

# Rosh Hashanah Blessings for the Home

Jewish holidays begin at sunset. The central home ritual for Rosh Hashanah is a festive holiday meal accompanied by the following blessings:

## The Order of the Home Blessings

**Holiday Candle Lighting**  
**Shehehkhehyanu (Blessing for a special occasion)**  
**Blessing over the wine (Kiddush)**  
**Blessing over the Challah (Hamotzi)**  
**Blessing for eating apples and honey**

### Candle Lighting:



Candles should be lit before sunset on the first night of Rosh Hashanah. Include the words in brackets only if Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat.

After lighting candles, recite the following blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר (שֶׁבֶת וְשָׁל) יוֹם טוֹב.

*Ba-rukh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hae-nu Me-lekh Ha-o-lam, a-sher  
ki-d-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik ner (shel Shab-bat  
v') shel Yom Tov.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe who makes us holy with Mitzvot, moving us to kindle the lights of (the Sabbath and) the holiday.

### The Shehekheyanu (Blessing for a Special Occasion):

Next we recite the blessing marking a special occasion following the blessing for candles:



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

*Ba-rukh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hae-nu Me-lekh Ha-o-lam, she-he-khe-ya-nu v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu laz'man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has granted us life, who has sustained us, and who has enabled us to reach this festive occasion.

### Blessing over the Wine (Kiddush):

Recite the following blessing before taking a sip of wine:



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגֶּפֶן.

*Ba-rukh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hae-nu Me-lekh Ha-o-lam, borae p'ri ha-gafen.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

## Blessing over the Challah (Hamotzi):

Recite the following blessing before taking a bite of the Challah:



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם  
מִן הָאָרֶץ.

*Ba-rukh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hae-nu Me-lekh Ha-o-lam, ha-mo-tzi le-khem min ha-a-retz.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

## Blessing for the Apples

Before eating apples dipped in honey, recite the following blessing:



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הָאֵץ.

*Ba-rukh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hae-nu Me-lekh Ha-o-lam, bo-rae p'ri ha-etz.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.

Then add: (For the Honey)

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵנוּ וְאַלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאַמּוֹתֵינוּ, שֶׁתְּחַדֵּשׁ עָלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה  
וְמִתּוֹקָה.

*Y'hi ra-tzon mil'fa-ne-khah A-do-nai E-lo-hae-nu vay-lo-hae a-vo-tae-nu v'imotaenu sheh-t'kha-daish a-lae-nu sha-nah to-vah oo-m'-too-kah.*

May it be your will, Adonai our God, that this be a good and sweet year for us.