

Rosh HaShanah

Blessing over the Candles

Baruch atah Ado-nai, Ehlo-haynu melech Ha-olam, asher kideshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzeevanu l'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

Blessed are you Adonai, our God ruler of the universe, who sanctifies us through God's commandments and commands us to kindle the lights of the holy day.

Shehechyanu Blessing

An additional blessing, called Shehechyanu, is recited while lighting candles on Rosh Hashana. This blessing acknowledges the good fortune of being able to experience the holiday.

Baruch atah Ado-nai, Ehlo-haynu melech Ha-olam, she'he'che'yanu v'kee'manu, v'hee'gee'anu la'zman ha'zeh.

Blessed are you Adonai, our God ruler of the universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

Blessing over Wine (or grape juice)

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohaynu, melekh ha-olam, borei p'riy ha-gafen.

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohaynu, melekh ha-olam, asher bachar banu mee-kol am, v'rom'manu mee-kol lashon v'kee'd'shanu b'meezvotav, va-teeten lanu, Adonai Elohaynu, b'ahavah et yom [ha-shabbat ha-zeh v'et yom] ha-zikkaron ha-zeh, yom zikhron t'ruah b'b'ahavah [b'ahava] meekra kodesh, zeicher leetzeyat meetz'rayeem, kiy vanu vacharta v'otanu qidashta mikol ha'amiym, u'd'var'kha emet v'qayam la'ad. Barukh atah Adonai, melekh al kol ha-aretz m'qadeish [ha-shabbat v']Yisra'el v'yom ha-zikkaron.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe who creates the fruit of the vine.

Blessed are you, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe who has chosen us from among all people, and exalted us above every tongue and sanctified us with God's commandments, and you gave us, Adonai our God, with love this day of [Sabbath and this day of] remembrance, a day of [remembrance of] shofar blowing [with love] a holy convocation, a memorial of the exodus from Egypt. Indeed, You have chosen us and made us holy from all peoples and Your word is true and established for ever. Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler over all the world, Who sanctifies [the Sabbath] and Israel and the Day of Remembrance.

Blessing over Challah

Baruch atah Adonai, Elohaynu, melech ha-olam ha-motzi lechem min ha-aretz.

Blessed are you, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe who brings forth bread from the earth.

Blessing over Fruit (Apples!)

Baruch atah Ado-nai, Ehlo-haynu melech Ha-olam, Borai p'ree ha'aitz.

Blessed are you Adonai, our God, Ruler of the world, Creator of the fruit of the tree.

Prayer for Renewal

After taking a bite of the apple, the following prayer is recited.

Y'hee ratzon mee-l'fanekha, Adonai Elohaynu v'elohey avoteynu sh'tichadeish aleinu shanah tovah um'tuqah.

May it be Your will, Adonai, our God and the God of our ancestors, that You renew for us a good and sweet year.