## **Blessings for Tallit and Tefillin**

Note: The instructions below are according to the Ashkenazi (Jews of Eastern European descent) custom. See facilitator for differing customs originating in other parts of the world.

1. It is customary to stand and not speak while putting on tallit and tefillin. Before putting on your tallit: בַּרוּךְ אַתַה יִיַ אֵלֹהָינוּ מֵלֶךְ הַעוֹלֶם אֲשֶׁר קְדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתֵיוֹ וְצִּנְנוּ לְהַתְעַשֵּׁךְ בַּצִּיצִית

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam asher kidshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehitatef batzitzit

2. Say the following blessing and then place your tefillin on your non-dominant arm parallel to your heart:

בַרוּךְ אַתַּה יִיָ אֵלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם אֲשֶׁר קְדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתַיו וִצְנַנוּ לְהַנִיחַ תִּפְלִּין

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Wrap the strap 7 times around your arm (wrapping in toward your heart) between the elbow and the wrist.

3. Say the following blessing and then place your tefillin on your head, centered around your hairline, with the knot at the base of your head:

בַּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלֶם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִּנָנוּ עַל מִצְוַת תִּפִּלִּין

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Some have the additional custom of saying:

בַּרוּדְ שֵׁם כִּבוֹד מַלְּכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלֻם נַעִיר

Baruch Shem kevod malchuto leolam va'ed

4. Go back to your arm and wrap three times around your middle finger and use the rest of the strap to finish the "shin" on your hand. [Note: there are several customs for this part, this is one option.] While wrapping, say:

ָןאַרַשְׂתִּיך לָי לְעוֹלֶם וְאַרַשְׂתִּיך לִי בְּצָדֶק וּבְמִשְׁפָּט וּבְחֶסֶד וְבְרַחֲמִים:וְאַרַשְׂתִיך לִי בָּאֱמוּנֶה וְיָדַעַתְּ אֶת־ה':

V'eyrastich li l'olam v'eyrastich li b'tzedek uv'mishpat uv'chesed uv'rachamim. V'eyrastich li be'emunah v'vada'at et Adonai.