

THE 1ST ANNUAL BRACHA BEE!

A contest for students in 3rd-7th grade

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• **What is the BRACHA BEE?** It is a new and exciting contest for all 3rd-7th grade Hebrew School students. The goal is to learn some of those important blessings that we regularly use—and earn some prizes at the same time! It is easy and fun!
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The rules:

- You must recite the *bracha* (blessing) by memory in front of Elisabeth and say what the blessing is for (you do not need to give a full English translation).
- You can only receive one prize per day (i.e. you can only be "tested" for one bracha per day, but you can try as many times as you like).
- You can only be tested before or after school or during break time...if Elisabeth isn't otherwise occupied.
- When you are ready to complete all 10 *brachot*, you must re-recite all of the blessings and will be prompted by Elisabeth (for example: say the blessing over bread).
- There will be a chart in the office that will track students' progress and completion of the *brachot*.
- Anyone can help you practice, but you have to say the blessing completely on your own.
- There are only 9 *brachot* listed for you...the 10th one is a "choose your own"

Have fun and good luck!

The prizes:

- For each *bracha* correctly recited by memory:
= 1 piece of candy from "the candy apple" in Elisabeth's office.
- For reciting all 10 *brachot* on the list (& re-reciting them all by memory):
= a prize from the prize jar.
- For an entire Judaics class reciting all 10 *brachot*:
= double break time for a week!
- For the entire school (3rd-7th grade) reciting all 10 *brachot*
= school party!

The blessings:

Blessing over Shabbat candles:

1. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheynu melech ha'olam, asher keedshanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzeevanu l'hadleek ner shel Shabbat.

Blessing over wine/grape juice:

2. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheynu melech ha'olam, boreh p'ree ha-gafen.

Blessing over handwashing:

3. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יָדַיִם.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheynu melech ha'olam, asher keedshanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzeevanu al netilat yadayim.

Blessing over bread:

4. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמּוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheynu melech ha'olam, hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.

Blessing over spices (during Havdallah):

5. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיְּנֵי בְשָׁמִים.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheynu melech ha'olam, boreh minei b'samim.

Blessing over the flame/candle (during Havdallah):

6. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מְאוֹרֵי הָאֵשׁ.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheynu melech ha'olam, boreh m'ohrei ha'eish.

Blessing over snacks (like cookies, crackers, chips, etc.):

7. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיְּנֵי מְזֻנּוֹת.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheynu melech ha'olam, boreh minei mezonot.

Blessing over fruit from a tree (like an apple):

8. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheynu melech ha'olam, boreh p'ree ha-eytz.

Blessing over new experiences/special things/new or special occasions:

9. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheynu melech ha'olam, shehechyanu v'kiyamanu v'higiyanu lah'zman ha-zeh.

10. Choose your own bracha to recite...there are thousands out there!