



Erev Rosh Hashanah Seder

September 11, 2020

I am writing with an unusual but fun pre-*Rosh Hashanah* request to help you prepare for our *Erev Rosh Hashanah* experience this year. I'm hoping you will shop for the items listed below when you shop for your *Rosh Hashanah* preparation, and plan to join us at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 18, for an *Erev Rosh Hashanah Seder*.

There is a *Sephardic* custom to have a *seder* on *Erev Rosh Hashanah*. Since we are in our own homes for the holidays this year, I have crafted a unique *Erev Rosh Hashanah* experience that will include aspects of prayer, music, and *seder*!

Just as we use symbols to create meaning that are connected to the story and significance of Passover, this year we will use special foods as symbols to lift up the themes of *Rosh Hashanah* and engage our senses and our souls in the tremendous potential of the New Year.

I hope you will create a plate (either one for the whole family to use or one for each person in your household) with the items listed below. We will use these during our ***Erev Rosh Hashanah* service on 7 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020.**

- Apples
- Honey
- *Challah*
- Pomegranate seeds
- Beets
- Pumpkin, Gourd, or Squash
- Dates
- Carrots
- Head of (choose one): Fish (!), Cabbage, Garlic, or Lettuce

Check your email in the next couple of days for details on how to access all of our High Holiday services, including the *Erev Rosh Hashanah seder*. Emails will be sent to all Barnert Members in Good Standing as well as those who registered for High Holiday tickets.

I look forward to welcoming the New Year with you soon and to embracing the opportunities we are creating as we move forward into 5781 together.

With love,
Rabbi Rachel Steiner