

Rosh Hashanah “At-Home” Guide to Prayer & Celebration

Erev Rosh Hashanah

- Candle lighting is at 6:40 pm. The beracha should conclude **להדליק נר של שבת ושל יום טוב**.

First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Friday Night

- An abridged שבת קבלת is recited that begins with **מזמור שיר ליום השבת**.
- Both **ושמרו** and **תקעו בחדש שופר** are recited before the Amidah.
- Ma'ariv Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with proper insertions for Shabbat. (There are a number of insertions into the Amidah that are recited throughout Aseret Yemei Teshuva.)
- Vayechulu is recited after the Amidah (omitting the beracha “Magen Avot”) followed by Aleinu and Psalm 27.
- Kiddush for Rosh Hashanah with proper Shabbat insertions. Kiddush begins with **יום הששי**. Shehechyanu is recited.
- The traditional symbolic foods (simanim) are eaten on the first night together with their respective **יהי רצון**.
- Birkat HaMazon should include the insertions for Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah.

Shabbat

- On Rosh Hashanah, the **שיר של יום** and **לדוד ה' אורי** are recited at the beginning of davening.
- Psalm 130 is recited after Yishtabach.
- Birchot Keriat Sh'ma for Shabbat.
- Shacharit Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with the proper insertions for Shabbat. Avinu Malkeinu is omitted on Shabbat.
- The Torah reading for the first day is Bereishit 21:1-34, the maftir is Bamidbar 29:1-6 and the haftarah is from Shmuel I 1:1-2:10.
- The shofar is not blown on Shabbos.
- Mussaf Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with proper insertions for Shabbat.
- Those who are davening without a minyan are encouraged to study and recite the piyutim that are added during the repetition, particularly **ונתנה תוקף**.
- Mincha Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with the proper insertions for Shabbat.
- Preparations for the second day may not begin until after 7:34 pm

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Saturday Night

- Candle lighting must be performed after 7:34 pm
- Ma'ariv for Rosh Hashanah includes ותודיענו.
- Kiddush for Rosh Hashanah includes Meorei Ha'Eish, Havdalah and Shehechyanu (יקנה"ז). The new fruit should be placed on the table before Kiddush and is eaten after Kiddush. If one does not have a new fruit or new clothing, one may still recite Shehechyanu.

Sunday

- On Rosh Hashanah, the שיר של יום and אורי ה' לדוד are recited at the beginning of davening.
- Psalm 130 is recited after Yishtabach.
- Birchot Keriat Sh'ma for weekday
- Shacharit Amidah for Rosh Hashanah.
- The Torah reading for the second day is Bereishis 22:1-22:24, the maftir is Bamidbar 29:1-6 and the haftarah is from Yirmiyahu 31:1- 31:19.
- If someone davening at home can blow shofar on his own, blow thirty sounds before Mussaf.
- Mussaf Amidah for Rosh Hashanah.
- Those who are davening without a minyan are encouraged to study and recite the piyutim that are added to the repetition, particularly ותנה תוקף.
- Mincha Amidah for Rosh Hashanah. Avinu Malkeinu is recited.
- Traditionally Tashlich is recited on Rosh Hashanah afternoon (not on Shabbat) next to a body of water. If this cannot be performed with proper social distancing measures, one can recite it any time until Yom Kippur. If it was not done before Yom Kippur, there is still some benefit in reciting it until Hoshana Rabba.
- At ma'ariv, weekday Amidah should be recited including Atah Chonantanu and the special insertions for Aseret Yemei Teshuva.
- Yom tov ends at 7:33 pm
- Havdalah consists of two berachot: HaGafen and HaMavdil (no besamim or eish).