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I urge the Committee to amend the legislation to include Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as new state holidays as well. Just as Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha are the most important holidays in Islam, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the most important holidays in Judaism. All the strong arguments in favor of recognizing Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as new state holidays also apply to recognizing the High Holy Days. And, at a time of record-setting antisemitism and Islamophobia, passing these four holidays into law together would send an unmistakable message to Jews and Muslims alike: you are welcome and wanted here in Maine.