

Blessing for Dwelling in the Sukkah

It is a mitzvah to celebrate 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. When eating or reciting *kiddush* in the sukkah, recite this blessing:

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

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

Our praise to You, Eternal our God,
Sovereign of all:
You hallow us with Your mitzvot and
command us to dwell in the sukkah.

Blessing for the Lulav

The *lulav* is held up in the right hand, and the etrog is held pitom end (pointy side) down in the left hand. Facing east, 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, Eloheinu Melech
haolam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al
n'tilat lulav.*

Our praise to You, Eternal our God,
Sovereign of all:
whose mitzvot teaches us holiness and
who instructs us to take up the *lulav*.

Shehecheyanu

The first time you wave the *lulav* each year, recite the blessing marking a special occasion:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ
וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam,
shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higianu
laz'man hazeh.*

Our praise to You, Eternal our God,
Sovereign of all:
for giving us life, sustaining us, and enabling
us to reach this season.