



The Simanim - Signs of the Times

Ancient Symbols • Timeless Blessings • A Geula Perspective



SIMAN	SYMBOL	GEULA REFLECTION	TRADITIONAL BRACHA (YEHI RATZON)
Apple & Date Honey Sweetness, Nourishment & Wholeness		May we taste the sweetness of Geula in our own days, and be blessed with the health, strength, and wholeness to take part in its unfolding	יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו שֶׁתַּחַדֵּשׁ עָלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוֹקָה ...that you renew for us a good and sweet year
Pomegranate Abundance of Mitzvot & Good Deeds		May our lives overflow with mitzvot and good deeds, and may we help fill the world with the goodness we hope to see in Geula	יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו שֶׁנִּרְבֶּה זְכוֹת כְּרַמּוֹן ...that our merits increase like the seeds of the pomegranate
Head of a Fish Courage to Participate		May we have the courage to move toward Geula – to lead, to build, and to recognize when HaShem asks us to act	יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו שֶׁנִּהְיֶה לְרֹאשׁ וְלֹא לְזָנָב ...that we be as the head of the fish and not the tail
Fish Fruitful & Multiply		May the knowledge of HaShem be multiplied throughout the world like the fish in the sea	יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו שֶׁנִּפְרֶה וְנִרְבֶּה כְּדָגִים ...that we be fruitful and multiply like fish
Carrot Increasing Blessing & Mercy		May the blessing, merit, and mercy increase upon Am Yisroel, and may harsh decrees give way to protection	יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו שֶׁיִּרְבּוּ זְכוֹתֵינוּ ...that our merits should increase
Leek Establishing What Will Endure		May what threatens life and peace be cut away, and may we establish anew the covenant, faithfulness, and purpose on which Redemption is built	יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו שֶׁיִּכָּרְתוּ אוֹיְבֵינוּ ...that our enemies be cut off
Beets Removal of What Divides Us		May that which divide us depart – baseless hatred, estrangement, and all that prevents us from becoming the people we are called to be	יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו שֶׁיִּסְתַּלְקוּ אוֹיְבֵינוּ וּמִשְׁטֵינּוּ ...that our adversaries and accusers be removed
* Vine & Fig Peace, Security & Prophetic Fulfillment		Words of the Prophet Micah (4:4) "And they shall sit, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none will make them afraid."	יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו וְיִשְׁבוּ, אִישׁ תַּחַת גִּפְנוֹ וְתַחַת תְּאֵנָתוֹ - - וְאֵין מַחְרִיד ...that we merit to see the prophet's words fulfilled
Dates Fulfillment & Completion * non-traditional		May the long journey toward Redemption reach its fulfillment, and may we merit to what generations before us prayed for.	יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו שֶׁיִּתְּמוּ אוֹיְבֵינוּ וְשׂוֹנְאֵינוּ ...that our enemies and those that hate us cease to exist