

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.

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Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha-olam

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

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asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu

Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us

לְיֹשֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּה (אָמֵן)

leishev basukah (Amein).

to dwell in the sukkah (Amen)

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 לֻלָב (אָמֵן)

al n'tilat lulav (Amein)

to take up the lulav (Amen)