

# HOLY DAY HOSPITALITY

One May evening in 1844, a scholar named Mullá Husayn met a radiant stranger outside Shíráz, Persia (now Iran). The young man welcomed Mullá Husayn to His home and poured water to clean his hands and feet. He served a refreshing drink, then prepared tea.

Mullá Husayn had been traveling in search of the Promised One, the next Messenger of God. Imagine his surprise and joy when this young

man revealed Himself as the One he had been searching for! His name, the Báb, means “the Gate” in Arabic. The Báb prepared people for another Messenger of God—Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith.

This momentous holy day, the Declaration of the Báb, will be honored on May 24 this year. Try these recipes to serve your guests with a spirit of fellowship and love.

### VEGGIE RAINBOW



Slice red, orange, yellow, and green bell peppers into rings, then cut each ring in half. Arrange one slice of each color into a rainbow. Add cauliflower florets for clouds at each end.

Repeat until you have a cheerful plate of rainbows to share with friends.

### GO BANANAS!

Cut bananas into 2" pieces. Skewer a mini marshmallow on decorative paper straw to stop banana pieces from sliding off.

Add banana piece and dip in melted chocolate. Then add a topping, such as sprinkles, coconut, or nuts. Hold in place with a second mini marshmallow on top of the straw. Let chocolate harden before serving.



### FRUIT SALSA



Dice 1 pint strawberries, 2 peeled kiwis, and 1 apple. Mix in a bowl with ¼ cup sugar, 8 oz. raspberries, and 1–2 tbsp. lemon juice. Chill 30 minutes. Serve with cinnamon pita chips or as a topping for ice cream or cake.

### TEA COOKIES

Mix 1½ cups butter, 1 cup sugar, and 1 tsp. vanilla. Add ¼ tsp. salt and 3½ cups flour. Chill 30 minutes.

Roll out dough ¼" thick. Cut in rectangles. Trim top corners like tea bags. Poke hole at top of each. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes. When cool, dip ends in melted chocolate and let harden. Write quotes on paper squares. Staple to 6" string and thread string through hole.



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