



## #YHTyouandme Table Talk Rosh Hashana

*The Table Talk is a weekly letter sent out to spark discussion at your Shabbat and Chag table. Table Talks are connected to our theme of the year, developing empathy.*

**Chagigah 27a:2**

**Rabbi Yoḥanan and Reish Lakish both say the following exposition: When the Temple is standing the altar atones for a person; now that the Temple has been destroyed, it is a person's table that atones for him, for his feeding of needy guests atones for his sins.**

חגיגה כ"ז א:ב'

רבי יוחנן וריש לקיש דאמרי תרוייהו  
בזמן שבית המקדש קיים מזבח מכפר  
על אדם עכשיו שלחנו של אדם  
מכפר עליו:

**Rashi on Chagigah 27a:2:1**

**A Person's Table Atones for him -  
Through hosting guests.**

רש"י על חגיגה כ"ז א:ב' א:

שולחנו מכפר עליו - בהכנסת  
אורחין:

### Let's Talk!

How can we have empathy when we host guests?

Why do you think hosting guests atones for our sins?

Does hosting people in our homes make us better people?

What Mitzvot are you working on during the ten days of Teshuva?

Do any of them involve having more empathy for others?