

Blessings for the Sukkah

Blessing for dwelling in the sukkah:

It is a mitzvah to celebrate Sukkot by dwelling in the sukkah. While the Torah instructs us to live in the sukkah for seven days, many choose to only have meals in the sukkah. The Talmud teaches that we should eat at least an olive's worth of food each time we eat in a sukkah. When eating or reciting

kiddush in the sukkah, recite this blessing:

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

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu leisheiv basukkah.*

Baruch Atah Adonai, our God, sovereign of time and space, who has provided us with a path to holiness through the observance of mitzvot and has instructed us to dwell in the sukkah.

Blessing for shaking the lulav:

The blessing over the lulav is recited while standing. The lulav is held up in the right hand, and the etrog is held in the left hand with the pitom end (pointy side) pointing down. Be careful not to knock the pitom off the Etrog! Facing east, recite the blessing. Then turn the Etrog pitom-side up and shake the entire bundle three times in each of six directions: straight ahead, right, back, left, up, and down.

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בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת לֻלָב.

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al n'tilat lulav.*

Baruch Atah Adonai, our God, sovereign of time and space, who has provided us with a path to holiness through the observance of mitzvot and has instructed us to take the lulav.