.”*

3. Can I eat food or drink liquids?

- No: It is a fast unto Elohim
- Leviticus 23:29 *“For whatsoever soul it be that **shall not be afflicted** in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.”*
- Leviticus 16:29-30 *“29 And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, **ye shall afflict your souls**, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: 30 For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.”*
- Ezra 8:21 *“Then **I proclaimed a fast there**, at the river of Ahava, **that we might afflict ourselves before our God**, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.”*
- Isaiah 58:5 *“**Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul?** is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?”*

4. How long are we to fast (abstain from food & drink)?

- Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Astronomical Dusk through Friday, September 17, 2021 at Astronomical Dusk (Step by step instructions are on page 3)
- You should have finished your last meal before twilight (sunset) on 09/16/21. Torah instructs us to have our last meal while it is still the ninth day and begin fasting a little before the start of the tenth day (Evening twilight while it is transitioning from the 9th to 10th of the Biblical month Ethanim.) Your last meal should not be within one hour of the start of Yom Kippur: Day of Atonement. By the time twilight starts you should not be eating anymore. So for example here in Memphis, Tennessee Astronomical Dusk (twilight ends & night begins) will be at 8:30pm. This is when the Day of Atonement (10th Day of 7th Month) starts here in Memphis. So my last meal will be before sunset at 7:05pm; with my fast

commencing during twilight (civil, nautical, & astronomical) 7:06pm-8:30pm while the ninth day is ending and transitioning to the tenth day. Fast time=25-26 hours

- Leviticus 23:32 *"It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath."*

5. Can I brush my teeth?

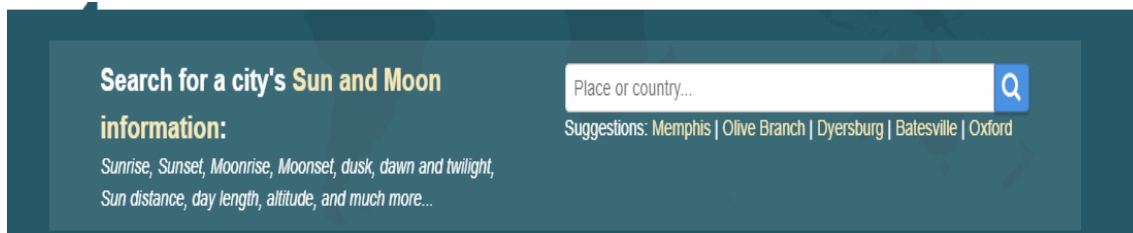
- Yes

6. What about children?

- That is up to the parents. If you feel they can handle it or if they say they want to do it that is your choice. The age of accountability according to the Torah is 20 years old.
- Numbers 1:1-3 *"1 And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls; 3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies."*
- Numbers 32:11 *"Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me."*

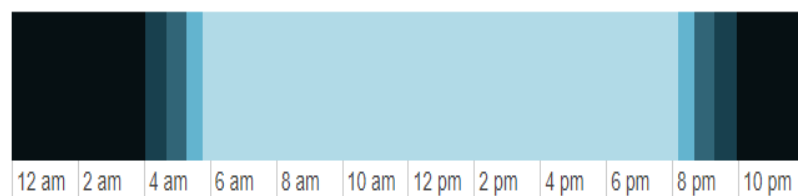
INSTRUCTION FOR DETERMINING THE START AND END OF YOM KIPPUR:

1. Go to <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/search.html?query=>
2. Search for your location here



3. When the new page comes up, scroll down to the middle of the page. Where it says “Night, Twilight, and Daylight Times in your city Today”. Once here on the right you will see listed when Astronomical Twilight ends (Astro. Dusk) and Night begins. This is when the Day of Atonement starts Thursday 09/16/21 for your local area. Remember to start fasting before twilight/sunset while it is still technically the 9th day of Ethanim. Repeat again for 09/17/21 to see when it ends. This will be when your fast ends.

Night, Twilight, and Daylight Times in Memphis Today



Day, night, and twilight times in Memphis today. Black is nighttime, light blue is daytime. The darker blue shadings represent the twilight phases during dawn (left) and dusk (right). Hover over the graph for more information. [How to use this >](#)

■ Night	12:00 am – 4:01 am
■ Astro. Twilight	4:01 am – 4:41 am
■ Nautical Twilight	4:41 am – 5:17 am
■ Civil Twilight	5:17 am – 5:46 am
■ Daylight	5:46 am – 8:10 pm
■ Civil Twilight	8:10 pm – 8:39 pm
■ Nautical Twilight	8:39 pm – 9:15 pm
■ Astro. Twilight	9:15 pm – 9:55 pm
■ Night	9:55 pm – 11:59 pm

4. So using the image above as an example, Yom Kippur would start at 9:55pm. You do the same steps the next day to determine when it ends.