



Tifereth Israel
Congregation

Blessing for Dwelling in the Sukkah

This blessing should be recited at any time you are fulfilling the mitzvah of dwelling in the sukkah, for example, before you eat a meal in the sukkah.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melek ha-olam

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ

asher kidishanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu

Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us

לְיֹשֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּה (אָמֵן)

leishev basukah (Amein).

to dwell in the sukkah (Amen)

Farewell to the Sukkah

Some explanation of this unusual blessing is in order: The [Talmud](#) teaches that when the messiah comes, the righteous will come to Jerusalem and the Leviathan (a giant sea creature created on the fifth day) will be slain. Its skin will be used to make the walls of a giant sukkah, and the righteous will dine on the flesh of the Leviathan in that sukkah. Thus, the essence of this farewell prayer is the hope that the messiah will come within the next year.

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ

Y'hi ratzon mil'fanekha Adonai Eloheinu vei'lohei avoteinu

May it be Your will, Lord, our God and God of our ancestors

כְּשֵׁם שֶׁקִּימָתִי וַיֵּשְׁבִיתִי בַּסֻּכָּה זֶה

k'sheim shekiyam'ti v'yashav'ti basukah zu

that just as I have stood up and dwelled in this sukkah

כֵּן אֲזַכֶּה לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה לְיֹשֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּת עוֹרוֹ שֶׁל לְוִיָּתָן

kein ez'keh l'shanah haba'ah leishev b'sukat oro shel Liv'yatan.

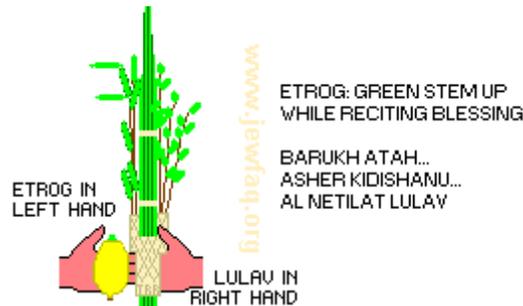
so may I merit next year to dwell in the sukkah of the hide of the Leviathan.

לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה בִּירוּשָׁלַיִם

l'shanah haba'ah birushalayim

Next year in Jerusalem!

Blessing for the Arba Minim



Stand facing the east (or whatever direction is toward Jerusalem from where you are).

Take the etrog in your left hand with the stem (green tip) up and the pitam (brown tip) down. Take the lulav (including the palm, myrtle and willow branches bound together) in your right hand. Bring your hands together and recite the blessing below.

After you recite the blessing, turn the etrog so the stem is down and the pitam is up. Be careful not to damage the pitam! With the lulav and etrog together, gently shake forward (East) three times, then pull the lulav and etrog back in front of your chest. Repeat this to the right (South), then over your right shoulder (West), then to the left (North), then up, then down.

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עַל נְטִילַת לולָב (אָמֵן)

al n'tilat lulav (Amein)

to take up the lulav (Amen)

Shehecheyanu (first night only)

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שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמָּנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן תְּהֵאֵת: (אָמֵן)

shehecheyanu v'kiyimanu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh. (Amein)

who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season (Amen)