## **Homemade Bagels**

Mix 2 packages of yeast, 5 tsp sugar, and 1.5 cups warm water together and let stand 3 minutes
Mix 2 cups of flour with 2 tsp salt in a large bowl and add the yeast mixture.
Stir until combined and slowly mix in the rest of the flour
Knead on a floured surface for 5 minutes, adding additional flour if needed, dough should be firm.
Place dough in a greased bowl, cover and let rise until double.
After rising punch down and divide dough into 12 balls. Allow to rest for 4 minutes
With your thumb, make a hole in each ball of dough and pull open about 2 inches, making a bagel shape.
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Place the shaped dough onto a cookie sheet and cover for 10 minutes.
Lower heat under water for it to be simmering.
Drop 2 or 3 bagels at a time into the water for about 45 seconds, turning each once.
Drain and place on greased baking sheets.
Brush tops with beaten egg white and top with optional toppings.
Bake for 35 minutes, turning once for even browning.
Bagels are done when they are golden brown and shiny.