

Blessings for Sukkot

Blessings for dwelling in the *sukkah* and for the *lulav*.

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:

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

Blessed are 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.

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אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל גְּטִילַת לוּלָב.

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

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וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

