

Sukkot Blessings

It is a mitzvah to celebrate in the sukkah. The Torah tells us to live in the sukkah for seven days, so some people sleep in the sukkah and some eat meals in the sukkah or do both. This is the blessing for sitting and hanging out in the sukkah.

Blessing over Bread

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן
הָאָרֶץ.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Elo-heinu, Melech ha-olam,
Ha-motzi le-chem min ha-aretz.*

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Power of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Blessing for Sitting in the Sukkah

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לֵישֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Elo-heinu, Melech ha-olam,
asher ki-de-shanu bemitz-votav vetzi-vanu lei-sheiv ba-sukkah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Power of the Universe, who make us holy with *mitzvot*, and gives us the *mitzvah* to dwell in the sukkah.



Blessing for the Lulav

The *lulav* is held in the right hand, and the etrog is held in the left hand with the *pitom* (pointy side) pointing down. Please face toward the east, toward recite the blessing. Then turn the etrog up and shake the entire bundle three times in each of six directions: straight ahead, right, back, left, up, and down.



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת לֻלָּב.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Elo-heinu, Melech ha-olam,
asher ki-de-shanu bemitz-votav vetzi-vanu al ne-tilat lulav.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Power of the Universe, who make us holy with *mitzvot*, and gives us the mitzvah of using the *lulav*.

Shehecheyanu

The first time we wave the *lulav* each year, we recite this blessing for doing something new.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמְנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Elo-heinu, Melech ha-olam,
shehe-cheh-yanu, veki-yema-nu, vehi-giya-nu laz-man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Power of the Universe, has kept us alive, and sustained us, and brought us to this season.