

## Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Corner

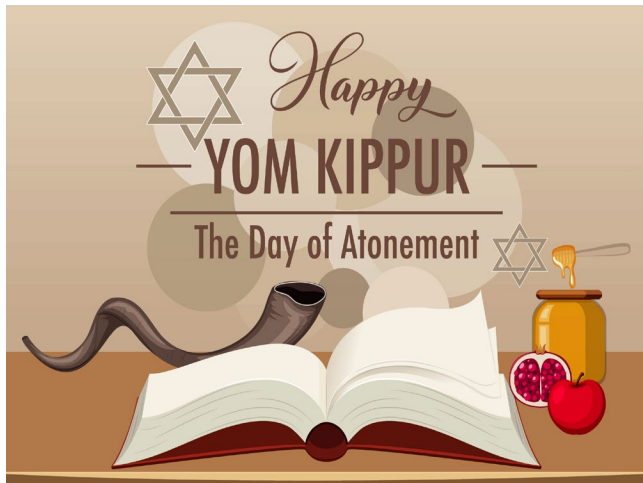
### This Month's Happenings: September 2023

#### Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15 – 10/15

[Hispanic Heritage Month](#) is an annual celebration of the history and culture of the U.S. Latino and Hispanic communities. This joyous month begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, with Mexico and Chile celebrating their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively. [Cincinnati Hispanic Heritage Month](#) is hosting many celebrations throughout the month, including Salsa on the Square, Hispanic Heritage Festival, LatinArte Festival, FCC Noche Latina, and more. Check out their page to learn more!



#### Yom Kippur 9/24-25



[Yom Kippur](#), or the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish year. Yom Kippur takes place every fall, ten days after [Rosh Hashanah](#). During the 25-hours of Yom Kippur, starting at sundown, individuals aim to reach reconciliation with God via prayer, meditation, and fasting. The day before Yom Kippur, a special meal is shared with family and friends, ending in candlelight to mark the fast to begin. Other traditions include wearing white to represent purity, avoiding leather shoes, and visiting cemeteries to remember those who have passed. Yom Kippur ends with a large meal to celebrate the beginning of the new year with friends and family.