

Other SIMANIM for Leil Rosh HaShana

As we indicated, we have presented in the link for SIMANIM, a standard set of SIMANIM. But there are others, to be found on other presentations of SEDER LEIL ROSH HASHANA. For example:

- **OLIVES** (If you use olives, they have the highest priority for BOREI P'RI HA'EITZ and therefore should be taken first, with all other fruits in mind):

יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
שְׁנֵהֲיָהּ רְעֻנָּיִם כְּזֵיתִים וְיִהְיוּ בָּנוּ כְּשֵׁתִילֵי זֵיתִים סָבִיב לְשִׁלְחָנוֹ:

- **EGG** (SHEHAKOL, assuming that the whole set of SIMANIM is not considered to be a 'normal' part of the meal, hence not covered by HAMOTZI)

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שְׁתֵּהָא שְׁנָה זוֹ לְבָנָה עָלֵינוּ כְּבִיצָה:

The above two items are from a Bencher + Seder Rosh HaShana that was given out at a recent wedding. In addition, there was a different version of Y'HI RATZON for APPLE & HONEY:

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שְׁתֵּהָא שְׁנָה זוֹ מִתּוֹקָה עָלֵינוּ כְּדָבָשׁ:

In addition to the 'serious' Y'HI RATZONS, here is an old favorite among the 'whimsical' (maybe light-hearted is a better term) SIMANIM:

- **A lettuce leaf, half of a raisin, and a stalk of celery:**

MAY IT BE YOUR WILL, HASHEM, TO LET US HAVE A RAISE IN SALARY.

Ed. note: The following are some homemade suggestions for more SIMANIM. Some are more serious than others. All are intended to ask HaShem for good things in the coming year. I'd be careful of using SHEIM HASHEM in any of the homemade types of SIMANIM, but Y'HI RATZON MIL'FANECHA is a safe opening phrase. HASHEM ELOKEINU... rather than His actual names can be added, as well. I don't know if the term 'fun' is appropriate, but asking good things from G-d with a smile seems acceptable.

- **CABBAGE (K'RUV) and/or CAULIFLOWER (K'RUVIT):**

... MAY YOU RESTORE THE BEIT HAMIKDASH - WITH THE ARON AND THE K'RUVIM.

- **GRAPES** (unless you follow the custom of the GR"A not to eat grapes on Rosh HaShana) - different spelling but a SIMAN nonetheless:

G-D, HELP US BE HUMBLE, SO WE WILL BE ANAVIM.

- **BUTTERNUT SQUASH (DOLARIT)**

MAY WE EARN MORE DOLLARS (AND OTHER CURRENCIES) SO THAT WE CAN HELP OTHERS WITH THEM.

- **PEACH (AFARSEIK):**

HELP GUIDE JEWS FROM **AFAR** TO COME TO LIVE IN ERETZ YISRAEL, FOR YOUR **SAKE** (AND THEIRS).

- **SH'NITZEL** (MBCSEY from way back):

SHENINATZEIL MEI-O-Y'VEINU (may we be saved from our enemies)

Others from MBCSEY:

- **RED PEPPER (GAMBA):**

MAY WE SUCCEED, GAM B'LIMUD TORAH AND GAM B'AVODA.

- **EGGPLANT (CHATZIL):**

MAY WE SHARE GOOD FORTUNE WITH OTHERS
- CHATZI LAHEM AND CHATZI LANU

- **T'CHINA: SHE-YISHMA T'CHINATEINU** (May He hear our supplication)

- **CHUMUS: HELP US, HASHEM, VANQUISH HAMAS** (and other enemies).

- **QUINOA** (not to be pronounced KIN-WA):

MAY WE LOVE ERETZ YISRAEL K'NO'A, Machla, Chogla, Milka, & Tirtza

- **SALMON** (pronounced the way Hebrew speakers do):

MAY WE BE AS WISE AS KING SOLOMON.

Feel free to come up with new SIMANIM on your own. Challenge your children and guests to find new ones. Most importantly, have a Good Yom Tov.

Some of these extra SIMANIM can be had and said during the meal, and not necessarily at the beginning, as is traditional with the 'regular' SIMANIM.