

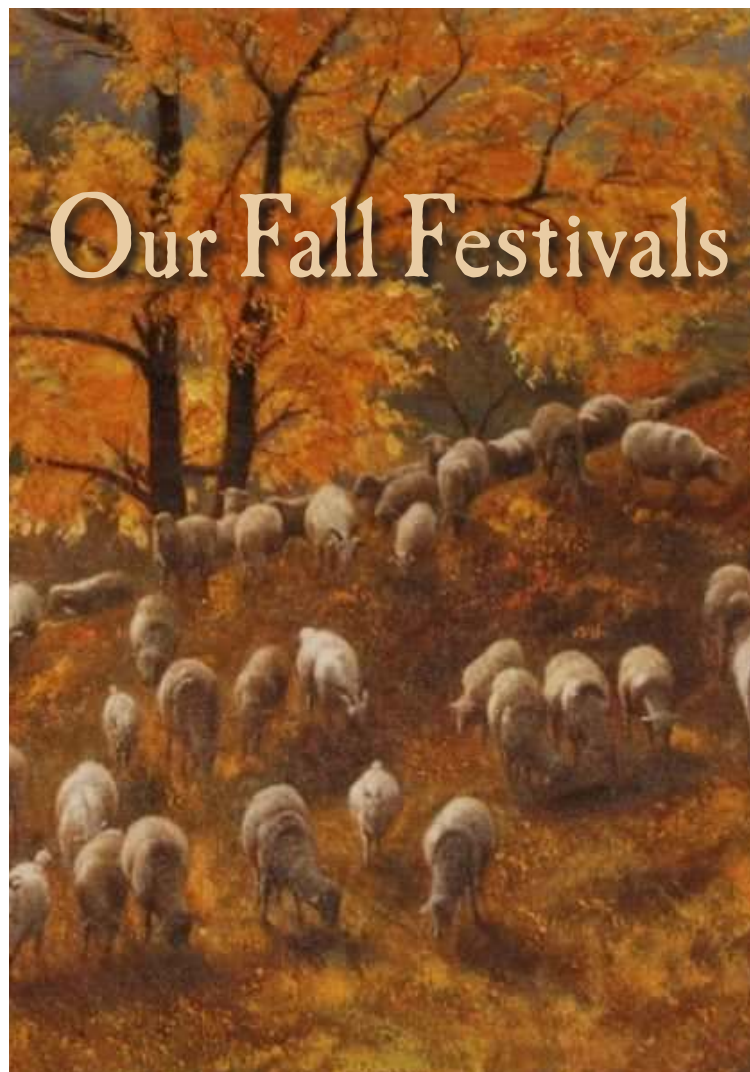
Dear customers, we are entering
the season of our fall festivals.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE
OF THE DATES
WE WILL BE CLOSED.**

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We are looking forward
to serving you again.

*Your friends from
Farma Ovčárna*



In the fall there are two very special festivals. Some people call them Jewish holidays because at some point in history Christians quit keeping them while the Jews continued to consider them important.

YOM KIPPUR (Day of Atonement)

The first festival is called Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement. This festival is about “soul searching” to make sure we are living a life pleasing to God, and are not being hypocrites. It is actually a ten day period, starting with the blowing of trumpets to alert us that it is that time of year to seek God in a special way. Some people call that day Rosh HaShannah and celebrate it as a sort of New Year’s Day, for it was the end of the old and the beginning of the new agricultural year for old Israel. Listen for trumpets sounding all day long on that day if you happen to be near us in Skalná.

The festival ends with the very holy day called Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement, when the whole nation of Israel would have their sins atoned for if they were faithful to confess and forsake them. Though most people do not consider it relevant to keep these feasts nowadays, there is a small number who are starting to acknowledge that these feasts should actually still be very important holidays. But we here are just simple believers without grand doctrinal statements. We keep these festivals because we love the clarity of our Father’s word, and we see how the festivals point to our Savior. We do not see anywhere in the Bible a command that would make us think that these feasts have been canceled. And because we know of the great sacrifice of the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world, our Day of Atonement is very meaningful. So, every fall we close for this day of “Yom Kippur”.

We have lots of Bible study and prayer during these ten days. We enjoy the wonderful feeling of being fresh and clean after this time of intense honesty.



SUKKOT (Feast of Booths)

Just a few days later we have a very interesting festival of joy called the “Feast of Booths” or the “Feast of Tabernacles”. We are not closed during this whole weeklong feast, but only on the first and last days of it.

This is our most joyful festival of the whole year. We all move out of our comfy houses into homemade huts and little tents. We sleep for seven days in our little booths and appreciate the stars at night (and sometimes the blowing rain which also comes at that time of year). Well, it makes us thankful for our blessings. The children love this time of year as the cool autumn winds begin to blow. They help build the little booths and snuggle in them with their parents at night. We cook our meals on an open fire. That is a very happy time in our community. We invite all our friends and neighbors to drop by our campsite in the evening to sing songs and hear stories around the campfire. And you are also invited!

Since we go by the Biblical calendar, which follows the phases of the moon, each year it falls on a different day of the week. This poses different challenges for our store, as it sometimes clashes with our normal opening/closing hours.

So, in order to keep up with all these nice festival days, we have made a little calendar so that you can plan ahead. If you arrive at our stores and find them closed in September and October at a time you did not expect, we are so sorry for your inconvenience.

But anyway, if you’d like to meet us, come and visit us during our Feast of Booths from the 12. to 19. of October in Skalná.

YOU ARE INVITED!

