

Hebrew Blessings: Color-Coded for Meaning

Blessings for Tastes

Bread: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Other Baked Foods: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא מִיְּנֵי מְזוֹנוֹת
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, borei meenei m'zonot.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created all types of nourishment.

From a Tree: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, borei pree ha'eitz.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created the fruit of the tree.

From the Ground or a Bush: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָאֲדָמָה
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, borei pree ha'adamah
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created the fruit of the earth.

From a Vine: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, borei pree hagafen.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine.

Anything Else: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַכֹּל נִהְיֶה בְּדַבְּרוֹ
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, shehakol n'hiyeh beedvaro.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, by whose word all things exist.

Blessings for Scents

Fragrant Spices: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא מִיְּנֵי בְשָׂמִים
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, borei meenei v'sameem.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created many types of spices.

Fragrant Trees or Bushes: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא עֵצֵי בְשָׂמִים
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, borei atzei v'sameem.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created fragrant trees.

Fragrant Flowers or Small Plants: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶּה הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא עֲשָׂבֵי בְשָׂמִים
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, borei asvei v'sameem.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created fragrant plants.

Fragrant Fruit: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶּה הָעוֹלָם הַנוֹתֵן רִיחַ טוֹב בַּפְּרִי
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, hanotein rayach tov bapeirot.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who gives good fragrance to fruit.

Fragrant Oils: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶּה הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא שֶׁמֶן עָרֵב
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, borei shemen arev.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who creates fragrant oil.

Blessings for Sights

Rainbow: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶּה הָעוֹלָם זוֹכֵר הַבְּרִית וְנֹאֲמָן בְּבְרִיתוֹ וְקָיָם בְּמַאֲמָרוֹ
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, zocheir habreet v'ne'eman beevreeto v'kayam b'ma'amaro.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who remembers the covenant and is faithful in keeping promises and establishing the words.

Trees blossoming for the first time in the year:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶּה הָעוֹלָם שֶׁלֹּא חָסַר בְּעוֹלָמוֹ דָּבָר וּבְרָא בוֹ בְּרִיּוֹת טוֹבוֹת וְאֵילָנוֹת
טוֹבִים לְהֵנֹת בָּהֶם בְּנֵי אָדָם
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, shelo chisar b'olamo davar uvara vo b'riyot tovot v'eelanot tovim l'hanot bahem b'nai adam.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has not withheld anything from the world, and has created in it lovely creatures and beautiful trees for people to enjoy [them].

The Ocean: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶּה הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה אֶת הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל.
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, she'asah et hayam hagadol.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who made the great sea.

Trees or creatures of unusual beauty:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶּה הָעוֹלָם שֶׁכָּכָה לוֹ בְּעוֹלָמוֹ.
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, shekacha lo b'olamo.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has such beauty in the world.

Lightning, shooting stars, mountains, or sunrises/sets:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם עושה מעשה בראשית.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, oseh ma'aseh v'reisheet.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who does the Works of Creation.

A Restored Synagogue:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם מציב גבול אלמנה.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, matzeev g'voov almanah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who restores the borders of the widow (Zion).

Any Unusual Sight:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם פוקח עורים.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, pokei'ach eev'reem.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who gives sight to the blind.

Blessings for Actions

Handwashing:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על נטילת ידים.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, asher keedshanu b'meeetz'votav v'tzivanu al n'tilat yadayim.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who makes us holy in the commandments and commanded us on washing of hands.

Putting on a Tallit:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להתעטף בציצית.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, asher keedshanu b'meeetz'votav v'tzivanu l'heetateif batzeetzeet.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who makes us holy in the commandments and commanded us to wrap ourselves in the tallit.

Studying Torah:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו לעסוק בדברי תורה.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, asher keedshanu b'meeetz'votav v'tzivanu la'asok b'deevray Torah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who makes us holy in the commandments and commanded us to engage with the words of Torah.

Giving Tzedakah:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל הַצְּדָקָה.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, asher keedshanu b'meeetz'votav v'tzivanu al hatzedakah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who makes us holy in the commandments and commanded us to perform Tzedakah.

For accomplishing something new: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשִׂי בְּצַלְמוֹ.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, she'asani b'tzalmo.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who made me in God's image.

Blessings for People

Seeing someone you haven't seen in a long time:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם מְחַיֶּה הַמֵּתִים.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, m'chayeh hameiteem.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who gives life to the dead.

On seeing someone really knowledgeable about Torah:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁחָלַק מִחֶכְמָתוֹ לִירֵאָיו.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, shechalak mei'chochmato leeray'av.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has shared wisdom with those who revere God.

On seeing someone who knows lots of things about lots of things:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁנָּתַן מִחֶכְמָתוֹ לְבָשָׂר וָדָם.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, shenatan mei'chochmato l'vasar vadam.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has given wisdom to human beings.

On seeing someone of unusual appearance:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם מְשַׁנֶּה הַבְּרִיּוֹת.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, m'shaneh habriyot.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who makes people different.

On seeing a head of state (like a president or prime minister):

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁנָּתַן מִכְבוֹדוֹ לְבָשָׂר וָדָם.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, shenatan mik'vodo l'vasar vadam.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has given honor to human beings.