

Prayer for taking the Four Species (Lulav)

Baruk atah Yahweh Eloheinu Melek HaOlam, asher kid'shanu bemitzvatav, vetzivanu 'al netilet lulav.

Blessed are You Yahweh, our Elohim, King of the Universe, Who has set us apart by His commandments, and commanded us concerning the taking of the lulav.

First time in the sukkah that one takes the lulav one recites the following.

Baruk atah Yahweh, Eloheinu Melek Haolam, shehecheuinu Vekideymanu Vehigianu lizeman hazeh

Blessed are You Yahweh, our Elohim, King of the universe, Who has granted us life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Say Also: May it be Your will Yahweh, my Elohim and the Elohim of my forefathers, that through the fruit of the esrog tree, date-palm branches, twigs of the myrtle tree, and the brook willows, that the letters of Your unified Name may become closer to one another, and that they may become united in my hand; and to make known that Your Name is called upon me, that evil forces may be fearful of approaching me. and when I wave them, may the abundant outpouring of blessing flow from the wisdom of the Most high to the abode of the Tabernacle, to the prepared House of our Elohim. And may the mitzvah of these Four species be reckoned before You as if I had fulfilled it with all its particulars, roots, and the 613 mitzvot dependent upon it. For the intention is to unify the Name of the Holy One, Blessed is He, and His presence, in awe and in love, to unify the Name Y-H- with the W-H in perfect unity, in the name of all Yisrael. Omeyn. Blessed be Yahweh forever and ever, Omeyn and Omeyn.

Baruk Yahweh le'olam. Ameyn veAmeyn

The lulav is taken in the right hand, the esrog in the left-pitam down and the blessing is said. After the blessing is said the esrog is turned so the pitam is facing UP and is brought together with the lulav at the bottom of the lulav. They are moved in 6 directions, a total of 18 movements – 3 times in each direction. Each time the 4 species is brought back to the chest. Straight-ahead, right, back, left, and up and down-3 times.