

Sukkot Blessings

Blessing for Being in the Sukkah

It is a mitzvah to celebrate in the sukkah. Recite this blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לִישֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּה.

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

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת לֹולָב.

*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:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן 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.

