

Jewish holidays: Pope calls for strengthening of friendship



Pope Francis greeting Rome's chief Rabbi, Riccardo Di Segni, during a meeting in 2015. - OSS_ROM

(Vatican Radio, 1 October 2016) Pope Francis has sent greetings in a message to the Jewish community of Rome and throughout the world to mark three upcoming Jewish holidays, Rosh Hashanah 5777, (the Jewish New Year), the Yom Kippur Day of Atonement and Sukkot, the Feast of the Booths or Tabernacles. In the message addressed to the chief Rabbi of Rome, Riccardo Di Segni, the Pope expressed his hope that the upcoming holidays would bring “abundant blessings.” He wrote: "May the Almighty grant us the untiring desire to promote peace and strengthen the cordial links of friendship between us.”