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## Ra Ra Hari Raya

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Food plays significant roles as uniting factors among Malaysians, fostering camaraderie and a sense of community. The celebration of Eid al-Fitr or Hari Raya Aidil Fitri typically falls on the 1st of Syawal. However, in Malaysia, it has evolved into a month-long cultural celebration throughout Syawal. This extended celebration includes open houses held in homes and workplaces, where people gather to share food, stories and joyous moments.

The concept of an open house during Hari Raya is not just about enjoying a variety of dishes. It is also a cherished opportunity for friends, family and colleagues to come together, reconnect, and exchange news and updates about their lives. These gatherings strengthen social bonds and promote a spirit of togetherness and unity.

The APB Hari Raya open house was scheduled on the 17th of Syawal, which fell on April 26, 2024. The Kelab Kebajikan dan Sosial APB was entrusted with organising the event. The club had sent out an announcement, called for a potluck where attendees contributed homemade dishes and arranged for the main dish to be sponsored by the department. This thoughtful planning ensured that everyone could enjoy a diverse spread of food while celebrating the festive spirit of Hari Raya.



