

We are going to join together at 5:00 PM via ZOOM Erev Rosh HaShanah to welcome the new year with a series of creative blessings, asking for God's favor. The blessings themselves are plays on words. Many are puns. Some are about the food item itself. Some are found in the Talmud; others are of more modern vintage. The foods should all be readily available at the grocery store. You can join in on the fun whether or not you have the food items. After we do these together, time will be given for anyone who wishes to share your own creative Rosh HaShanah blessing, in the language of your choice (Hebrew, English, Russian, French - you do you.) Most of the blessings begin:

Yehi ratzon milfanekha, Adonai Elohenu v'Elohei avotaneu . . .

On Fruits:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה אֵ-לֹהֵינוּ מֵלֵךְ הַעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פִּרִי הַעֵץ

Olives

May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, that we **all live** up to our potentials.

Dates tamar

יָהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפָנֵיךּ ה' אֱ־לֹהֵינוּ וַאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֻׁיִּ**תְּמוּ שִּׂנְאָתַנוּ** sheyitamu sinatenu

May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, that hatred cease (sheyitamu)

Pomegranate rimon

יָהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךְ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וַאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁיִּרְבּוּ זְכֵיוֹתֵנוּ **כְּרְמוֹן**

sheyirbu zehuyotenu k'**rimon**

May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, that we may multiply our merits like the seeds of the pomegranate.

On Vegetables:

בַּרוּךְ אַתַּה ה אֵ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הַעוֹלַם בּוֹרֵא פָּרִי הַאַדַמַה

Squash qarah or Carrots gezer

יָהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךְּ ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ וַאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שִׁיִּקְרַע רֹעַ גְּנָר דְינֵנוּ ארע ה'ע גּוָר דִינֵנוּ shevikra ro'a g'zar dinenu

May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, to annul the severity of the decree.

Beet selek

יָהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפָנֵיף ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ וַאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֵׁיִ**סְתַּלְקוּ** אוֹיְבֵינוּ יָהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפָנֵיף ה' she 'vistalku oyvenu

May it be Your will, O Lord and Lord of our ancestors that our enemies be **beaten** (yistalku) away.

Head rosh (fish, sheep, lettuce or cabbage)

ן לא לְזָנֶב אָבוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁנְהָיֶה לְרֹאשׁ וְלֹא לְזָנֶב יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֵיךְ ה' אֵ-לֹהֵינוּ וַאַלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁנְהְיֶה לְרֹאשׁ וְלֹא לְזָנֶב shenihiye l'**rosh** v'lo l'zanav

May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, that we be at the **head** and not at the tail.

Onion batzal

יָהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךּ ה' אֶ-לֹהֵינוּ וַאלֹהֵי אָבוֹתִינוּ שֶׁבְּ**צֵל** כָּנַפֵּיךְּ תַּסְתִּירֵנוּ

she'b'zel kinafekha tastireinu

May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, that we be sheltered in the **shade (b'zel)** of Your wings.

On Other Foods:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֶ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַכֹּל נִהְיָה בִּדְבָרוֹ

Cinnamon

May we each learn to avoid sin, amen!

Apples and Honey

יָהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךּ ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ וַאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתִינוּ שֶׁתְּחַדֵּשׁ עָלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה

Yehi ratzon milfanekha, Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avotaneu, she'tihadesh aleinu shanah tovah u'metukah.

May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, that You renew for us a good and sweet new year.

New fruit

(For the second night of RH)

בָּרוּף אַתָּה ה' אֵ-לֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶף הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֲיָנוּ וְקּיְמֵנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ לֹזִּמֵן הַזָּה

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe for keeping us alive, sustaining us, and allowing us to reach this day

