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WELCOMING THE SWEET NEW YEAR FOR JEWISH VICTORIANS

Victorian Jews will today begin celebrations to acknowledge Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) Chin Tan said Victoria is home to the largest Jewish population in Australia and it is a special time of celebration for them.

“The two day Jewish New Year celebration involves prayers, introspection and the symbolic release of any sins from the year just past,” Mr Tan said.

“It’s also a time to heed the call of the shofar and worship at the synagogue with family and friends, while making commitments for the coming year.

“The beginning of a new year is always a great time to plan how to live a better life in the year ahead, contribute to the community and share your culture with others in peace and harmony.

“I look forward to sharing the traditional meal of challah bread and apples dipped in honey with my friends, signifying the sweet new year ahead.

“On behalf of the VMC, I wish all Victorian Jews a happy Rosh Hashanah and a safe and prosperous new year.

“Shana tovah!” he said.

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